

# Rotherham 2025-2028 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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## Acronyms

CPCF	Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework
CHD	Coronary Heart Disease
EHC	Emergency Hormonal Contraception
HES	Hospital Episode Statistics
HWB	Health and Wellbeing Board
ICB	Integrated Care Board
IMD	Indices of multiple deprivation
LSOA	Lower super output area
NDRS	National Disease Registration Service
NHSE/I	NHS England / NHS Improvements
NHS BSA	NHS Business Services Authority
NRT	Nicotine Replacement Therapy
NSP	Needle and Syringe Provision
OHID	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
ONS	Office for National Statistics
PNA	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
PSNC	Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee
RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
TRFT	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
QOF	Quality Outcomes Framework

## Executive Summary

### What are Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments?

Legislation requires that Health and Wellbeing Boards produce an assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services. These assessments (Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments, or PNAs) are due every three years. The last PNA was published September 2022.

PNAs describe:

- current need for pharmaceutical services within a locality,
- current pharmaceutical services provision,
- whether current need is met by existing service provision or could be improved,
- potential future need, and
- potential need for new services.

### How was this PNA produced?

Data regarding the provision of existing pharmaceutical services was gathered from NHS England / NHS Improvements and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council. This data was collated into a single master spreadsheet.

Data was analysed using the Department of Health and Social Care Strategic Health Asset Planning and Evaluation Place Atlas (SHAPE) – a web-enabled application that informs and supports the strategic planning of services and assets across a whole health economy. SHAPE maps pharmacy locations against demographic information and indicators of health status and need.

The health and pharmaceutical need of the Rotherham population were identified based on data from a range of sources including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, recent health needs assessments, and other local intelligence. The current provision of pharmacy and pharmaceutical services was compared with current and potential future demographic and health needs.

In line with statutory requirements, a 60- day consultation on the PNA is being undertaken from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This consultation will be sent to the list of stakeholders as defined by the regulations. Feedback from the consultation will be incorporated into the PNA. Oversight of the PNA development was provided by a Steering Group, the purpose of which was to advise on the production of, and consultation on, the PNA on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The final PNA will be reviewed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2025.

### What are the health and wellbeing needs of the Rotherham population?

Rotherham borough covers an area of 110 square miles and has a population of 270,000. Around half of the borough's population lives in the urban, central part of the borough. Others live in many outlying small towns, villages and rural areas. Rotherham is a diverse borough with a mixture of people, cultures and communities. There are densely populated multi-ethnic inner urban areas, large council-built

housing estates, leafy private residential suburbs, industrial areas, rural villages, and farms.

Rotherham people live shorter lives, in poorer health than the UK average and there is substantial variation between different groups in terms of underlying health needs, ability to access services, experience of services and health outcomes. The points below give a flavour of the challenges and opportunities Rotherham faces over the next decade and are accurate as of May 2025 unless otherwise specified. A live, dynamic analysis of this and further information can be found in the Rotherham JSNA (<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/data/>).

### *Population*

- Rotherham has an age structure that is slightly older than the national average and a below-average percentage of people aged 18 to 29 because of students leaving Rotherham to study elsewhere, and young adults leaving the area for work.
- The population is growing due to there being more births than deaths, and more people moving to Rotherham to live.

### *Health Inequality*

- 36% of the population live in the most deprived quintile and deprivation is a major cause of health inequalities.
- English is an additional language to 4.1% of our population.
- Over 11,000 children in Rotherham are living in absolute poverty.
- Over 3,700 people are currently accessing adult social care services, with around half of these over the age of 75.
- Over 23,000 people provide unpaid care, with over half of these doing so for more than 35 hours per week, and a third of adult carers feel socially isolated.
- In 2023, 1,236 families were identified as being at risk of homelessness.
- Life expectancy is lower than average for the people of Rotherham, and there is an inequalities gap of over 10 years between the most deprived and least deprived.
- Our residents develop poor health earlier than average and live longer in poor health than average; healthy life expectancy in 2021-23 in Rotherham is 56 years for males and females.

### *Health and health behaviours*

- The prevalence of depression has risen to 17% in 2022, and 25% of school children reported problems with mental wellbeing in 2024.
- Deprivation significantly impacts patient experience and outcomes of chronic pain, mental health issues, diabetes, cardiovascular and other long-term conditions.
- Smoking is still the primary cause of morbidity and early mortality. Although smoking rates remain high, every year more people are successfully quitting.

- The percentage of physically active adults has decreased to 59% in 2023/24 and conditions such as stroke, coronary heart disease and hypertension remain higher than regional and national comparators.
- 40% of 11-year-old children and 72% of adults are overweight or obese.
- Adult community substance and alcohol services are able to support more people and have increased to over 950 people reached per year.
- Around 800 people engage in problem gambling, and around 3,200 in moderate risk gambling.

#### *Access to care*

- Screening uptake rates have generally been good in Rotherham compared to England, but for breast and cervical cancer, screening rates have not yet returned to pre-covid levels.
- Those in the most deprived areas are more likely to miss appointments and experience difficulties in accessing healthcare.

#### **What are the main findings of the PNA?**

As of January 2025, there were 65 pharmaceutical service providers for the area of Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board. This includes:

- 61 Pharmacies
- 1 dispensing appliance contractor (DAC)
- 3 dispensing GP Practices

A local population of 268,267 (mid-2022 – most recent estimate for local areas) indicates 22.7 pharmacies per population head in Rotherham. The range within Rotherham is from 60.0 per 100,000 in Boston Castle ward to 9.6 per 100,000 in Brinsworth ward.

In Rotherham, 23% of our population do not have access to a car or van in their household (26,000 of 114,000 households) therefore access has been reviewed to include walking time and walking distance alongside drive time:

- 83.4% of the population of Rotherham live within a 15-minute walk of a Rotherham-based pharmaceutical service provider.
- Including cross-border pharmacies has a marginal impact on the proportion of Rotherham residents within 15 minutes' walk, or 1.6km (1 mile) walk, of a pharmaceutical services provider.
- The proportion of Rotherham residents within 15 minutes' walk increases from 84.2% to 84.8% when including these cross-border pharmacies (a further 1,590 people).
- The proportion of Rotherham residents within 1.6km (1 mile) walk increases from 95.5% to 96.6% when including these cross-border pharmacies (a further 2,980 people).
- 100% of Rotherham-based residents live within a 10-minute drive of a Rotherham based pharmaceutical services provider during rush hour.

Essential Services are those services offered by all pharmacy contractors. As such, access to Essential Services within Rotherham equates to access to pharmacies overall and the Rotherham PNA steering group agreed that the Essential Services would make up the Necessary Services for the PNA alongside some advanced services based on health need in Rotherham. These are the advanced services of Pharmacy First, hypertension case-finding, flu vaccination, and contraception service.

## **Conclusions and Statements**

Overall, access to pharmaceutical services in Rotherham is good. Most of the population live within easy access of a pharmacy and good physical access is supplemented by increasing growth in national online service provision.

In consideration of all the information available at the time of writing, the Health and Wellbeing board concluded that:

- Based on the information presented herein, the Rotherham health and wellbeing board is satisfied that there is sufficient choice with regard to obtaining pharmaceutical services in Rotherham.
- The health and wellbeing board has identified that there would be need for pharmaceutical provision if one of the four 100-hour pharmacies reduced their opening hours to no longer cover evenings (17:00 onwards) or weekends (Saturday and Sunday). This would be because the geographical spread of the four pharmacies mean that a large proportion of the population would find it difficult to access pharmaceutical provision during evenings and weekends. The health and wellbeing board would expect that either existing pharmacy contractors will adjust their opening hours to address such changes in the future or the integrated care board will direct pharmacies to open to meet any differences in opening hours. If there is a need to direct pharmacies to increase their hours, the location should be in a similar place to where there has been loss of hours, or within an area that is easily accessible on public transport, such as the town centre. The health and wellbeing board would expect the replacement pharmacy, or hours covered by other pharmacies, to cover the same hours and services as the current provision in this assessment.
- There are no new housing developments of significant size during the lifetime of the document, and the population projections are not predicted to increase to sufficient size to create unmet pharmaceutical need providing services remain as are at the time of writing.
- The health and wellbeing board has noted the number of pharmacies that have signed up to provide, and are providing, the advanced and enhanced services of Lateral Flow Device Tests Supply Service, New Medicine Service, Emergency Hormonal Contraception, Needle and Syringe Provision Needle Exchange, Palliative Care, Supervised Consumption, and Over The Counter Medication Labelling Scheme, and are satisfied that the current demand can and will be met by the existing providers.

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Introduction to pharmaceutical needs assessments

The purpose of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is to assess and set out how the provision of pharmaceutical services can meet the health needs of the population of a Health and Wellbeing Board's (HWB's) area for a period of up to three years.

PNAs are primarily used to make commissioning and development decisions. Under the guidance on the NHS (pharmaceutical and local pharmaceutical services) (amendment) regulations 2023, where a person wishes to open a pharmacy or dispensing appliance contractor premises and provide pharmaceutical services; apply to relocate existing premises, or; buy an existing business, they must first apply to the relevant ICB to be included in the pharmaceutical list in respect of the HWB in whose area the premises are or are to be located.

Under the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, a person who wishes to provide pharmaceutical services must apply to NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) to be included in the relevant pharmaceutical list by proving they are able to meet a need for, or improvements or better access to, pharmaceutical services as set out in the relevant PNA. There are exceptions to this, such as applications for benefits not foreseen in the PNA or to provide pharmaceutical services on a distance-selling (internet or mail order only) basis. A robust PNA will ensure those who commission services from pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors can ensure services are targeted to areas of health need; and will reduce the risk of overprovision in areas of less need. PNAs should not be a stand-alone document. This PNA is designed to contribute to and become an integral part of the Rotherham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) – available for review at <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/data/>.

### 1.1.1. Legislative context and statutory requirements

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established HWBs. It also transferred responsibility to develop and update PNAs from primary care trusts to HWBs with effect from April 2013. At the same time, responsibility for using PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list transferred from primary care trusts to NHSE/I.

The NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013, (the '2013 Regulations') set out the minimum information that must be contained within a PNA and outlines the process that must be followed in its development. This report covers the requirements of the 2013 Regulations as follows:

A series of statements are given in [Section 6](#) (Conclusions and Statements) with regards to:

- The pharmaceutical services that the HWB has identified as services that are necessary to meet the need for pharmaceutical services,
- The pharmaceutical services that have been identified as services that are not provided but which the HWB is satisfied need to be provided in order to meet the current or future need for a range of pharmaceutical services or a specific pharmaceutical service,
- The pharmaceutical services that the Health and Wellbeing Board has identified as not being necessary to meet the need for pharmaceutical services but have secured improvements or better access,
- The pharmaceutical services that have been identified as services that would secure improvements or better access to a range of pharmaceutical services or a specific pharmaceutical service, either now or in the future and,
- Other NHS services that affect the need for pharmaceutical services or a specific pharmaceutical service.

As required by the 2013 Regulations, this PNA also contains details of:

- How the Health and Wellbeing Board has determined the localities in its area ([Section 1.2.5](#))
- How it has accounted for the different needs of the different localities, and the different needs of those who share protected characteristics ([Section 2.3.16](#), [Section 1.2.5](#) and throughout [Section 4](#))
- A report on the consultation process ([Annex 1](#))
- A map that identifies the premises at which pharmaceutical services are provided ([Section 3](#), [Map 3](#))
- Information on the demography of the area ([Section 2](#))
- Whether there is sufficient choice with regard to obtaining pharmaceutical services ([Section 6](#))
- Any different needs of the different localities ([Section 2.1](#), [Section 2.2](#) and throughout [Section 4](#))
- The provision of pharmaceutical services in neighbouring HWB areas ([Section 4.2.4](#)).

The structure and content of the report is based on guidance provided in 2021 by the Department of Health and Social Care.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Pharmaceutical needs assessments: Information pack for local authority health and](#)

## 1.2. Process summary

### 1.2.1 Governance

A PNA Steering Group was established for the PNA updated in 2022 whose purpose was to advise on the production of, and consultation on, the Rotherham PNA, on behalf of the HWB with the aim of ensuring that a PNA for Rotherham was published in compliance with the 2013 regulations and the needs of the local population. This steering group have continued to meet as required since this publication and have additionally met for the purpose of producing the 2025 document. Full terms of reference, including a list of members, for the Steering Group is provided at Annex 2.

### 1.1.2 Gathering health and demographic data

Annual population estimates for Rotherham were obtained from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) Mid-2022 estimates published November 2024. The population data included population sub-groups, gender, age and split by Lower Super Output Area (LSOA). Population and Indices of multiple deprivation (IMD) by Rotherham's new ward boundaries apply a best fit model.

Birth rates and death registrations and occurrence data were obtained from ONS – birth rates at local authority level and death registrations data by local authority and place of death. Data on life expectancy and IMD were obtained from Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) Fingertips, numerator and denominator data from ONS annual death extracts and ONS mid-year population estimates. The IMD 2019 was used to define the deprivation deciles for this document.

Data for cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, dementia, respiratory disease, and mental health are available at an Integrated Care Board (ICB) and national level. The cancer data are collated by the National Disease Registration Service (NDRS) and the cardiovascular profiles are created and maintained by the National Cardiovascular Intelligence Network. The data used for the indicators on diabetes comes from different sources, including routine primary care data, national survey data, national clinical audit data and hospital records. Respiratory data comes from OHID (based on ONS source data) for mortality and QOF, NHS Digital for prevalence of asthma.

