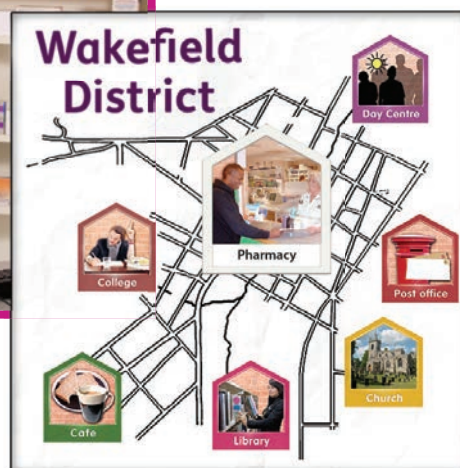




Pharmacies in the Wakefield District



Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025



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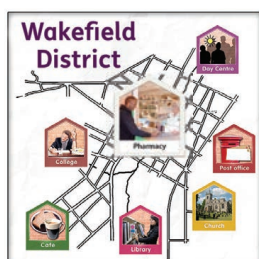
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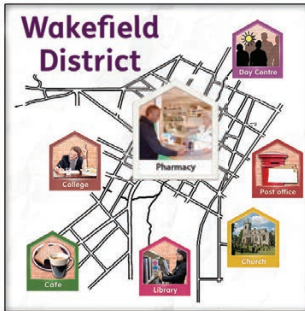


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About the assessment



This **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment** is about making sure there are enough **pharmacies** in the Wakefield District.



A **pharmacy** is the place you get your medicines from. Sometimes people call it a chemist.



Assessment means looking closely at something and checking what is needed.



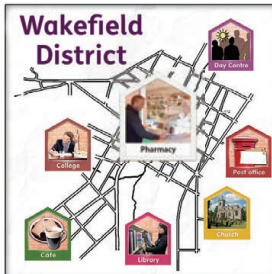
In this assessment we looked at:

- how many people live in the Wakefield District
- people's health needs





- how many pharmacies there are



- where the pharmacies are



Every area has to do an assessment about pharmacies in their area. Then they must write a report about what they have found out.



The assessment helps us to:

- spend our money well

and



- look at if we need any more pharmacy services in our area

About pharmacies

Pharmacies are important. They help local people by:



- giving medicines that the doctor has asked someone to take



- giving advice about health problems and what you can do



- helping people to look after themselves at home

Types of services that pharmacies have

All pharmacies must have services that give people things like:



- medicines



- self-care advice. This is advice about things you can do to look after yourself

Some pharmacies have extra services. These give people things like:



- flu vaccinations or injections. These help to stop you from getting flu



- hepatitis C testing. Hepatitis C is a virus that can infect your liver. It is very serious



- longer opening times



- appliances. Things like bandages and tubes for medical equipment



- needle and syringe exchange.
Some people have to inject their medicine. They need somewhere to take the used needles



- stop smoking service



What we found out

We found out about the health and wellbeing of people living in the Wakefield District now.

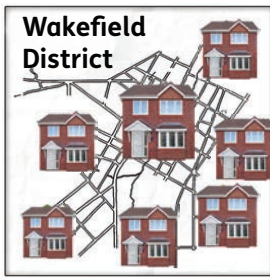


We collected information about:

- the number of people living here



- people's ages, backgrounds and health



- where people live



- what public transport is like



- what people think about pharmacy services.

We sent questionnaires to:



- people who live in the Wakefield District



- pharmacists. Pharmacists are people with special training who work in a pharmacy



We also looked at what might change in the Wakefield District in the future.

Pharmacies in Wakefield



In the Wakefield District there are:

- 76 pharmacies



- 3 GP surgeries who send medicines and prescriptions to patients who live too far away from a pharmacy



Most are community pharmacies. These are pharmacies in the local community. Usually in places like the high streets and supermarkets.



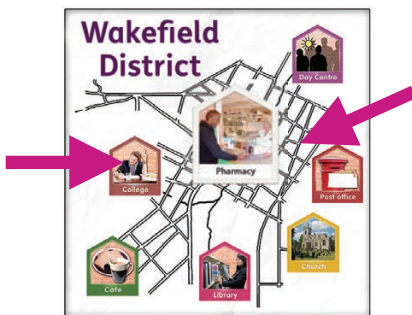
People also order medicines and other things online. They get them delivered to their home.



