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## **North Yorkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Briefing Paper**

### **Report of the Director of Public Health**

#### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is to consider the current and future need for pharmaceutical services in a geographical area, and to describe to what extent current pharmaceutical services meet that need. Used by NHS England to assess whether there is a need to make changes to or open/close pharmacies, the current PNA full update is due on 1st October 2022.

#### **2 Background**

- Public Health Leadership Team meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - decision made to commission all of the PNA work to an external organisation.
- Public Health Leadership Team meeting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - agreement given for a joined up commissioning approach with City of York (CYC), with CYC taking the lead on procurement.
- Budget set at an estimated £50,000 for North Yorkshire. A separate PNA document to be produced for each footprint.

#### **3. Update on commissioning**

- Discussions with legal and finance teams, working up of detailed specification/contract took place October to December 2021.
- Opportunity advertised in January/February 2022 through YORtender portal with opportunity also flagged with all Commissioning Support Units (CSUs).
- One tender received from the North of England Commissioning Support (NECS). It scored very highly and more than met the criteria set out – also well under estimated budget at £33,718.
- CYC are formalising working arrangements with NECS week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and work is due to commence from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

#### **4. Update on community engagement**

- Three separate surveys (residents, pharmacies and stakeholder/providers) developed alongside commissioning process.

- Surveys signed off by PNA Steering Group in January went live mid February (closing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022).
- Communications developed to encourage participation in the survey - includes use of press, radio, social media, engagement of a wide range of networks such as the Older People's Forum and North Yorkshire Health Action Group.
- Direct contact made with all pharmacies, GPs and Dentists, along with Parish and Town Councils and library services.
- Surveys are available online - easy read and paper copies are available on request.
- Posters and leaflets promoting the surveys have been developed, printed and sent out to Pharmacies, GPs and Dentists for displaying in waiting rooms/reception areas.

Links to surveys:-

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-pharmacies-and-stakeholders>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-residents>

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