Data for alcohol, liver disease, drug use, smoking, obesity and healthy weight and sexual health are available at a local authority level. The alcohol data are part of a series of products by The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) that provide local data alongside national comparisons to support local health improvement and data for liver disease are calculated by the OHID. Health and social care data was used from OHID Fingertips where data are derived from NHS Digital, Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) and ONS, Mid-year Population Estimates.

### 1.1.3 Pharmaceutical services information

Data on pharmaceutical services for this PNA were taken from multiple sources:

- **A list of pharmaceutical service providers operating in Rotherham as of January 2025** was obtained from NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) records, which was filtered by HWB.<sup>2</sup> Clarifications about whether some pharmacies are located in Rotherham or neighbouring authorities were made using this list. Although it is acknowledged that there could be changes to the list of service providers since January 2025, this cut off point was chosen to enable time for data cleaning, upload, and analysis.
- **Information on the number of items dispensed by Pharmacy and Appliance Contractors as of January 2025** which includes Advanced Services declared by each pharmacy and dispensing appliance contractor, along with activity for some of the advanced services was obtained from the NHS Business Services Authority website, Pharmacy and appliance contractor dispensing data, using data from calendar year 2024. The organisation data codes for all the services that generate prescriptions were obtained from NHS Digital. This data is accurate as of January 2025 and covers data from January 2024-December 2024.
- **Information on advanced services claimed for** were reviewed as fees for Appliance use review, Covid-19 lateral flow device distribution service, what was known as the Community Pharmacist Consultation service and is now the Pharmacy First service, Hepatitis C testing service, Hypertension case-finding service, New Medicine Service, Smoking cessation service, and Stoma Appliance Customisation Service. These were obtained from the NHS Business Services Authority website, April 2025, and covered the period January 2024-December 2024.
- **Information on prescriptions generated, and dispensed, in Rotherham** to identify the total number of items prescribed in a fixed period by each practice and service was obtained from the NHS Business Services Authority website practice prescribing dispensing data, using data from the calendar year 2024. This includes data for the Electronic Prescription Service. This data is accurate as of April 2025 and covers data from January 2024-December 2024.

### 1.1.4 Public and contractor engagement

Healthwatch Rotherham (HWR) invited Rotherham residents to complete an online questionnaire, about their experiences of and views on pharmacies locally. 57 people living in Rotherham completed the survey.

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<sup>2</sup> [Consolidated Pharmaceutical List - Datasets - Open Data Portal](#)

### 1.1.5 Data analysis – to be updated

#### Localities

The regulations require the HWB decide which localities to divide its area into for analysis.

Data on pharmaceutical service availability were compiled at Ward level to enable comparisons between Wards. Data on deprivation was compiled at LSOA level and aggregated to Ward level. There are 170 LSOAs in Rotherham and 25 wards.

The HWB determined to analyse information for the PNA primarily at borough-level, due to the relatively small total population and geographical area covered by the Rotherham HWB and the paucity of health-related data available at ward, Lower or Middle Super Output Area. However, deprivation and ward split were considered throughout the document. This is in keeping with the previous Rotherham PNAs (2018 and 2022). The HWB is mindful that the localities should not be so large that they mask variations in need, and consideration has been given to the practicality of dividing Rotherham into smaller geographical areas such as ward and deprivation deciles.

A table showing LSOA to ward best-fit is provided below in table 1.

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Ward Name
E01007786	Dinnington South	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007658	North Anston West	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007662	North Anston Central	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007657	Anston Greenlands	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007661	South Anston West	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007659	Anston Park	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007660	North Anston East	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007663	South Anston East	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007664	Woodsetts	Anston & Woodsetts
E01007748	Todwick Outer	Aston & Todwick
E01007670	Aston East	Aston & Todwick
E01007673	Aston Lodge	Aston & Todwick
E01007674	Swallownest South	Aston & Todwick
E01007669	Aston North	Aston & Todwick
E01007672	Aston South	Aston & Todwick
E01034250	Orgreave West	Aughton & Swallownest
E01007668	Aston North West	Aughton & Swallownest
E01007666	Aughton North & Ulley	Aughton & Swallownest
E01007667	Swallownest North	Aughton & Swallownest
E01007671	Swallownest Central	Aughton & Swallownest
E01007714	Town Centre	Boston Castle
E01007677	Canklow North	Boston Castle
E01007680	Wellgate	Boston Castle
E01007675	Broom Valley	Boston Castle
E01007767	Clifton West	Boston Castle

E01007679	Broom East	Boston Castle
E01007678	Moorgate West	Boston Castle
E01007765	Clifton East	Boston Castle
E01007691	Ravenfield Common	Bramley & Ravenfield
E01007692	Ravenfield	Bramley & Ravenfield
E01007681	Bramley Grange	Bramley & Ravenfield
E01007683	Bramley North	Bramley & Ravenfield
E01007684	Bramley South West	Bramley & Ravenfield
E01007689	Bramley South East	Bramley & Ravenfield
E01007676	Canklow South	Brinsworth
E01007707	Brinsworth Whitehill	Brinsworth
E01007705	Brinsworth West	Brinsworth
E01007704	Brinsworth Manor	Brinsworth
E01007703	Brinsworth North	Brinsworth
E01007702	Brinsworth North East	Brinsworth
E01007706	Brinsworth Howarth	Brinsworth
E01007720	Thrybergh North & Hooton Roberts	Dalton & Thrybergh
E01007737	East Herringthorpe North	Dalton & Thrybergh
E01007721	Dalton	Dalton & Thrybergh
E01007723	East Herringthorpe East	Dalton & Thrybergh
E01007719	Thrybergh South	Dalton & Thrybergh
E01007727	Thrybergh East	Dalton & Thrybergh
E01034251	Laughton North	Dinnington
E01007789	Laughton South & Dinnington North West	Dinnington
E01007785	Dinnington South East	Dinnington
E01007790	Dinnington Central	Dinnington
E01007791	Dinnington East	Dinnington
E01007788	Dinnington North East	Dinnington
E01007792	Dinnington South West	Dinnington
E01034252	Laughton West	Dinnington
E01007732	Rockingham West	Greasbrough
E01007728	Greasbrough East	Greasbrough
E01007733	Rockingham East	Greasbrough
E01007730	Wingfield	Greasbrough
E01007731	Greasbrough North	Greasbrough
E01007729	Munsbrough	Greasbrough
E01007685	Hellaby	Hellaby & Maltby West
E01007762	Maltby West - High School	Hellaby & Maltby West
E01007755	Maltby West - Dale Hill	Hellaby & Maltby West
E01007756	Maltby West - Explorers	Hellaby & Maltby West
E01007761	Maltby West - Addison Road	Hellaby & Maltby West
E01007754	Maltby West - Amory's Holt	Hellaby & Maltby West
E01007696	Wentworth & Harley	Hooper
E01034246	West Melton North	Hooper
E01007698	West Melton South	Hooper
E01007695	Brampton South	Hooper
E01007697	West Melton West	Hooper

E01007694	Brampton North	Hooper
E01007801	Thorpe Common & Scholes	Keppel
E01007740	Kimberworth Park East	Keppel
E01007742	Kimberworth North West	Keppel
E01007807	Kimberworth Park South	Keppel
E01007802	Thorpe Hesley Central	Keppel
E01007803	Thorpe Hesley West	Keppel
E01007808	Thorpe Hesley East	Keppel
E01007805	Kimberworth Park Roughwood	Keppel
E01007804	Kimberworth Park West	Keppel
E01007806	Kimberworth Park Central	Keppel
E01007772	Kilnhurst South & Sandhill East	Kilnhurst & Swinton East
E01007777	Kilnhurst Meadow View	Kilnhurst & Swinton East
E01007794	Swinton South	Kilnhurst & Swinton East
E01007798	Swinton South East	Kilnhurst & Swinton East
E01007795	Kilnhurst Piccadilly	Kilnhurst & Swinton East
E01007764	Maltby East - Birks Holt	Maltby East
E01007763	Maltby East - Town Centre	Maltby East
E01007757	Maltby East - Grange Lane	Maltby East
E01007759	Maltby East - Highfield Park	Maltby East
E01007760	Maltby East - Muglet Lane	Maltby East
E01007758	Maltby East - Salisbury Road	Maltby East
E01007783	Rawmarsh South	Rawmarsh East
E01007773	Ryecroft North	Rawmarsh East
E01007776	Rawmarsh South West	Rawmarsh East
E01007775	Rawmarsh North East	Rawmarsh East
E01007771	Ryecroft West	Rawmarsh East
E01007774	Ryecroft South	Rawmarsh East
E01007784	Parkgate	Rawmarsh West
E01007782	Rawmarsh North	Rawmarsh West
E01007781	Rawmarsh Monkwood	Rawmarsh West
E01007779	Manor Farm	Rawmarsh West
E01007780	Rawmarsh Victoria Park	Rawmarsh West
E01007778	Upper Haugh	Rawmarsh West
E01034248	Waverley	Rother Vale
E01034249	Orgreave East	Rother Vale
E01007700	Treeton East	Rother Vale
E01007699	Catcliffe	Rother Vale
E01007701	Treeton West	Rother Vale
E01007769	Eastwood Village	Rotherham East
E01007768	Eastwood Central	Rotherham East
E01007708	Herringthorpe South	Rotherham East
E01007736	Eastwood East	Rotherham East
E01007738	East Dene North East	Rotherham East
E01007770	East Dene North West	Rotherham East
E01007766	East Dene South	Rotherham East
E01007735	East Herringthorpe South	Rotherham East

E01007739	East Dene East	Rotherham East
E01007734	Herringthorpe North	Rotherham East
E01007716	Masbrough	Rotherham West
E01007718	Meadowbank	Rotherham West
E01007715	Ferham	Rotherham West
E01007717	Bradgate	Rotherham West
E01007744	Kimberworth South	Rotherham West
E01007741	Kimberworth North East	Rotherham West
E01007743	Dropping Well	Rotherham West
E01007746	Blackburn	Rotherham West
E01007745	Richmond Park	Rotherham West
E01034253	Whiston South & Morthen	Sitwell
E01007713	Moorgate East	Sitwell
E01007712	Broom South	Sitwell
E01007711	Stag South	Sitwell
E01007710	Herringthorpe East	Sitwell
E01007811	Whiston North	Sitwell
E01007812	Whiston East	Sitwell
E01007709	Stag North	Sitwell
E01007800	Swinton Central & Bridge	Swinton Rockingham
E01007796	Swinton North	Swinton Rockingham
E01007818	Swinton North West & Warren Vale	Swinton Rockingham
E01007799	Swinton West	Swinton Rockingham
E01007793	Swinton South West	Swinton Rockingham
E01007797	Bow Broom	Swinton Rockingham
E01007810	Thurcroft East	Thurcroft & Wickersley South
E01007690	Wickersley South	Thurcroft & Wickersley South
E01007687	Wickersley East	Thurcroft & Wickersley South
E01007815	Thurcroft Central & Brampton	Thurcroft & Wickersley South
E01007809	Thurcroft South West	Thurcroft & Wickersley South
E01007750	Wales West	Wales
E01007749	Kiveton Park North & Todwick Central	Wales
E01007747	Wales East	Wales
E01007751	Wales South & Woodall	Wales
E01007752	Kiveton Park South & Harthill North	Wales
E01007753	Harthill South & Thorpe Salvin	Wales
E01007821	Wath North East	Wath
E01007820	Wath North	Wath
E01007816	Wath South East	Wath
E01034247	Manvers	Wath
E01007822	Wath Central & Newhill	Wath
E01007819	Wath South	Wath
E01007817	Wath South West	Wath
E01007724	Brecks	Wickersley North
E01007686	Wickersley West	Wickersley North
E01007688	Listerdale	Wickersley North
E01032927	Sunnyside South	Wickersley North

E01007682	Bramley West	Wickersley North
E01007726	Flanderwell	Wickersley North
E01007725	Sunnyside East	Wickersley North
E01032926	Woodlaithes Village	Wickersley North

**Table 1:** Lower Layer Super Output Area code and name to ward best fit in Rotherham.

## Assessment of service availability and access

To assess service availability and access, pharmaceutical services data was compiled into a Master Spreadsheet and compared to the data on the Department of Health and Social Care Strategic Health Asset Planning and Evaluation Place Atlas (SHAPE)<sup>3</sup> – a web-enabled application that informs and supports the strategic planning of services and assets across a whole health economy. SHAPE maps pharmacy locations against demographic information and indicators of health status and need. To assess the sufficiency of pharmaceutical services in Rotherham, analysis was made in terms of:

- **Choice of pharmacies:** Number of pharmacies per 100,000 residents ([Section 4.1](#))
- **Geographical access:** SHAPE was used to identify walk-time, walk-distance, and drive time to pharmaceutical service providers ([Section 4.2](#)).
- **Opening hours:** Data on opening hours was tabulated to compare access in the week, at weekends and in the evenings ([Section 4.3](#)).
- **Service type:** Data were compiled for the number of outlets providing advanced and locally commissioned services to identify any areas of under-provision ([Section 4.4](#)).

Data from the HWR survey were used to complement this, asking participants questions about their ability to access a pharmacy, including method and time to travel to it and which days and times were convenient to visit.

## Analysis of excluded populations and protected characteristics

To identify whether there are any disparities in access to pharmaceutical services according to characteristics such as deprivation and age (which are associated with greater health needs and poorer health outcomes), SHAPE was used to compare the profile of populations excluded from pharmaceutical provision with the demographic profile of Rotherham as a whole.