We looked in detail at all the pharmacies and other health services in the area. We checked:



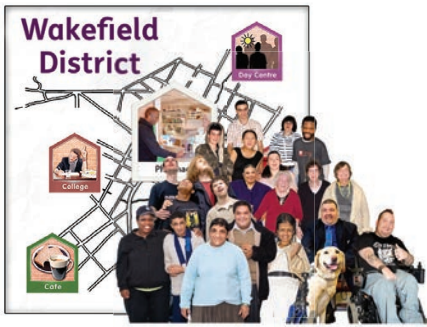
- services they offer



- where they are and where their customers live



- how people get to the pharmacy and how long it takes them to get there



Local people, their health and what they need

There are 3 hundred and 60 thousand people living in the Wakefield District.



10 thousand more people will be living here by 2025.



By 2025 there will be lots more people over 80 years old. Older people often need more help with their health.



We have also looked at the health needs of many different groups of people:

- people from different backgrounds



- people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender



- Gypsies and Travellers



- people who are homeless



- Asylum seekers. These are people who have left their homes in another country. They left because it is not safe for them to live there



Asylum seekers come to a new country to find a home.

Important things we want to happen



We want to make sure:

Everyone has the support they need to be healthy.

and



Every child gets a healthy start in life.



To help us do this, pharmacies support people to:

- exercise



- give up smoking



- drink less alcohol



- get help with drug addictions



- get vaccines



- get help with their mental health



- use technology to stay healthy. Things like apps on your phone and smart watches



- get health checks



- know the symptoms of some diseases. Things like high blood pressure and some cancers

Housing and transport



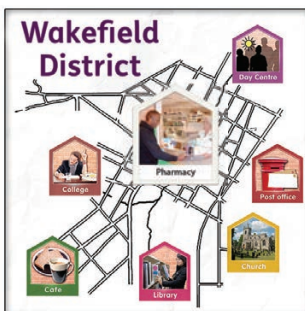
It is important for us to look at housing and transport, so we know that we have the right:



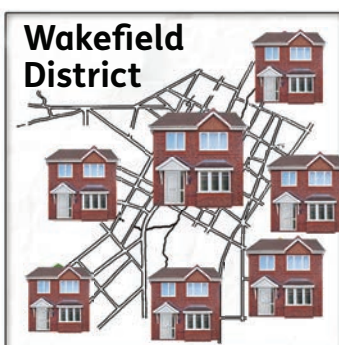
- number of pharmacies



- type of support



- support in the right places



In the Wakefield District there are 2 big new housing areas.

Houses, flats and other homes are being built in Castleford and Wakefield.



Even with the new houses, we are confident that we have enough pharmacies in the Wakefield District.

What we found out



- more people are living in the Wakefield District



- the health of people here is not as good as many other areas of the UK



- people in the Wakefield District have good access to pharmacies, wherever they live



- lots of homes are being built, but we have enough pharmacies for the next 3 years



- we have enough pharmacies which are open longer



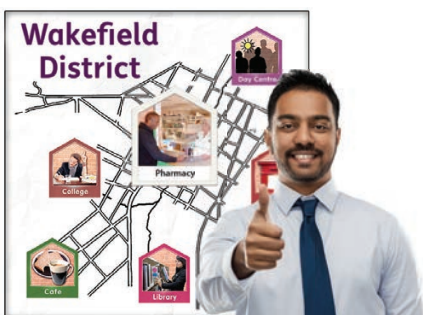
- there are enough pharmacies giving extra services like:
 - giving people extra information when they start taking new medicines



- giving advice about what people can buy and take at home



- flu vaccinations



The assessment showed us we have all the pharmacy services we need in the Wakefield District.

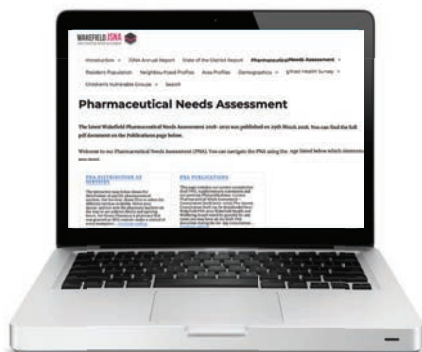
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