

Pharmaceutical services in Portsmouth

We want to hear your views

Please respond to the consultation on our 'Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment'

From Monday 23rd October to 5pm Friday 22nd December 2017

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<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/the-council/transparency/consultations>

Every three years all Health and Wellbeing Boards across the country have a statutory responsibility to publish a report which considers the local need for pharmaceutical services. This is referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, or PNA. In Portsmouth, our next PNA must be published on 1st April 2018. The report has been developed by a small group using information gathered from a range of sources. This includes a survey run earlier in the year which gathered information from the public about how they community pharmacies are used.

An important part of producing the PNA is consulting on the draft report with members of public, along with a range of specific professional groups. We want to make sure we hear your views and take these into account in the final report. This will tell us whether or not we have got the report about right. We can address issues raised before the final report is published. The consultation is planned to run from Monday 23rd October to 5pm Friday 22nd December 2017. It will be posted on the Portsmouth City Council website 'consultations' page and will be promoted through social media routes.

The PNA will be used when deciding if new pharmacies are needed, in response to applications to open a new pharmacy. The PNA is also used to inform decisions by local organisations about whether services provided through community pharmacies meet the health needs of the local population adequately.