Unfortunately, data is not available to enable detailed analysis of whether people with most protected characteristics are disproportionately excluded from access to pharmaceutical services. For example, detailed and up-to-date data on the prevalence of disability at LSOA level is not available to enable analysis of whether access to pharmaceutical services is worse for people living with a disability.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Health and Social Care, Strategic Health Asset Planning and Evaluation Place Atlas (SHAPE), <https://shapeatlas.net/>

However, because SHAPE does include IMD domains at LSOA level, analysis of access by the Health and Disability domain is used as a proxy indicator in analysis of access for several protected characteristics including disability.

Additionally, the HWR survey asked participants questions around protected characteristics, including deprivation and disability.

### 1.1.6 Consultation

A 60-day public consultation is being conducted from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. A consultation report is provided in Annex 1.

## 2 Rotherham: Demographic overview and summary of local health need

### 2.1 Rotherham: Demographic overview and summary of local health needs

Rotherham borough covers an area of 110 square miles and has a population of 270,000. Around half of the borough's population lives in the urban, central part of the borough. Others live in many outlying small towns, villages and rural areas. Rotherham is a diverse borough with a mixture of people, cultures and communities. There are densely populated multi-ethnic inner urban areas, large council-built housing estates, leafy private residential suburbs, industrial areas, rural villages, and farms.

Rotherham people live shorter lives, in poorer health than the UK average and there is substantial variation between different groups in terms of underlying health needs, ability to access services, experience of services and health outcomes. The points below give a flavour of the challenges and opportunities Rotherham faces over the next decade and are accurate as of May 2025 unless otherwise specified. A live, dynamic analysis of this and further information can be found in the Rotherham JSNA (<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/data/>).

#### *Population*

- Rotherham has an age structure that is slightly older than the national average and a below-average percentage of people aged 18 to 29 because of students leaving Rotherham to study elsewhere, and young adults leaving the area for work.
- The population is growing due to there being more births than deaths, and more people moving to Rotherham to live.

#### *Health Inequality*

- 36% of the population live in the most deprived quintile and deprivation is a major cause of health inequalities.
- English is an additional language to 4.1% of our population.
- Over 11,000 children in Rotherham are living in absolute poverty.
- Over 3,700 people are currently accessing adult social care services, with around half of these over the age of 75.
- Over 23,000 people provide unpaid care, with over half of these doing so for more than 35 hours per week, and a third of adult carers feel socially isolated.
- In 2023, 1,236 families were identified as being at risk of homelessness.
- Life expectancy is lower than average for the people of Rotherham, and there is an inequalities gap of over 10 years between the most deprived and least deprived.

- Our residents develop poor health earlier than average and live longer in poor health than average; healthy life expectancy in 2021-23 in Rotherham is 56 years for males and females.

#### *Health and health behaviours*

- The prevalence of depression has risen to 17% in 2022, and 25% of school children reported problems with mental wellbeing in 2024.
- Deprivation significantly impacts patient experience and outcomes of chronic pain, mental health issues, diabetes, cardiovascular and other long-term conditions.
- Smoking is still the primary cause of morbidity and early mortality. Although smoking rates remain high, every year more people are successfully quitting.
- The percentage of physically active adults has decreased to 59% in 2023/24 and conditions such as stroke, coronary heart disease and hypertension remain higher than regional and national comparators.
- 40% of 11-year-old children and 72% of adults are overweight or obese.
- Adult community substance and alcohol services are able to support more people and have increased to over 950 people reached per year.
- Around 800 people engage in problem gambling, and around 3,200 in moderate risk gambling.

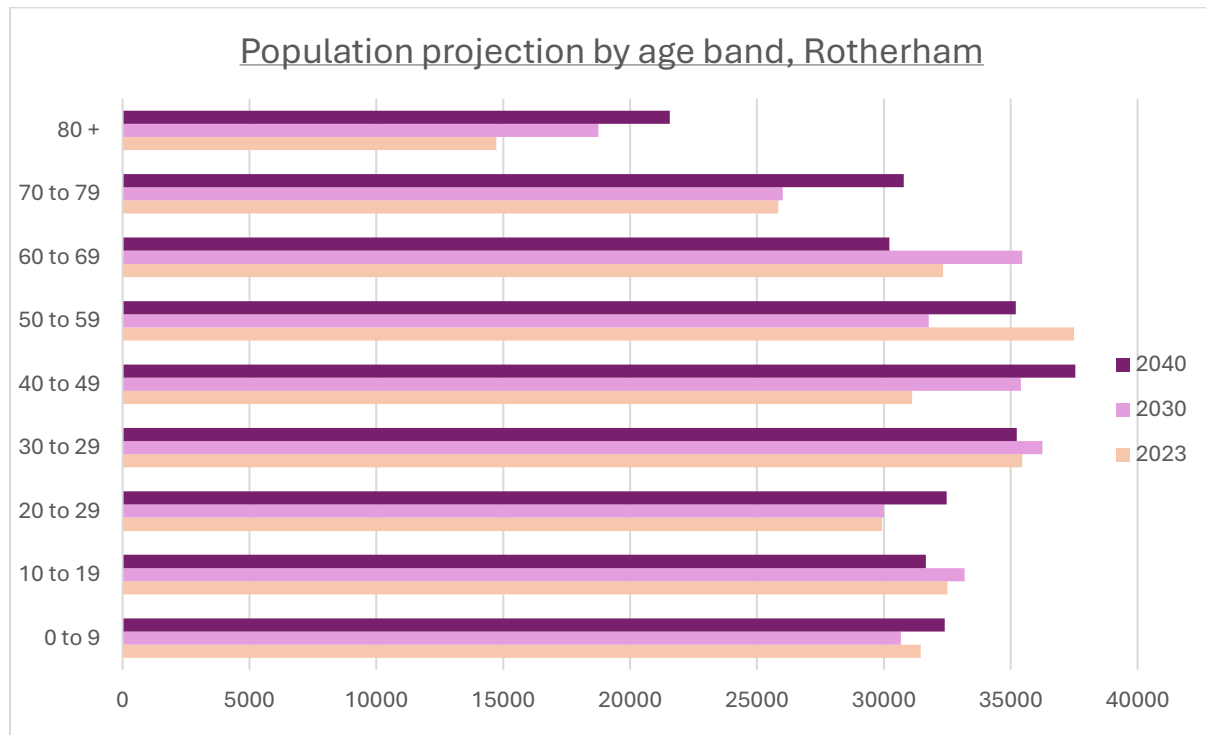
#### *Access to care*

- Screening uptake rates have generally been good in Rotherham compared to England, but for breast and cervical cancer, screening rates have not yet returned to pre-covid levels.
- Those in the most deprived areas are more likely to miss appointments and experience difficulties in accessing healthcare.

## 2.2 Population: Current population and forecasts

The population of Rotherham borough is 271,200 with an age structure that is slightly older than the national average (2023 estimate of population, though please note that due to data availability, a mid-2022 population has been used in this document where geographies are represented for smaller areas such as wards). Rotherham has a below average percentage of people aged 18 to 29 as a result of students leaving Rotherham to study elsewhere and young adults leaving the area for work. The high proportion of residents aged 50-64 is largely a reflection of high birth rates in the 1960s and early 1970s. Demographic change is likely to result in subsequent changes to demand for health and care services. The Rotherham population has increased steadily from an estimated 261,400 in 2014 to 271,200 in 2023 (+3.8%). This steady increase was a result of more births than deaths occurring locally, coupled with high net inward migration. The oldest age groups are the fastest growing, mainly those aged 75+.

The population of Rotherham is projected to grow as well as continue to change in age structure (figure 1). There will be an overall estimated 277,000 people living in Rotherham in 2030 and 290,000 people in 2040, with noted projected increases in those aged 70 years old and above.



**Figure 1: Rotherham population projections by age band.**

## 2.3 Population health needs in Rotherham

### 2.3.1 Cancer (QOF)

In the period 2023/24, there were 10,363 people living with cancer registered to a Rotherham GP (QOF prevalence data). This equates to 3.8%, 0.2 percentage points greater than the prevalence for England. This is also 0.6 percentage points higher than the proportion at the previous PNA in 2022. New cancer cases, 2022/23, were 1,805 equating to 669 per 100,000. This is higher than the national rate at 548 per 100,000, and 27 people per 100,000 higher than the crude incidence rate in Rotherham at the previous PNA in 2022.

### 2.3.2 Cardiovascular disease and risk factors

The prevalence of cardiovascular diseases such as Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) and Heart Failure are higher in Rotherham than England (QOF prevalence), both of which have considerable impacts on health with CHD being the single most common cause of premature death in the UK. In the period 2023/24, a total of 10,309 people, 3.8%, were on the CHD register in Rotherham, compared to 3.0% for England.

During the same period, there were 3,016 patients with heart failure, equivalent to 1.1% of the Rotherham population, the same as the proportion for England.

Hospital admissions for CHD for all persons were 1,685 in total, equivalent to 615 per 100,000, worse than that for England at 390 per 100,000. There was a consistent trend towards a decreasing rate of admissions in Rotherham between 2003/04 and 2020/21, however there has been a steady increase in the rate of admissions from 566 per 100,000 in 2021/22 to 615 per 100,000 in 2023/24. Admissions for heart failure were slightly higher in Rotherham than England, 184.9 per 100,000 and 179.6 per 100,000 respectively. There has been a steady increase in the rate of admissions in both Rotherham and England since 2020/21 to 2023/24.

During 2023/24, 2.3% of Rotherham residents had experienced a stroke, a total of 6,404, higher than the England prevalence at 1.9%. Risk factors for cardiovascular disease include smoking and hypertension, both of which have a greater QOF prevalence in Rotherham than England. In 2020/21, 46,489 residents (all ages) were living with hypertension, 17.0 %, compared to 14.8% in England. During the same period, 35,901 people, 16.1% of the population smoked compared to an England value of 14.5%. It is estimated that the prevalence of undiagnosed adult hypertension in Rotherham is 8.9% and in England is 8.6%.

### 2.3.3 Diabetes (QOF)

Diabetes mellitus is one of the common endocrine diseases affecting all age groups with over three million people in the UK having the condition. In 2023/24, 19,315 in Rotherham were living with diabetes, equivalent to 8.8 % (patients aged 17 years and over with diabetes mellitus, as recorded on practice disease registers). This has been increasing since 2012/13 and has remained above the England value throughout this time, with prevalence currently at 7.7%. The gap between the prevalence of diabetes in Rotherham compared to England has widened over the period, from 0.3 to 1.1 percentage points between 2016/17 and 2023/24. It is likely that the true prevalence is higher, and some will remain undiagnosed; in the 2022 Health Survey for England, the national prevalence of diabetes was 10%, comprised of approximately 5% of adults with doctor-diagnosed diabetes and a further 5% with undiagnosed diabetes.

### 2.3.4 Dementia

The prevalence of dementia increases with age and is estimated to be approximately 20% at 80 years of age. For those aged 90 and above, the annual incidence of Alzheimer's type of dementia rises to 34.3 per 100 person years at risk; the prevalence is higher in women due to increased lifespan. In a third of cases, dementia is associated with other psychiatric problems.

In Rotherham, a total of 2,941 people were recorded as having dementia in 2020/21, a prevalence of 1.1%, higher than the value for England which was 0.8 %. (Recorded dementia prevalence is the number of people with dementia recorded on GP practice registers as a proportion of the people registered at each GP practice). Recorded prevalence in those aged 65 years old and above was also higher for Rotherham, 4.5% compared to 3.97% for England.

### 2.3.5 Respiratory disease (QOF)

The annual percentage of registered deaths where respiratory disease was the underlying cause in 2020 was 12.4% for Rotherham, higher than the England value which was 10.2%. For emergency hospital admissions for respiratory disease, 2022/23, Rotherham had 2,670 persons, a rate of 4,965 per 100,000, which is significantly worse than the England rate of 711 per 100,000. The under 75 mortality rate from respiratory disease in 2022 was 52 per 100,000, a total of 128 deaths. This is higher than the England value of 30.7 per 100,000.

### 2.3.6 Alcohol

Misuse of alcohol can have significant health implications, impacting on both the individual and the wider community. Nationally, the Health Survey for England 2022 showed 32% of men and 15% of women were drinking at a level of increased harm (over 14 units of alcohol a week). In Rotherham, in 2019/20, the estimate of number of alcohol dependent adults, was 1.69 per 100 compared to 1.37 nationally.

In 2022/23, there were a total of 5,892 admission episodes for alcohol-related conditions (broad definition), of which 4,159 were males and 1,733 were females. This is a rate of 2,201 per 100,000 – (3,240 for males and 1,271 for females) – all of which are significantly worse than the national average, which is a rate of 1,705 per 100,000 overall, 2646 for males and 881 for females. For both Rotherham and England, there is a substantially higher rate of admissions for men than women, which is consistent with data for previous years. In Rotherham, in 2022/23, the rate of admissions was 2.5 times higher for males than females, whereas it was 3 times higher for England. In Rotherham, there has been a gradual increase in the rate of admissions since 2016/17 across all three categories, however there was a slight decline between 2021/22 and 2022/23 (from 2,362 to 2,201 for persons).

