

## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments

### Headline plain English summary

A Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a way to make sure that the right pharmacy services are in place for the residents of Cheshire East.

Cheshire East and all other areas across the country have to complete one every three years. This latest PNA was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each PNA involves people from health and public health organisations working together to look at a wide range of pharmacy related information (for example numbers of prescriptions and numbers of pharmacies) and asking for the views of residents and pharmacies using surveys.

**The assessment showed that pharmaceutical provision in Cheshire East is adequate.**

This means that there are enough pharmacies across the local area and that their opening hours and the services they provide were appropriate. In some areas, people can seek support from pharmacies in other local authorities. This is important particularly in Bollington, Disley and Poynton where there are lower numbers of pharmacies.

The pandemic has shown how pharmacy services have been important in helping local residents. Pharmacies are important not only in providing medicines, but also in

- supporting healthy living
- finding people with high blood pressure so they can be treated
- supporting residents with advice about minor ailments.

Over the next ten years there are going to be **more older people**. Given that older people often need more medicines, it is likely that all pharmacies across the country will need to put in plans to make sure they can continue to support residents well. This should include thinking about making sure they can support people with disabilities as well as possible. This issue will be followed up again in the next assessment in three years' time.

There may also be a particular need for a pharmacy to support residents in Basford. This is because a lot more houses are being built in this area over the next three years. This PNA has found that Rope Green Medical Centre and the linked Well pharmacy should be able to support this community for the time being. This issue will also be followed up in the next PNA.

**These are our draft conclusions but we are now asking residents and organisations across Cheshire East if they agree with these conclusions and whether there is anything else we need to consider in our assessment.**

**This consultation will take place from 1 April 2022 to 10 June 2022. The consultation will available be on the Cheshire East Council website at:**

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_information/consultations/consultations.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/consultations.aspx).

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