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Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Consultations

The draft PNA 2022-25 consultations currently active in Devon are listed below. Pharmacy contractors may wish to review the PNA that covers their Local Authority and respond to the consultation.

The purpose of the pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) is to assess and set out how the provision of pharmaceutical services can meet the health needs of the population within a Health and Wellbeing Board's (H&WB's) area for a period of up to three years. This needs assessment links closely to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Whilst the JSNA focuses on the general health needs of the local population, the PNA looks at how those health needs can be met by pharmaceutical services commissioned by NHS England.

Whilst the PNA is primarily a document for NHS England to use to make commissioning decisions, it may also be used by local authorities (LAs) and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). A robust PNA will ensure those who commission services from pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors (DACs) are able to ensure services are targeted to areas most in need, and reduce the risk of over-provision in areas of less need.

Please ensure you read the relevant draft PNA via the links below.

The consultations are running until **Tuesday 30 August 2022**. Following the results of the consultation the new PNAs will be published by 30 September 2022.

Devon Health and Wellbeing Board

[Plymouth City Council - Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Devon 2022-25 \(objective.co.uk\)](#)

Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board

[Plymouth City Council - Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Plymouth 2022-25 \(objective.co.uk\)](#)

Torbay Health and Wellbeing Board

[Plymouth City Council - Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Torbay 2022-25 \(objective.co.uk\)](#)

Primary Care Networks – Community Pharmacy PCN Lead

There are seven PCN areas in Devon currently do not have a Community Pharmacy PCN Lead in place. If your pharmacy is in one of the areas with a vacancy and you are interested in becoming a PCN Lead, please email Sue Taylor at sue@devonlpc.org as soon as possible.

You can check which PCN area your pharmacy is in by checking on the LPC website ([link here](#))

<https://devonlpc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2022/07/NHS-DEVON-PRIMARY-CARE-NETWORKS-including-pharmacies-and-Pharmacy-Leads-Updated-20-July-2022-2.pdf>

List of PCNs with vacancies:

- Culm Valley
- Drake Medical Alliance
- Mid Devon Healthcare
- South Dartmoor & Totnes
- Tiverton
- Torridge
- West Devon