In addition, for alcohol-specific conditions during the same period, there were 2,286 admissions of which 1,520 were male and 645 females. This is a rate of 866 per 100,000 for persons, 1,194 per 100,000 for males and 555 per 100,000 for females, all of which are significantly worse than the England rates of 581 per 100,000, 819 per 100,000 and 355 per 100,000 respectively. As with alcohol-related conditions, men have a substantially higher rate for alcohol-specific admissions than women. In Rotherham, in 2022/23, the rate of admissions is 2.2 times higher for males than females, where it is 2.3 times higher for England. In Rotherham, there was a notable increase in the rate of admissions since 2019/20 across all three categories, however there was a slight decline between 2021/22 and 2022/23 (from 1,017 to 866 for persons). There was a greater decline in the rate of admissions for men than for women.

### 2.3.7 Liver disease

Liver disease is one of the top causes of death in England and is having an impact on much younger people. Most liver disease is preventable and is often influenced by alcohol and obesity. The hospital admission rate due to liver disease in Rotherham, 2022/23, was 202.1 per 100,000 (persons). This value was higher in

males at 246.6 per 100,000, and lower in females at 160.1 per 100,000. The rates for Rotherham were higher (worse) across all three groups compared to the England average, where the hospital admission rate due to liver disease was 155.2 per 100,000 for persons, 194.8 per 100,000 for males and 118.6 per 100,000 for females.

The age-standardised, under 75 mortality rate from liver disease (persons, 1 year range), was 28.1 per 100,000 in 2023 compared to the value for England at 21.9 per 100,000. This has fluctuated in Rotherham since 2018, although it has trended towards increase since 2001. The under 75 mortality rate from alcoholic liver disease (persons, 3-year range), was 12.3 per 100,000 in 2021-23, which is slightly worse than the England value of 11.7 per 100,000. In Rotherham, this has increased consistently since the rate for 2018-20 and has trended towards increase overall throughout the data period.

### 2.3.8 Drug use

In 2019/20 there were 25 admission episodes (10 male and 15 female) where there was a primary diagnosis of drug related mental and behavioural disorders in Rotherham. This equates to 10 admissions per 100,000 population. This is lower than the England admission rate which is 13 per 100,000. During the same period, there were 685 admissions episodes with a primary or secondary diagnosis of drug related mental and behavioural disorders which amounts to 276 admissions per 100,000 population. This is higher than the regional rate, which is 191 per 100,000 and the national rate, which is 181 per 100,000. Admission episodes with a primary diagnosis of poisoning by drug misuse were 80, a rate of 31 per 100,000 - equivalent to that of the national average.

In terms of dual diagnosis, in Rotherham in 2022/23, 76.1% of clients entering into drug treatment identified as having a mental health treatment need were also receiving treatment for their mental health. This is consistent with previous years and is marginally higher than the England average of 74.8%.

### 2.3.9 Mental health

The Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (2014), found around one in six adults (17%) surveyed in England met the criteria for a common mental disorder and 39% of adults aged 16-74 with conditions such as anxiety or depression, were accessing mental health treatment. This figure has increased from 24% since the previous survey (2007). The data and report for the Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (2023/24) will be release in July 2025.

In primary care in Rotherham 2022/23, the recorded prevalence of depression (aged 18+) was 17.3% a total of 36,892 persons. This is higher than the England value of 13.2% and has been increasing in Rotherham since 2012/13. This indicator was retired after 2022/23, so there is no data for the following year. The incidence of new diagnoses during 2023/24 (the most recent period) was 1.5%, a total of 3,145 persons, the same as the England value. Previously, the Rotherham incidence rate was greater than the England rate. This incidence has fluctuated in Rotherham since

being recorded in 2013/14, with an overall trend towards decrease since a peak of 2% in 2015/16.

### 2.3.10 Smoking (APS)

Smoking is the most important cause of preventable ill health and premature mortality in the UK. It is a risk factor for many diseases such as cancer, COPD and heart disease. Tobacco control measures can assist in reducing the prevalence of smoking in the population. In the Adult Population Survey (APS) Rotherham in 2023, the prevalence smokers aged 15 years and over was 14.5%, an increase from 14.0% in 2022.

The prevalence in Rotherham has decreased overall throughout the data period since 2013/14, from 21.9% to 14.5% in 2022/23, a decrease of 7.4 percentage points.

In Rotherham 2022/23, the rate of people who self-reported successfully quitting at 4 weeks of treatment in NHS Stop Smoking Services was 3,156 per 100,000 smokers aged 16 and over, double from 1,580 per 100,000 in 2018/19. This is substantially higher than the England average of 1,620 per 100,000.

There has also been a decrease in the number of mothers smoking during pregnancy, dropping from 12.5% in 2022/23 to 10.8% in 2023/24. The Rotherham prevalence in 2023/24 was higher than the England average of 7.4%. Smoking in pregnancy has well known detrimental effects for the growth and development of the baby and health of the mother. The prevalence in Rotherham has decreased throughout the data period since 2010/11, from 23.0% to 10.8%, a decrease of 12.2 percentage points based on the number of maternities where smoking status is known.

### 2.3.11 Weight

The prevalence of excess weight has been increasing over time, both locally and nationally. Rotherham has a higher prevalence of excess weight than the national average. In 2022/23, 74.0% of adults in Rotherham were classified overweight or obese, compared to 67.2% regionally and 64.5% nationally – this equates to around 154,356 adults in Rotherham with excess weight. Of children in Rotherham schools, both excess weight in reception and excess weight in Year 6 aged children are above the national average. 24.7% of reception age children were overweight or obese in 2023/24, compared to 22.1% nationally and 40.5% of Year 6 children were overweight or obese in 2023/24, compared to 35.8% nationally (National Child Measurement Programme). The proportions of reception and Year 6 students who are overweight or experiencing obesity have fluctuated over the data period since 2007/08.

### 2.3.12 Physical activity

In 2023/24, 58.8% of adults in Rotherham were meeting the national physical activity guideline, while in England 67.4% of adults were attaining the recommended level

(at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity each week or at least 75 minutes of vigorous intensity activity per week). In Rotherham, this decreased from 64.1% in 2022/23, a 5.3 percentage point decrease. Prior to this, the proportion of physically active adults had stayed consistent since 2019/20.

In 2023/24, 44% of children and young people were meeting the national physical activity guideline (an average of at least 60 minutes moderate to vigorous intensity activity per day across the week), lower than the England average of 47.8%. In Rotherham, this was a decrease from 48.7% in 2022/23. Over the data period, since 2017/18, the proportion of children in Rotherham meeting the national physical activity guideline has fluctuated between approximately 42% and 49%.

### 2.3.13 Sexual health

As of 2023, Rotherham had a smaller rate than England for all STI diagnoses, with 1,614 diagnoses equating to 601 per 100,000 in Rotherham compared to 704 per 100,000 in England. This difference between Rotherham and England is consistent with previous years. The rate of all STI diagnoses in both areas has increased since 2021, and in Rotherham the rate in 2023 was similar to pre-Covid levels with 614 diagnoses per 100,000 in 2019, compared to 601 in 2023.

HIV testing is integral to the treatment and management of HIV infection and awareness of HIV status can assist with improving survival rates, improving quality of life and can reduce the risk of onward transmission. The HIV testing rate for Rotherham was significantly worse than the England average, at 2,355 per 100,000 in Rotherham compared to 2,771 per 100,000 in England in 2023. It should be noted that this does not take community testing into account.

The HIV diagnosed prevalence rate for those aged 15 to 59, 2023, was 1.70 per 1,000 in Rotherham, better than the England rate of 2.40 per 1,000. Rotherham's diagnosed rate has consistently been lower than England, although it has increased across the data period, from 0.97 in 2011 to 1.70 in 2023. For the same period, the new HIV diagnosis rate per 100,000, which includes people of all ages, was better in Rotherham than the England, with a rate of 8.5 diagnoses per 100,000 population in Rotherham compared to 10.4 per 100,000 in England. The rate in Rotherham has fluctuated throughout the period, but increased substantially from 3.7 diagnoses per 100,000 population in 2022 to 8.5 per 100,000 in 2023. Both the Rotherham and England rates have increased since 2020.

Both the syphilis and gonorrhoea diagnostic rate in Rotherham were significantly better than the England rate at 11.2 per 100,000 and 111 per 100,000 compared to 16.7 per 100,000 and 149 per 100,000 respectively. The syphilis diagnostic rate in Rotherham decreased between 2022 and 2023, after having increased substantially between 2020 and 2022. The gonorrhoea diagnostic rate in Rotherham has increased substantially since 2021, from 38 per 100,000 in 2021 to 111 per 100,000 in 2023, and is nearly 3 times larger.

The chlamydia detection rate for those ages 15 to 24, was statistically better in Rotherham than England in 2023; 2,549 per 100,000 for Rotherham compared to 1,962 per 100,000 for England. The detection rate in Rotherham has been

increasing since 2022, after decreasing substantially in 2020. However, it is not yet back at pre-Covid levels; 3,040 per 100,000 in 2019.

### 2.3.14 Limiting long term illness and disability

A relatively high proportion of Rotherham's population have a long-term condition or are living with a disability. In the 2021 Census in Rotherham, 56,177 people (21.1%) reported having a limiting disability, defined by long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses. This was 2.8 percentage points higher than England as a whole (17.3%). Caution should be taken when making comparisons between 2011 and 2021 because of changes in question wording and response options. Of the people in Rotherham with a limiting disability, 26,118 people (9.8%) had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot, whilst 30,059 (11.3%) had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a little. The percentage of people who were identified as being disabled and limited a lot in Rotherham decreased by 2.1 percentage points between the 2011 and 2021 Census.

In the Rotherham School Survey in 2023/24, 1,337 (29.5%) students answered 'yes' to having a long-term illness, medical condition or disability that has been diagnosed by a doctor, compared to 21% in 2022/23 and 25% of young people nationally in 2021/22.<sup>2</sup>

In 2014-15, 14.9% of Rotherham residents were living with a long-term illness, disability or medical condition diagnosed by a doctor at aged 15. In 2011, 31,001 people (12%) in Rotherham said that they provided unpaid care to family members, friends or neighbours with either long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability or problems related to old age.

### 2.3.15 Vision, hearing and physical impairments

A greater risk of sight loss is associated with increased age and Rotherham has a higher proportion of older age groups compared to the average of England. Poor health and other health conditions can be linked to sight loss such as smoking and obesity which can increase the risk of developing diabetes leading to sight loss.

In Rotherham, there are an estimated 9,150 people, 3.4% of the population, living with sight loss; 5,880 people living with mild sight loss, 2,050 with moderate sight loss, 1,230 with severe sight loss.<sup>3</sup>

8.1% of people reported deafness or hearing loss in Rotherham in the GP Patient Survey in 2024, significantly greater than the England average of 5.8% (a 2.3 percentage point difference).<sup>4</sup> With the exception of 2017, Rotherham has consistently had a significantly larger proportion of people reporting deafness or hearing loss than England.

1.2% of people registered to a Rotherham GP reported having a learning disability in the GP Patient Survey, data updated 2021.

### 2.3.16 Multiple morbidities

Multimorbidity is almost universal in older adults, and prevalence increases with age. Although multi-morbidities have been researched extensively, one precise definition does not exist and the number, type (physical or mental health) and selection criteria for conditions included in multi-morbidity indices vary. Measures of multi-morbidity and frailty are being developed on Fingertips.<sup>5</sup> In a good-quality retrospective cohort study in England (with 403,985 participants), the overall prevalence of multimorbidity was 27.2%.<sup>6</sup> Females had a higher prevalence of 30%, compared to 24.4% for males.

General practice data suggests that, for a total of 268,849 registered patients, 38.7% of patients had at least 1 co-morbidity.

## 2.4 The role of pharmacy in addressing inequality in Rotherham

This section of the assessment focusses on the pharmaceutical needs of those most likely to experience inequalities and barriers to accessing care in Rotherham and the ways in which community pharmacy can address these needs. This includes consideration of:

- People living in the 20% most deprived communities (according to IMD, 2019)
- Those with one or more protected characteristics defined within the Equality Act 2010 (age, disability; pregnancy and maternity; race which includes colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins; religion (including a lack of religion) or belief; sex; sexual orientation; gender re-assignment; marriage and civil partnership.)
- Inclusion health groups, such as:
  - Asylum seekers and refugees
  - Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
  - Homeless people and rough sleepers
  - People with drug or alcohol dependence
  - Those in contact with the criminal justice system
  - Sex workers

It should be noted that geography can also be a key driver of inequality, but detailed analysis of geographical factors influencing access to pharmacies in Rotherham is covered in [Section 4.2](#).

### 2.4.1 Socioeconomic deprivation

Socioeconomic deprivation is a major driver of health inequalities in Rotherham, with 36% of communities living in the 20% most deprived communities in England according to IMD, 2019. Those living in areas of high deprivation are more likely to experience poor health outcomes and live with chronic disease than those living in areas of lower deprivation. This means that areas of high deprivation may have a high level of pharmaceutical need.

However, whilst the need may be high, there are several barriers for deprived communities seeking to access pharmaceutical services:

- Financial barriers. This can include the cost of medication, but also the 'hidden costs' associated with accessing pharmacy services (such as the cost of transport.) Pharmacists should provide advice on eligibility criteria for free prescriptions. As outlined in [Section 4.2](#), ensuring that residents in Rotherham can access a pharmacy within a short walk or via public transport is also important.
- Shift and/or insecure work. People living in the most deprived communities are more likely to do shift or casual/insecure work, which is generally less flexible than other types of work and can make accessing services outside of working hours more challenging. [Section 4.3](#) considers availability of pharmacies according to opening hours and has taken this into account.
- Digital exclusion. Those living in areas of high deprivation are more likely to have no internet at home and/or to be digitally excluded. While digital provision such as online ordering can help improve access to pharmaceutical services for some groups, it should not be at the expense of physical provision, as this could widen health inequalities.

