Doncaster Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 – 2028

Easy Read Guide





Who we are



We are the Public Health team at the City of Doncaster Council, **Local Government.**

Local Government is the group of people that make change in your town or city.



We help people in Doncaster to have happy and healthy lives.



This is an Easy Read guide to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

This outlines the pharmacies in Doncaster and the services they provide.



By doing this assessment, we can see if the pharmacies we have now are enough, if we need more or if there are services missing in different areas of Doncaster.



Pharmacies give you the medicines that your doctor needs you to take. They do lots of other things too like; take blood pressures, give advice if you are poorly and give injections.



What we did



We looked at all the pharmacies in Doncaster to make sure that everyone can get to their local pharmacy in 15 minutes.

We looked at the different services each pharmacy does.



We listened to people who work in pharmacies, people who work at the doctor's surgery and the people who live in Doncaster.



We worked with a group of people to write this assessment. They are called the steering group. This group is made up of people who make sure that the assessment is correct.



This assessment tells you what we found.



The people of Doncaster



There are 314, 176 people in Doncaster



Doncaster has more people aged 55 to 70 than other areas



Doncaster has less people aged 40 to 46 than other areas

Doncaster has less people aged 18 to 24 than other areas



Doncaster has a similar number of younger people to other areas



We expect that by 2026, Doncaster will have more people over 65 than aged 18 and under



People in Doncaster tend to live shorter lives than other areas



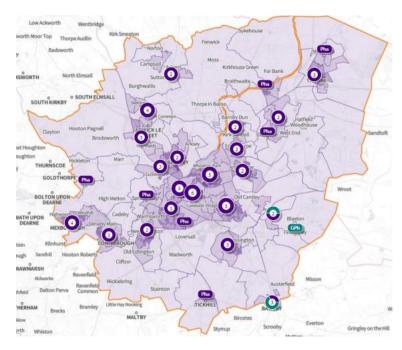
Getting to the pharmacy



There are 69 pharmacies in Doncaster.

Most of the prescriptions from doctors in Doncaster are taken to pharmacies in Doncaster. A small number of doctors give the medicines themselves.

Pharmacies are in areas where lots of people live, shown in the map below.



On the map you can see that darker areas are where lots of people live. The circles are the pharmacies.



Most people can get to a pharmacy within 15 minutes using a bus or car.



Opening times of pharmacies



9 pharmacies are open **every day** of the week

12 pharmacies are open **Monday to Saturday**



24 pharmacies are open Monday to Friday, and **Saturday until 1pm**

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There is also a special pharmacy that dispenses things like stomas and other specialist items.



Other services by pharmacies



All pharmacies do the Pharmacy First scheme

68 pharmacies will check blood pressures



58 pharmacies do the contraception service.
This is likely to be more as changes mean it
must be done with the Pharmacy First scheme
in the future



68 pharmacies do the New Medicines Service

21 pharmacies customise stomas



56 pharmacies do flu vaccinations

41 pharmacies help people to stop smoking



What we found



We found that there are no gaps for the services or opening times of the pharmacies in Doncaster.



We did find that there are two big estates in the planning stages in Doncaster. These are:

- Unity (near Hatfield/Stainforth)
- Gateway East (Near the airport)



These might be large enough that we may need an additional pharmacy in each area to make sure that people can access pharmacy services.



We also found that there isn't a pharmacy in Stainforth and Moorends that do flu vaccines. So, residents may be happier if this is provided in the future.

