

## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 to 2021

### Report of the Chief Officer for Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity

One of the responsibilities of a Health and Wellbeing Board is the production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), which is a comprehensive assessment of the current and future pharmaceutical needs of the local population. Whilst the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment focusses on the general health needs of the population of Devon, the PNA looks at how those health needs can be met by pharmaceutical services commissioned by NHS England. The PNA will be used by NHS England to inform:

- decisions regarding which NHS funded services need to be provided by community pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors in Devon
- whether new pharmacies or services are needed
- decision-making about the relocation of existing pharmaceutical premises in response to applications by providers of pharmaceutical services
- the commissioning of locally Enhanced services from pharmacies

Production of Devon's 2018-21 PNA has been led by Devon County Council's Public Health Intelligence Team. Devon, Plymouth and Torbay public health have worked with NHS England, the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and a dispensing doctor representative to produce PNAs for the Devon, Plymouth and Torbay areas for 2018-2021.

Prior to publication, the PNA must go through a 60-day consultation period. Consultation on the Devon PNA started on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 via the Devon County Council Have Your Say website and will run until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Once the consultation period ends, a consultation report will be produced and changes to the PNA will be considered. The final version of the PNA will then be presented and discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting scheduled for 8 March 2018. This will enable the 2018-21 PNA to be published on or before the April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 deadline.

The Devon PNA and consultation can be found here:

<http://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/board/pharmaceutical-need-assessment/>

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/categories/health/>