[Section 3](#) outlines the distribution of pharmacies in Rotherham.

#### 2.4.2 Age

Age can influence medicine choice and the route of administration, meaning pharmacies must be able to flex to address differing needs by age.

Older people are also more likely to have a higher prevalence of illness, and subsequently may take more medication. Medication management in older age groups can be complex due to multiple disease, polypharmacy and metabolism changes due to the ageing process. Pharmacy services can help to meet the needs of older people through medication ordering and reordering support, home delivery and compliance aids such as reminder charts. Pharmacies can also support independence in older age by supplying daily living aids and signposting to additional support systems.

Similarly, younger people have a different ability of metabolism and drug elimination. For children and young people, advice can be given to parents on medicine/appliance usage and the different routes of drug administration.

Certain provisions within community pharmacies are targeted to certain age cohorts, such as the flu vaccine. These provisions are purposefully targeted in order to address inequalities that are influenced by age (such as deaths or serious illness from flu).

#### 2.4.3 Disability

The needs of disabled people in accessing pharmacy services are extremely diverse and vary by disability.

For those with mobility issues, physically accessing pharmacy services has the potential to be challenging. Ensuring that pharmacies have both disabled parking and other accessibility measures such as ramps and sufficient space within the pharmacy for wheelchairs can help to mitigate barriers to access. Pharmacies may also provide a delivery service.

For those with visual impairments (as well as for those with mobility issues), it would be beneficial for pharmacies to ensure that the pathway is clear and unobstructed. Additionally, lighting, contrasting colours and the use of tactile signage, such as Braille may be supportive for those with visual impairments.

Pharmacists may need to adjust their approach to communication for those with certain disabilities, such as some learning disabilities or those with hearing impairments.

If a client has a physical or mental impairment that impacts their ability to manage their medication, pharmacies could apply reasonable adjustments to packaging or instructions to support.

#### 2.4.4 Pregnancy and maternity

This group may require advice on safe use of medication in pregnancy and breastfeeding. There are also many common health problems that are associated with pregnancy and the post-partum period, which pharmacies can provide advice and guidance on.

Additionally, ensuring that pharmacies are wheelchair accessible has the additional benefit of making them pram accessible, which may make pharmacies easier to access for those with young children.

#### 2.4.5 Race

Ethnic minority communities experience health inequalities and generally worse health outcomes than the overall population (although patterns vary for each health condition and some groups have worse health than others.) Deprivation is likely to be a driving factor in this inequality, meaning that some of the barriers in the section on socioeconomic deprivation section may apply.

Particularly for those who were born outside of the UK, there may be additional barriers, such as language and a lack of understanding of how the UK healthcare system works. Where appropriate, pharmacies should consider translated materials and/or services and should take care to ensure patients understand the services and support that are available to them.

#### 2.4.6 Religion

Religious belief may influence the medications that an individual is willing to take, such as medications including animal products. Certain customs such as fasting or specific prayer times may also impact a patient's adherence to treatment plans.

Pharmacies should provide sensitive advice and guidance to patients and find alternative options where appropriate.

#### 2.4.7 Sex

Some services provided by pharmacies are sex-specific, such as female contraception.

Women are more likely to provide unpaid care, so may be more likely to access pharmacy services on behalf of older or younger relatives. Some of the mitigations outlined in the age section of this assessment may also benefit unpaid carers, such as home delivery and advice and guidance on the appropriate use of medications based on age.

#### 2.4.8 Sexual orientation

LGBTQ people are more likely to engage in certain behaviours that are associated with poor health outcomes, such as smoking. Pharmacies should offer advice or signpost to relevant support such as smoking cessation services where appropriate.

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Men who have sex with men may also be at greater risk of HIV and may benefit from targeted, preventative treatment (such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis).

#### 2.4.9 Gender reassignment

Medication often plays a critical role in gender reassignment, making it important that pharmacists have a good understanding of the health needs of this group. This group may experience stigma, which could influence their access to and experience of healthcare services. On this basis, it is recommended that pharmacists consider ways to ensure that pharmacies are inclusive spaces for transgender and gender-diverse individuals.

Transgender and non-binary people may also be at greater risk of certain health conditions and may benefit from targeted preventative treatment (such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis to reduce the risk of getting HIV).

#### 2.4.10 Marriage and civil partnership

No specific pharmaceutical needs have been identified in relation to this protected characteristic.

#### 2.4.11 Asylum seekers and refugees

Asylum seekers and refugees are amongst the most vulnerable groups within society, with often complex health and social care needs. Many asylum seekers

arrive in relatively good health but the most common health problems affecting asylum seekers include:

- Communicable diseases – immunisation coverage level may be poor or non-existent for asylum seekers from countries where healthcare facilities are lacking
- Sexual health needs – Uptake of family planning services is low, which may reflect some of the barriers to accessing these services by women
- Chronic diseases such as diabetes or hypertension, which may not have been diagnosed in the country of origin, perhaps due to a lack of healthcare services
- Dental disorders – dental problems are commonly reported amongst refugees and asylum seekers.
- Consequences of injury and torture.
- Trauma and poor mental health.

Asylum seekers and refugees may need additional support in navigating the healthcare system and understanding what they have access to from a pharmaceutical perspective. Where appropriate, pharmacies should consider translated materials and/or services.

#### 2.4.12 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities face some of the highest levels of health deprivation, with significantly lower life expectancy, higher infant mortality, and higher maternal mortality alongside mental health issues, substance, misuse and diabetes. These issues are representative of various lifestyle factors alongside lack of integration with mainstream support services and a lack of trust in such institutions. Pharmacies building trust with this community may be challenging but could be critical in improving health outcomes.

#### 2.4.13 People with drug and/or alcohol dependence

Drug and alcohol dependence is associated with a number of adverse health outcomes and lower life expectancy. Pharmacological support can play an integral role in an individual's recovery and there are enhanced/locally commissioned services that are specifically targeted at supporting this group, such as needle exchange and supervised consumption.

As a vulnerable population group, it is important that this group has access to pharmacy services, including these locally commissioned services. It is recommended that the coverage for this population group is carefully considered in any decisions taken around pharmacy provision.

#### 2.4.14 Homeless people and rough sleepers

Homeless people and rough sleepers are more likely to experience poor health outcomes and have complex and intersecting health needs, including serious mental illness. Long-term physical health conditions are also common in this population, as are communicable diseases, such as hepatitis or tuberculosis.

This group may also lack trust in health services, which is a barrier to access. Pharmacies building trust with this community may be challenging but could be critical in improving health outcomes.

Homeless people and rough sleepers are more likely than the general population to experience drug and/or alcohol dependence. As above, it is recommended that the access to pharmacies and the coverage of enhanced services around supervised consumption and needle exchange is carefully considered to ensure the needs of this vulnerable group are met.

#### 2.4.15 Those in contact with the criminal justice system

Poor mental health is higher for those in contact with the criminal justice system, as are other health issues, including certain communicable diseases, such as Hepatitis B and C and HIV. They are also more likely than the overall population to engage in certain behaviours that are associated with poor health, such as smoking.

Those in contact with the criminal justice system are more likely than the general population to experience drug and/or alcohol dependence. As above, it is recommended that access to pharmacies and the coverage of enhanced services around supervised consumption and needle exchange is carefully considered to ensure the needs of this vulnerable group are met.

#### 2.4.16 Sex workers

Sex workers are at a higher risk for a number of health issues, including violence, poor mental health and STIs. Stigma and discrimination can also inhibit sex workers from accessing support and healthcare services. Pharmacies building trust with this community may be challenging but could be critical in improving health outcomes.

Sex workers are more likely than the general population to experience drug and/or alcohol dependence. As above, it is recommended that access to pharmacies and the coverage of enhanced services around supervised consumption and needle exchange is carefully considered to ensure the needs of this vulnerable group are met.

#### 2.4.17 Visitors to the area for business or to visit friends and family

It is not anticipated that the health needs of this patient group are likely to be very different to those of the general population of Rotherham. As they are only in the county for a short while their health needs are likely to be:

- Treatment of an acute condition which requires the dispensing of a prescription
- The need for repeat medication
- Support for self-care or
- Signposting to other health services such as a GP or dentist

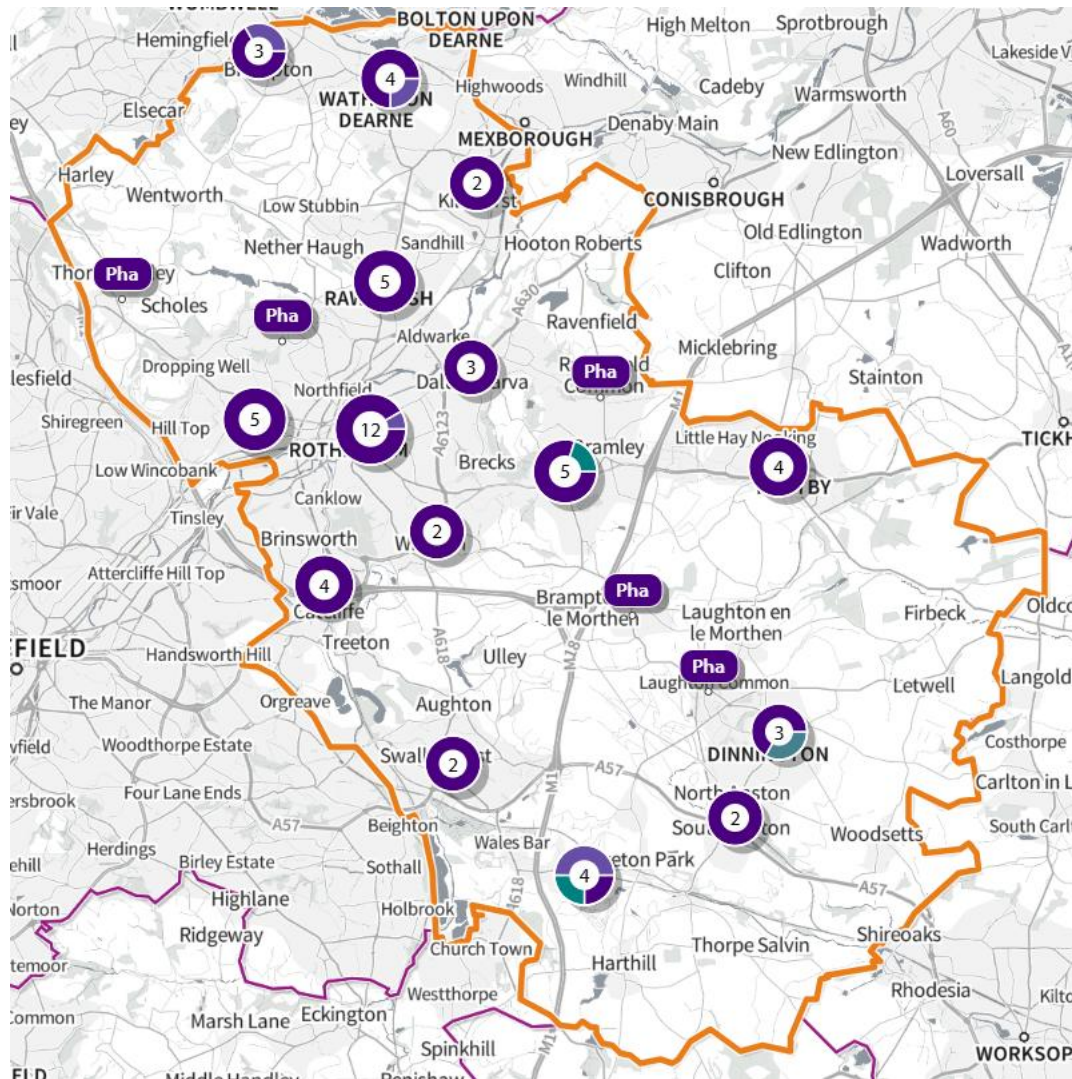
### 3 Current provision of pharmaceutical services in Rotherham

As of January 2025, there were 65 pharmaceutical service providers for the area of Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board (maps 1-5). This includes:

- 61 Pharmacies
- 1 dispensing appliance contractor (DAC)
- 3 dispensing GP Practices.

A full list of pharmaceutical service providers is provided in Annex 4. The distribution of service providers across Rotherham is visually provided at Maps \_.


