

Share your views about pharmaceutical needs in Staffordshire

The Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board have written a new draft [Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](#) that aims to make sure all residents have good access to local pharmacy services. We would like to know what you think about our plans, so have launched a survey to gather feedback.

The last Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was produced in 2022; by law, a new PNA must be published every three years. The deadline for publication is 1 October 2025, and this survey is open until 1 September to allow plenty of time for partner and public consultation.

As an important stakeholder, you are invited to comment on the draft version before the plans are finalised and published.

The draft PNA looks at the current provision of pharmaceutical services across Staffordshire, whether it meets the needs of the population, and identifies any potential gaps in service delivery. Once finalised, the PNA will be used by NHS England to consider applications to open a new pharmacy, or to commission additional services from existing pharmacies, as well as by local commissioners to identify and commission services from community pharmacies as appropriate.

All feedback will be considered for the final PNA and a summary of the consultation findings will also be included in the final report.

How to share your views

Please [visit the consultation page](#) online to read the draft PNA (there is a PDF at the bottom of the page) and take the survey. It is open from 2 July to 1 September 2022.

You can email your thoughts to pharmacyconsultation@staffordshire.gov.uk

To limit environmental impacts, we would prefer you to complete feedback digitally, but if you need a paper version of the feedback form, please contact us on **0300 111 8000**.

If you have any questions, please contact us on the same number, or use the email address above.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to reading your responses.

Yours faithfully,

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