

# Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Conclusions

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# Process

- Legislation requires that Health and Wellbeing Boards produce an assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services. These assessments (Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments, or PNAs) are due every three years.
- A steering group meet annually (or as frequently as required) to provide supplementary updates and to refresh the full document each year.
- The previous PNA covered 2022-2025 and this document covers 2025-2028.
- The draft document was shared for the 60-day consultation on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
- The PNA will be published September 2025 and will be reviewed as necessary following any changes in provision.

# Regulation requirements

## 1. A map of current provision

## 2. A summary of local health need

## 3. Conclusions

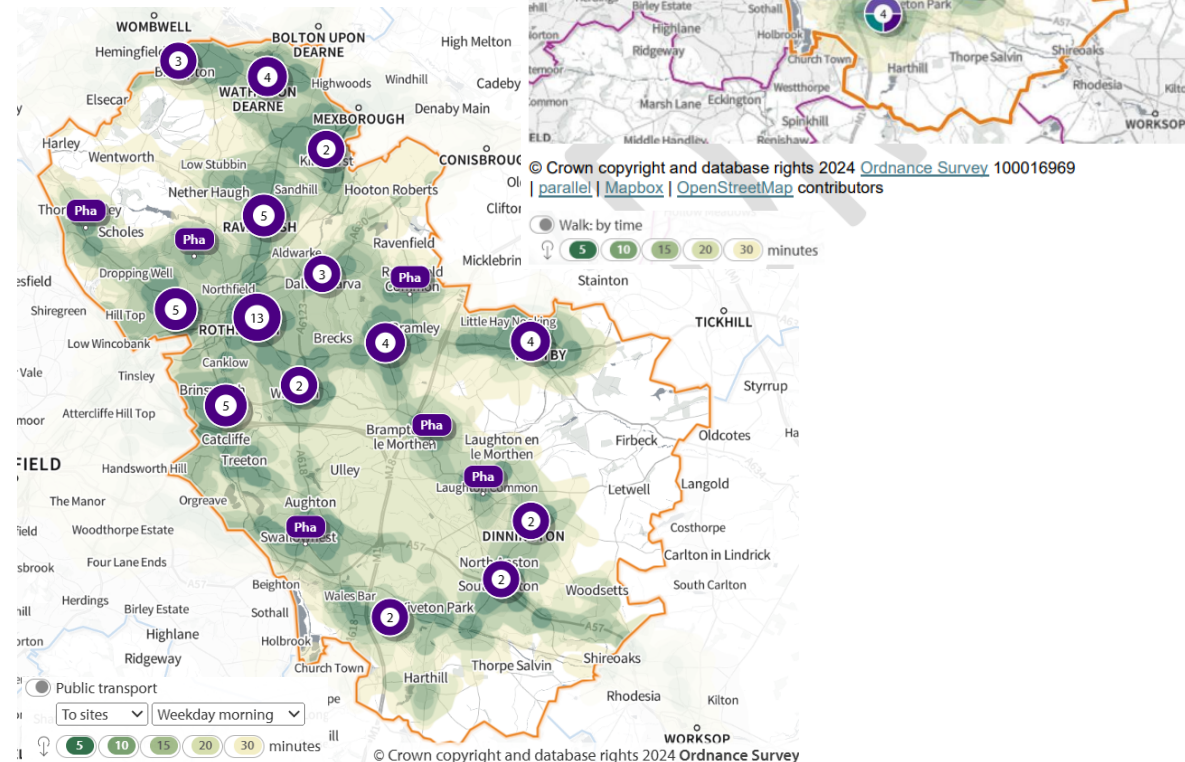
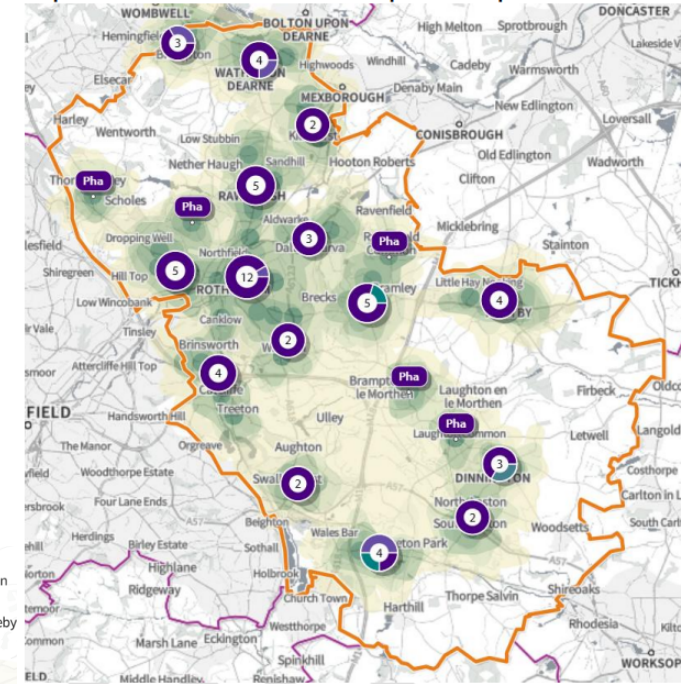
- **If there is sufficient choice** with regard to obtaining pharmaceutical services in Rotherham
- **Pharmaceutical services that are necessary to meet the health needs of the population:**
  - All essential services
  - Advanced Services (Pharmacy First; Hypertension case-finding, Flu Vaccination)
  - Locally Commissioned services (needle exchange, supervised consumption and emergency hormonal contraception)
- If there are **identified future needs** for pharmaceutical services. For example, new housing developments.
- If there are any other NHS services that affect pharmaceutical service needs