Map 1: Premises at which pharmaceutical services are provided in Rotherham




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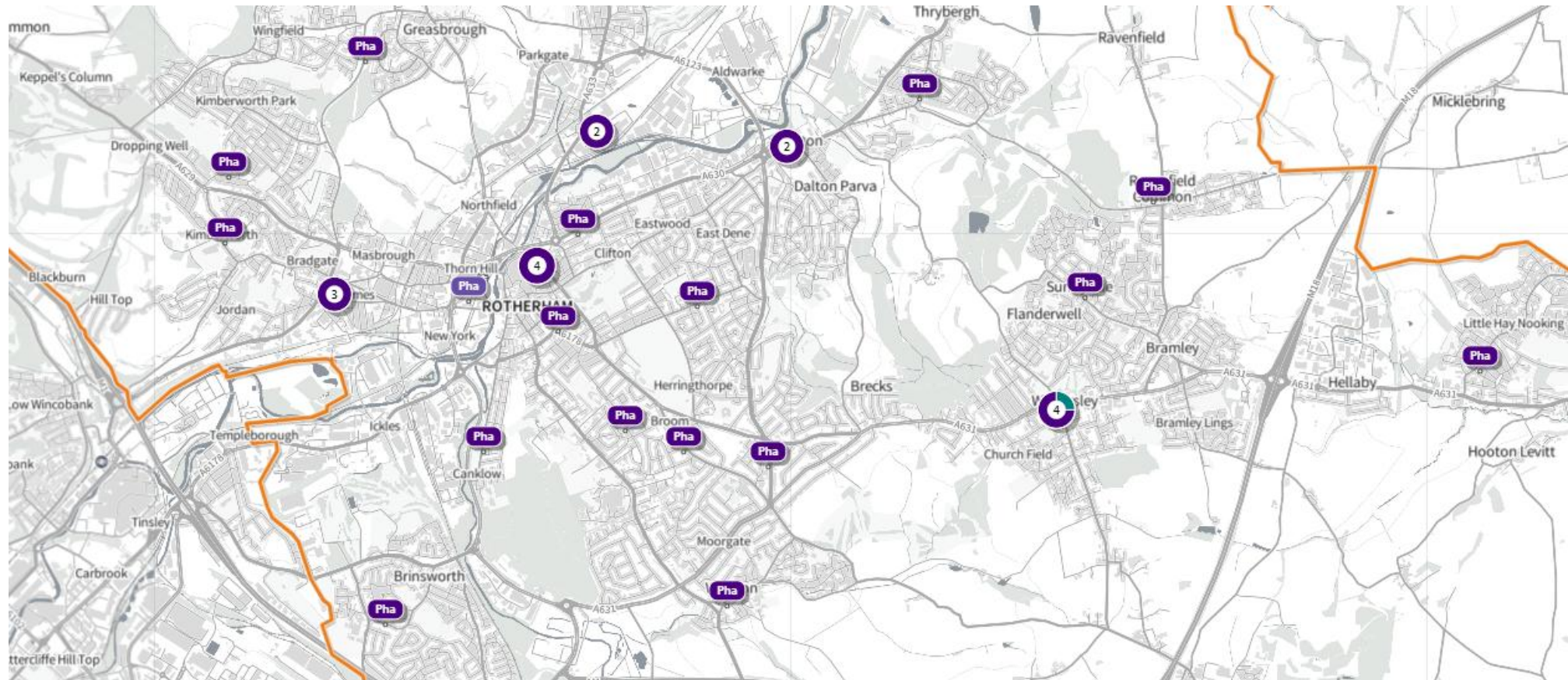
 Single Pharmacy

 Multiple pharmacies located too close together to be able to display separately without increasing the resolution

 Pharmacy/ies and Dispensing GP/s which are located too close together to be able to display separately without increasing the resolution (here, there are three providers in total – two pharmacies, and one Dispensing GP)



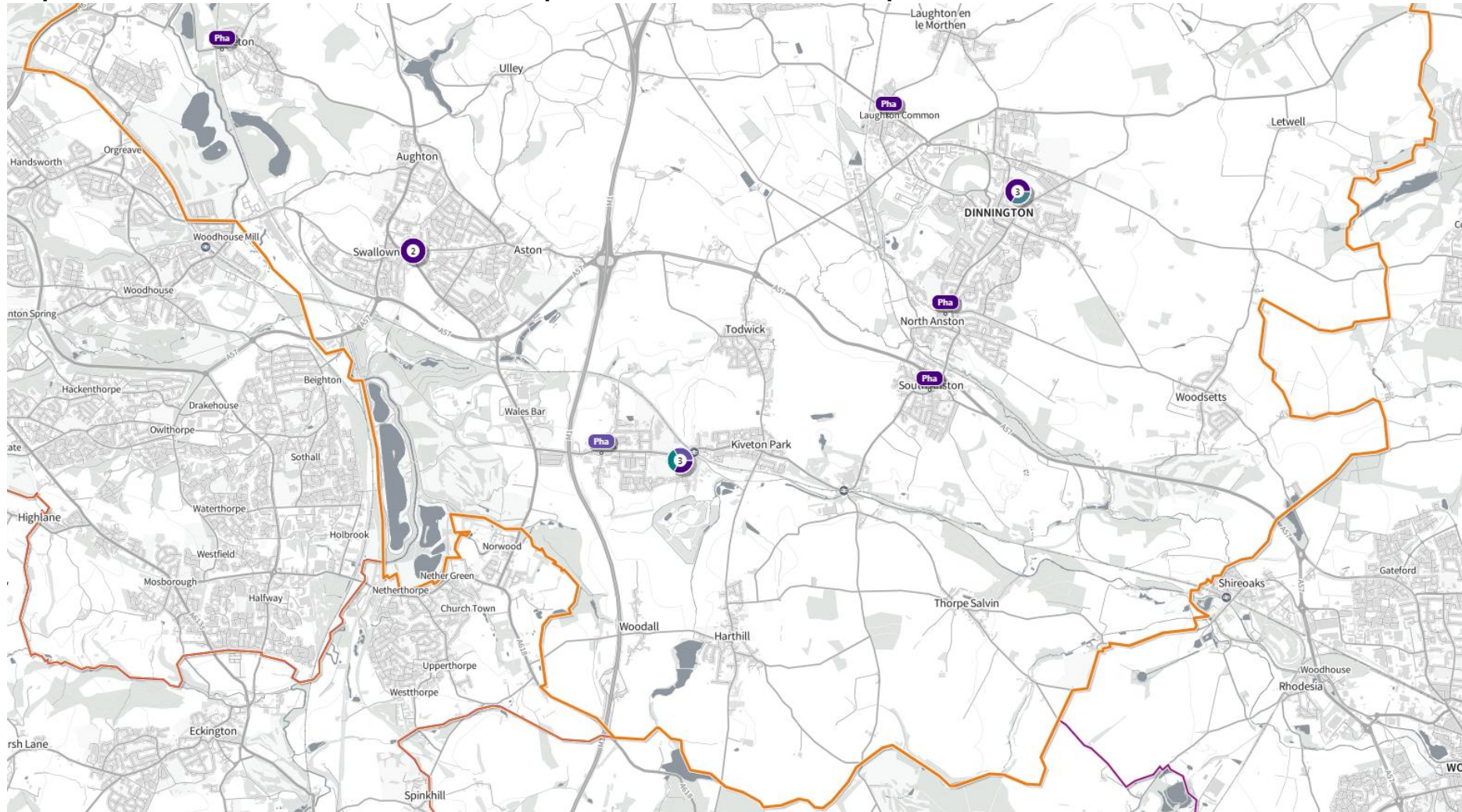
Map 3: Central / West Rotherham: Premises at which pharmaceutical services are provided



Map 4: Central East Rotherham: Premises at which pharmaceutical services are provided



Map 5: South Rotherham: Premises at which pharmaceutical services are provided



## 4 Assessment of service availability

### 4.1 Pharmaceutical service providers per 100,000 people

For the purposes of determining whether the number of pharmacies in Rotherham is sufficient for the population size of Rotherham and whether there is sufficient choice, it was determined that the total number of pharmacies per head of population should be comparable with, or better than, the national average. In England, 2023/24, there were 12,009 active community pharmacies<sup>4</sup>, and a population of 57,690,323<sup>5</sup> (mid-2023). This indicates 20.8 pharmacies per 100,000 population head.

There are 61 community pharmacies in Rotherham, and a population of 268,267 (mid-2022 – most recent estimate for local areas) indicating 22.7 pharmacies per population head. The range within Rotherham is from 60.0 per 100,000 in Boston Castle ward to 9.6 per 100,000 in Brinsworth ward. 15 wards have a rate of pharmacies per 100,000 population head below the Rotherham average (below is worse) (table 2).

The wards with the highest rate are Boston Castle, Rawmarsh West and Rawmarsh East (60.0, 42.1, and 34.0 per 100,000 respectively). The wards with the lowest rates are Brinsworth, Bramley & Ravenfield, and Aston & Todwick (9.6, 10.7, and 10.7 respectively).

Ward	Index of Multiple Deprivation Score (Red = most deprived, green = least deprived)	Number of pharmacies	Population	Average population per pharmacy	Pharmacies per 100,000 population head
Rother Vale	24.9	2	9980	4990.0	20.0
Boston Castle	36.9	9	14989	1665.4	60.0
Aston & Todwick	14.9	1	9307	9307.0	10.7
Dalton & Thrybergh	54.4	3	8957	2985.7	33.5
Rawmarsh East	36.8	3	8820	2940.0	34.0
Wath	30.7	4	12207	3051.8	32.8
Rotherham West	39.2	3	14438	4812.7	20.8
Rawmarsh West	30.8	4	9490	2372.5	42.1
Hoober	24.9	3	11027	3675.7	27.2
Sitwell	13.7	2	13439	6719.5	14.9
Rotherham East	57.5	2	16638	8319.0	12.0
Wales	15.7	3	10302	3434.0	29.1

<sup>4</sup> General Pharmaceutical Services in England 2015-16 - 2023-24, [General Pharmaceutical Services in England 2015-16 - 2023-24 | NHSBSA](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Estimates of the population for England and Wales - Office for National Statistics](#)

Kilnhurst & Swinton East	27.7	1	7792	7792.0	12.8
Dinnington	29.4	3	11941	3980.3	25.1
Anston & Woodsetts	16.3	2	12170	6085.0	16.4
Maltby East	44.6	2	9528	4764.0	21.0
Thurcroft & Wickersley South	29.5	2	9789	4894.5	20.4
Keppel	26.0	2	13933	6966.5	14.4
Greasbrough	43.7	1	7817	7817.0	12.8
Wickersley North	18.9	3	11645	3881.7	25.8
Hellaby & Maltby West	17.7	2	8395	4197.5	23.8
Bramley & Ravenfield	14.3	1	9366	9366.0	10.7
Brinsworth	20.8	1	10407	10407.0	9.6
Aughton & Swallownest	25.1	1	7513	7513.0	13.3
Swinton Rockingham	29.3	1	8377	8377.0	11.9
<b>Total</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>268267</b>	<b>4397.8</b>	<b>22.7</b>

Table 2: Pharmacy availability per population head, Rotherham and Rotherham wards.

## 4.2 Availability and access according to distance and travel time

For the purposes of determining whether residents require better access and towards identifying improvements for pharmaceutical services **the proportion of the population within 15-minute walk of a provider pharmaceutical services** was reviewed. This indicator was selected because rates of car ownership are not uniform across the population.

In Rotherham, 23% of our population do not have access to a car or van in their household (26,000 of 114,000 households). The range across the borough is 5% to 62%, and if grouped into deprivation, this is 40% in the most deprived decile through 10% in the least deprived. There is a correlation, figure 2, showing a more deprived area has a greater proportion of the population that does not have access to a car or van and therefore may require access to a pharmacy be either a walk or on public transport.

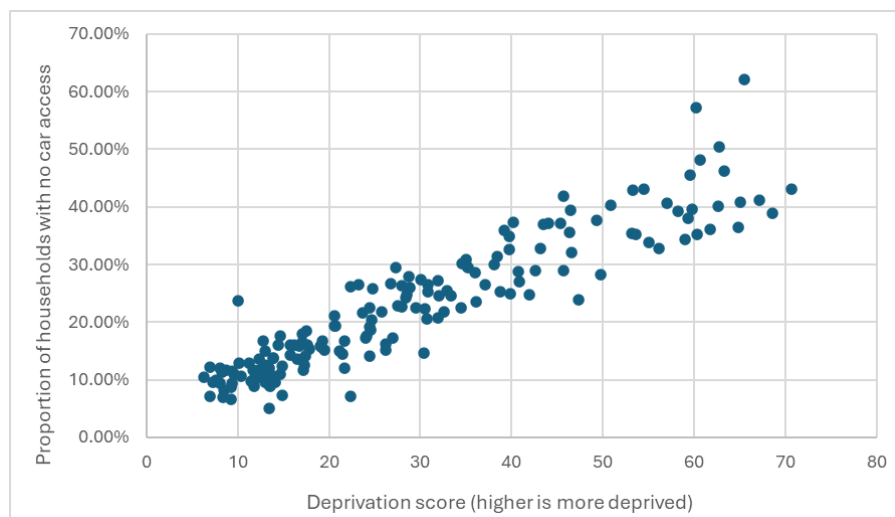


Figure 2: LSOA deprivation score and proportion of households with no car access.

Two additional indicators of geographical access were also considered:

- the proportion of the population **within a 1.6km walk** of a provider of pharmaceutical services; and
- the proportion of the population within a **10-minute drive (during rush hour)** of a provider of pharmaceutical services.

Included and excluded populations are calculated using LSOA geographic boundaries and a LSOA is excluded from the count of population if the LSOA centroid is not within the travel catchment selected.

In analysing availability, consideration was given to whether there is sufficient access to pharmaceutical services across the population as a whole and also how access differs according to deprivation and age – both factors which are associated with poorer health.

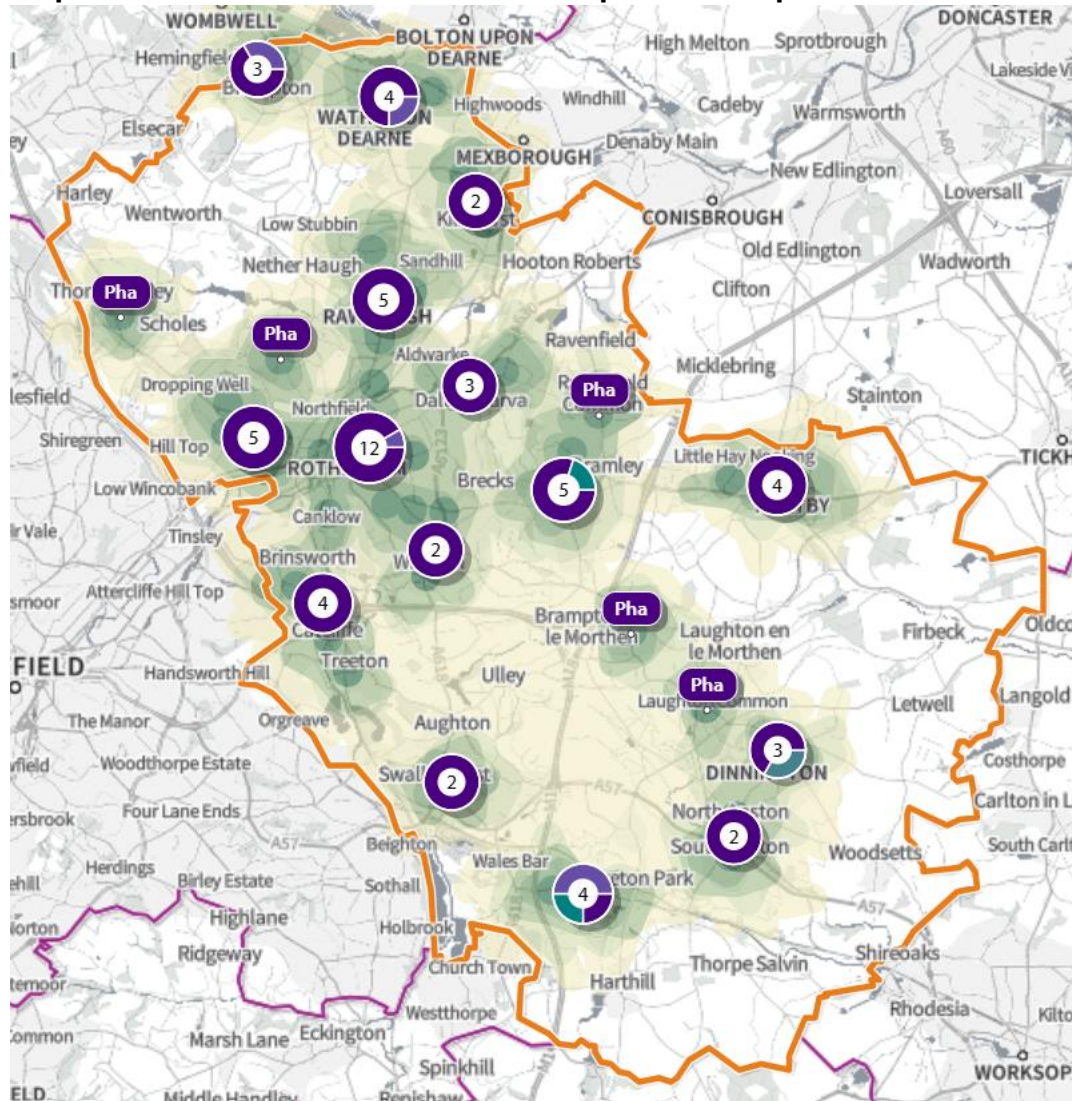
There is no national guidance or definition of sufficient access, but where possible, comparisons were made with figures included in the 2022 PNA.

For the sake of simplicity, the detailed analysis outlined below focuses primarily on Rotherham-based providers although it is possible Rotherham residents access pharmaceutical providers outside of Rotherham.

#### 4.2.1 Walk time

Map 6 shows how walk time to pharmacies varies across Rotherham. The darker the shading, the less time it takes to walk to a pharmaceutical service provider.

Map 6: Walk time to Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services



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From Table 3, we see that 83.4% of the population of Rotherham live within a 15-minute walk of a Rotherham-based pharmaceutical service provider. This is 3.9 percentage points lower than the proportion in the 2022 PNA.

**Table 3: Walk time to a Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services**

	Included Rotherham residents	Included Rotherham residents	Excluded Rotherham residents	Excluded Rotherham residents
Walk time to a Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services	Number	%	Number	%
5 mins	92,875	34.6%	175,392	65.4%
10 mins	187,527	69.9%	80,740	30.1%
15 mins	225,776	84.2%	42,491	15.8%
20 mins	254,684	94.9%	13,583	5.1%
30 mins	261,979	97.7%	6,288	2.3%

Figure 3 provides detail about the demographic profile of those Rotherham residents living more than 15 minutes-walk from a provider of pharmaceutical services – referred to as ‘the excluded’.

The areas that are excluded, due residents living more than 15 minutes’ walk from a Rotherham-based pharmaceutical services provider, are a population of 42,491 residents from 28 LSOAs. This is an increase of 5,183 people and 4 LSOAs compared to the 2022 PNA.

#### *Deprivation and age*

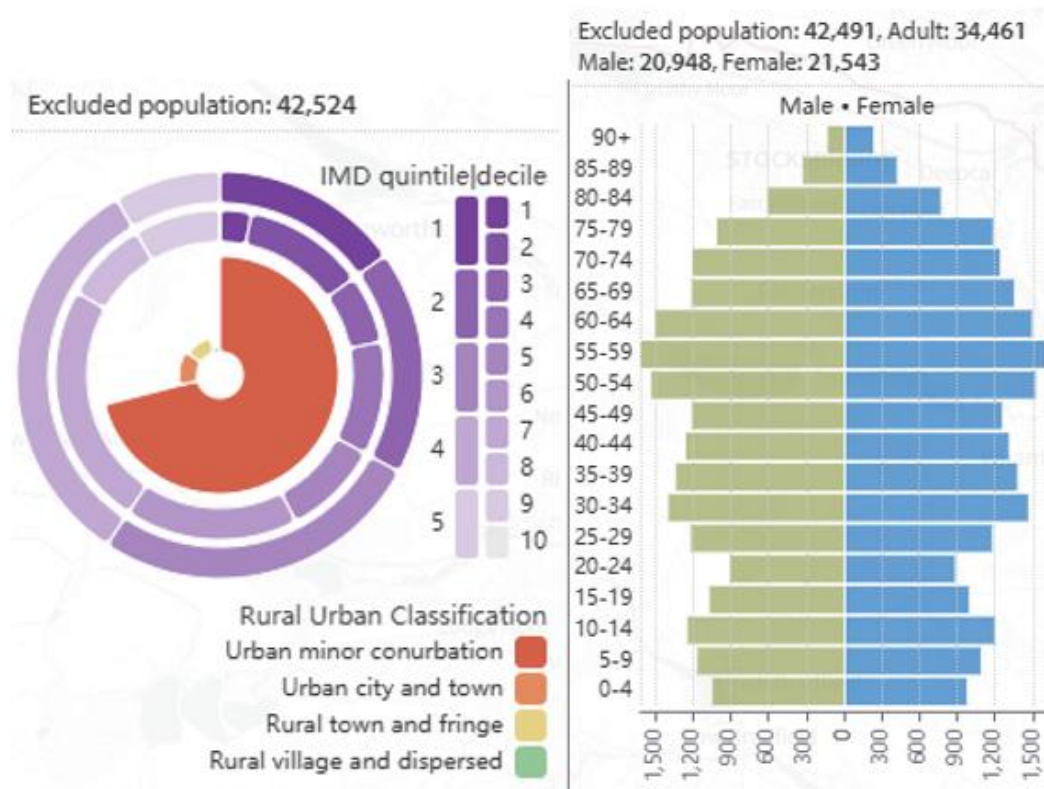
93.2% (87,883) of residents who live in the 20% most deprived LSOAs are within a 15-minute walk of a pharmacy. 6.8% (6,401) are further than a 15-minute walk from a pharmacy.

Of LSOAs with population excluded, 1 had an IMD score of 1 (most deprived), 3 had a score of 2, 2 with a score of 3, 3 with a score of 4, 3 with a score of 5, 5 with a score of 6, 7 with a score of 7, 2 with a score of 8 and 2 with a score of 9 (least deprived) (table 4).

IMD decile	Number of LSOAs with some population excluded
1 (most deprived)	1
2	3
3	2
4	3
5	3
6	5
7	7
8	2
9 (least deprived)	2

The proportion of the population aged over 65 in Rotherham is 19.8%, higher than the England average of 18.7%. Of the 28 LSOAs with excluded population, 21 have a greater percentage of the population over 65 years old compared to Rotherham (ranging from 20.5% to 36.9%). Of the 4 excluded LSOAs which were in the most deprived quintile, 2 have a greater population of those aged 65 than the Rotherham average.

**Figure 3: Demographic characteristics of population living more than 15 minutes' walk from a Rotherham-based pharmaceutical services provider.**



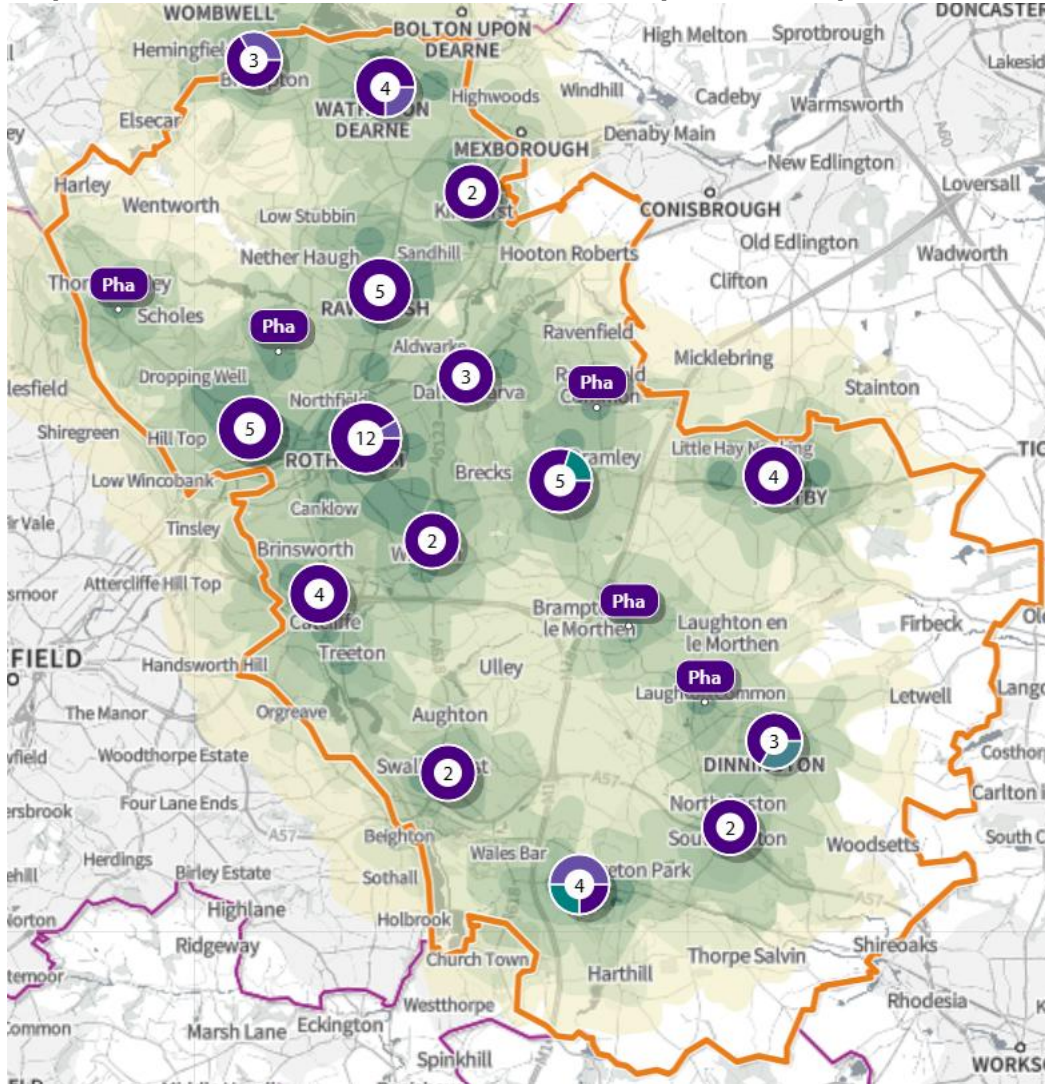
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Due to the dispersed geography of these excluded LSOAs, there are no obvious single geographies excluded, that have a high population density, where a new service provider would reduce the volume of people excluded.

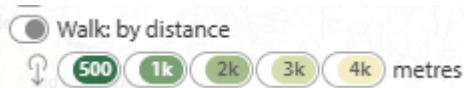
#### 4.2.2 Walk distance

Map 7 and table 5 show the walk distance to pharmaceutical services in Rotherham. The darker the shading, the closer the population is to a provider of pharmaceutical services.

Map 7: Walk distance to Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services



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	Population included within this radius	Population included within this radius	Population living beyond this radius	Population living beyond this radius
Walk distance Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services	Number	%	Number	%
500m	147,355	54.9%	120,912	45.1%
1.6km (1 mile)	256,105	95.5%	12,162	4.5%
3km	266,433	99.3%	1,834	0.7%
4km	268,267	100.0%	0	0.0%

*Table 5: Walking distance to a Rotherham pharmaceutical provider.*

#### 4.2.3 Drive time

As shown in Table 6, 100% of Rotherham-based residents live within a 10-minute drive of a Rotherham based pharmaceutical services provider during rush hour.