# Access

- In Rotherham, 23% of our population do not have access to a car or van in their household therefore access has been reviewed to include walking time and walking distance alongside drive time:
  - 83.4% of the population of Rotherham live within a 15-minute walk of a Rotherham-based pharmaceutical service provider.
  - 93.2% of our 20% most deprived population live within a 15-minute walk of a Rotherham-based pharmaceutical service provider.
  - 98.9% of the population live within 15 minutes on public transport on a weekday morning.
  - 100% of Rotherham-based residents live within a 10-minute drive of a Rotherham based pharmaceutical services provider during rush hour.
  - Including cross-border pharmacies has a marginal impact on the proportion of Rotherham residents within 15 minutes' walk, or 1.6km (1 mile) walk, of a pharmaceutical services provider.

Map, right: Walk time to Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services



Map, above: Public transport time to Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services

# Resident choice

- In a resident survey conducted with Healthwatch Rotherham, residents fed back that access and convenience were the biggest influencers of pharmacy choice.
- The most common method of access was driving, although this was slightly less likely for participants living in the two most deprived deciles than those living in less deprived areas.
- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were as likely to rely on delivery from a pharmacy as those in less deprived areas.
- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were slightly more likely to cycle or take public transport to a pharmacy than those in less deprived areas.
- Residents also commented on their preferred days and times which have been incorporated into the recommendations.

# Pharmacy use

- Essential services are offered by all pharmacy contractors, but not all services register to provide advanced or locally commissioned services.
- For Essential and Advanced Services, the number of pharmacies providing each service was calculated based on the number of pharmacies that had provided that service once or more in 2024.
- Locally Commissioned Services data was provided by contractors and the Strategic Commissioning team in Adult Care, Housing and Public Health at RMBC.
- Service provision of these have been detailed within the document including at ward level, and findings considered in the document.

# Conclusions – Necessary services

- Based on the information available at the time of developing this pharmaceutical needs assessment, no current or gaps in the provision of essential services within or outside normal working hours have been identified.
- However, if one of the 100-hour pharmacies reduced their hours or we had a loss of weekend or evening hours, we would have a need.

# Conclusions – Advanced services

- This pharmaceutical needs assessment has detailed the distribution of these within Rotherham and wards. Based on the data available the health and wellbeing board is satisfied that there is sufficient capacity to meet the demand for these advanced services.
- However, if one of the 100-hour pharmacies reduced their hours or we had a loss of weekend or evening hours, we would have a need.

# Conclusions – Future need

- The document has reviewed population growth in line with forecasts and housing developments that will deliver new homes within the timeframe of the document.
- There are no new housing developments of significant size during the lifetime of the document, and the population projections are not predicted to increase to sufficient size to create unmet pharmaceutical need providing services remain as are at the time of writing.

# Conclusions - Other services

- The document notes the number of pharmacies that have signed up to provide, and are providing, the advanced and enhanced services listed below:
  - Lateral Flow Device Tests Supply Service
  - New Medicine Service
  - Emergency Hormonal Contraception
  - Needle and Syringe Provision Needle Exchange
  - Palliative Care
  - Supervised Consumption
  - Over The Counter Medication Labelling Scheme
- It is satisfied that the current demand can and will be met by the existing providers.

# Next steps

- Publication of the 2025-2028 PNA
- The steering group will continue to meet annually.
- Further analysis in the public health team to look at access to provision by public transport, walking, and car use. This will be hosted on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

# Recommendations to Health and Wellbeing Board

- To note the contents of the statutory Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2025-2028