	Rotherham population living within this drive time of a Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services	Rotherham population living within this drive time of a Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services	Rotherham population living outside this drive time of a Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services	Rotherham population living outside this drive time of a Rotherham-based provider of pharmaceutical services
Drive time (in rush hour)	No.	%	No.	%
5 mins	263,464	98.2%	4,803	1.8%
10 mins	268,267	100.0%	0	0.0%

*Table 6: Driving time to a Rotherham pharmaceutical provider.*

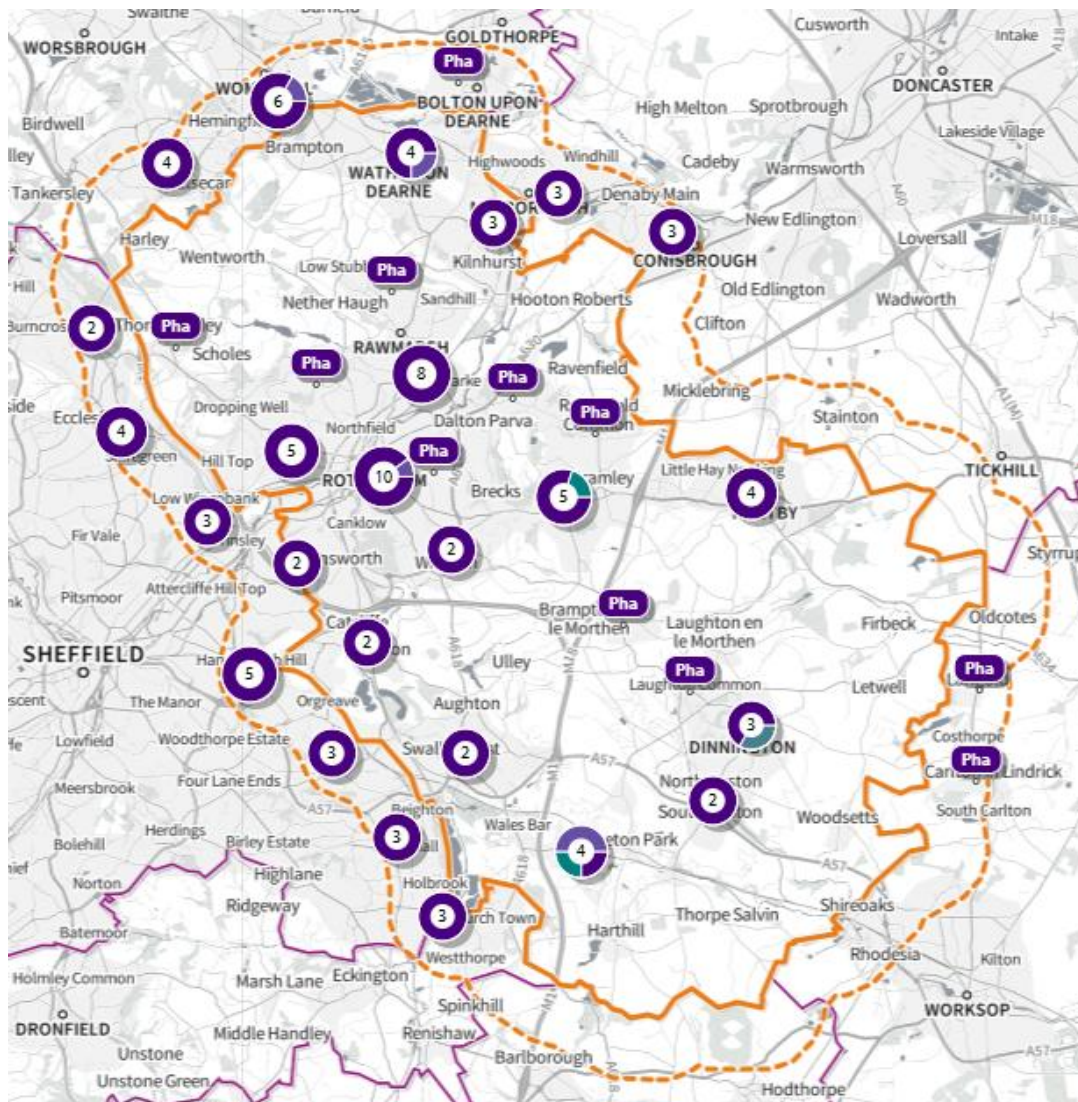
#### 4.2.4 Access to cross-border pharmaceutical services

Patients have a choice of where they access pharmaceutical services. This may be close to their doctors, their home, their place of work, or where they go for shopping, recreational or other reasons. Rotherham shares borders with several other local authorities each with their own HWB and associated PNA. It is common for

Rotherham residents to access services in areas served by neighbouring HWBs, and for people from neighbouring areas to access services within Rotherham.

To account for the cross-border movement of individuals between Rotherham and neighbouring areas, analysis of the time and distance to pharmaceutical services, including Rotherham-based pharmacies, and those within 1.6km of the Rotherham border, has been conducted in the SHAPE mapping tool. Once pharmacies that lie within this range are included (see Map 8), the total number of pharmacies increases to 104.

### Map 8: Pharmaceutical services in Rotherham, and within 1.6km of the Rotherham boarder



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Including these cross-border pharmacies has a marginal impact on the proportion of Rotherham residents within 15 minutes' walk, or 1.6km (1 mile) walk, of a pharmaceutical services provider. The proportion of Rotherham residents within 15

minutes' walk increases from 84.2% to 84.8% when including these cross-border pharmacies (a further 1,590 people). The proportion of Rotherham residents within 1.6km (1 mile) walk increases from 95.5% to 96.6% when including these cross-border pharmacies (a further 2,980 people). As all Rotherham residents were within a 10-minute drive at rush hour of a pharmaceutical services provider without including these cross-border pharmacies, including these pharmacies has no impact.

### 4.3 Availability according to opening times

Each Community Pharmacy is required to be open for 40 hours a week minimum (referred to as Core Hours). There are four 100-hour pharmacies; at the previous PNA in 2022, there were five.

Pharmacy owners who want to change their supplementary opening hours are required by their terms of service to notify the relevant ICB.<sup>6</sup> If a pharmacy owner wants to:

- **increase** supplementary opening hours at the pharmacy, notification of the change must be given to the ICB in advance of the increase but there is no notice period.<sup>7</sup>
- **decrease** supplementary opening hours at the pharmacy, How long a period of notice is to be given will depend on how the contractor wishes to change their supplementary opening hours.<sup>8</sup>

Pharmacy owners are encouraged to give the ICB as much notice of changes as they can of any changes to supplementary opening hours

For the purposes of assessing opening hours, the HWB considered access to a pharmacy or dispensing GP of primary importance during normal working hours (9am-5pm) during the week. This generally coincides with the opening hours of GP surgeries, when people are likely to receive prescriptions. The HWB also considered access at weekends, and out of hours.

Out of hours, when pharmacies and GPs are closed, people's remaining options to access Pharmacy First services would be to access referrals through NHS 111 (online and via telephone), or through urgent and emergency care settings.<sup>9</sup>

#### 4.3.1 Weekday opening

Figure 4 shows the number of hours Rotherham pharmacies are open Monday – Friday. Similar patterns of opening hours are seen across all weekdays, with most pharmacies open for 8-10hours per day. Most of Rotherham's pharmacies open between 8.30am-9.00am Monday to Friday with some opening much earlier (for

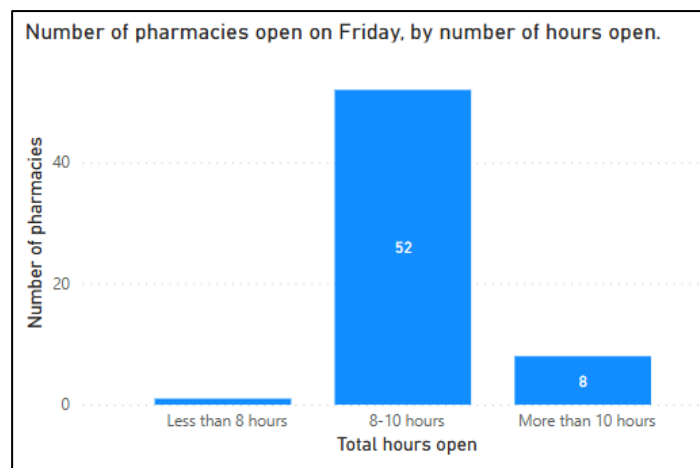
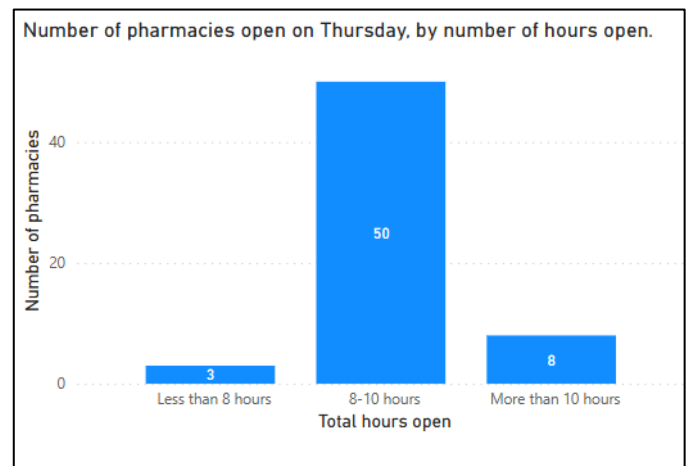
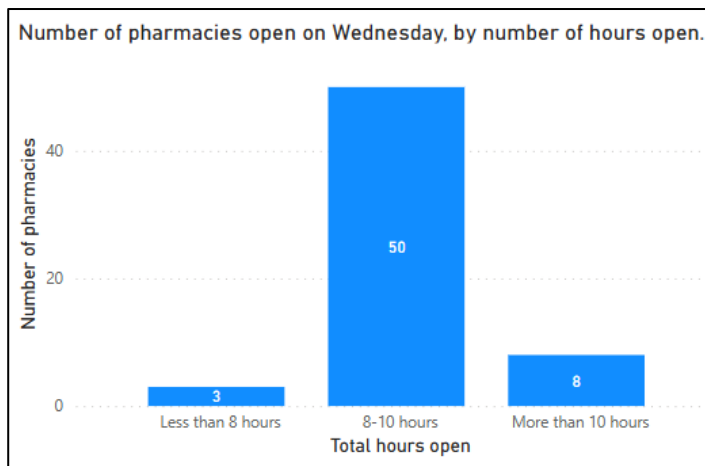
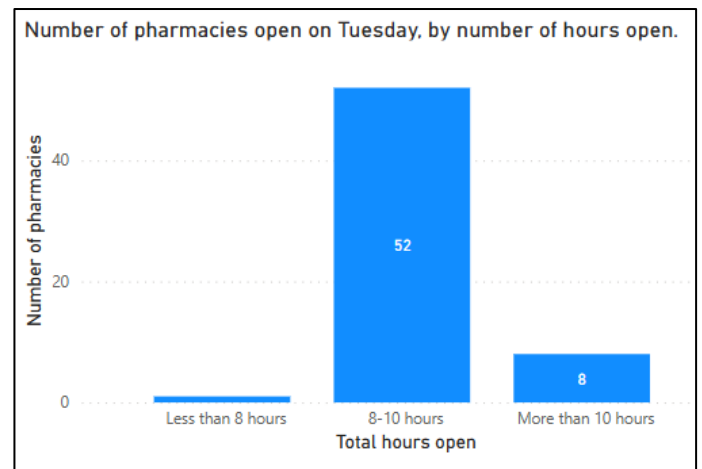
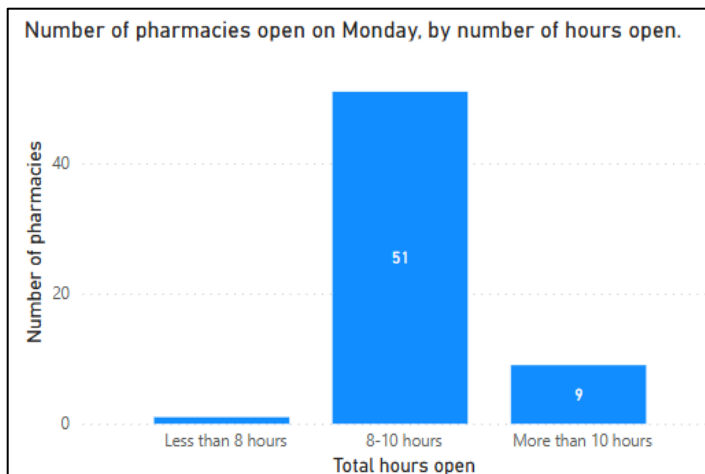
<sup>6</sup> [Changing Supplementary Opening Hours - Community Pharmacy England](#)

<sup>7</sup> [NHS England » Guidance on the NHS \(pharmaceutical and local pharmaceutical services\) \(amendment\) regulations 2023. Chapter 4.4.1](#)

<sup>8</sup> [NHS England » Guidance on the NHS \(pharmaceutical and local pharmaceutical services\) \(amendment\) regulations 2023. Chapter 4.4](#)

<sup>9</sup> [NHS England » Pharmacy First](#)

example, between 6.30am-8.00am). Most pharmacies close between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Two pharmacies open at 8am, whilst no pharmacies open earlier.

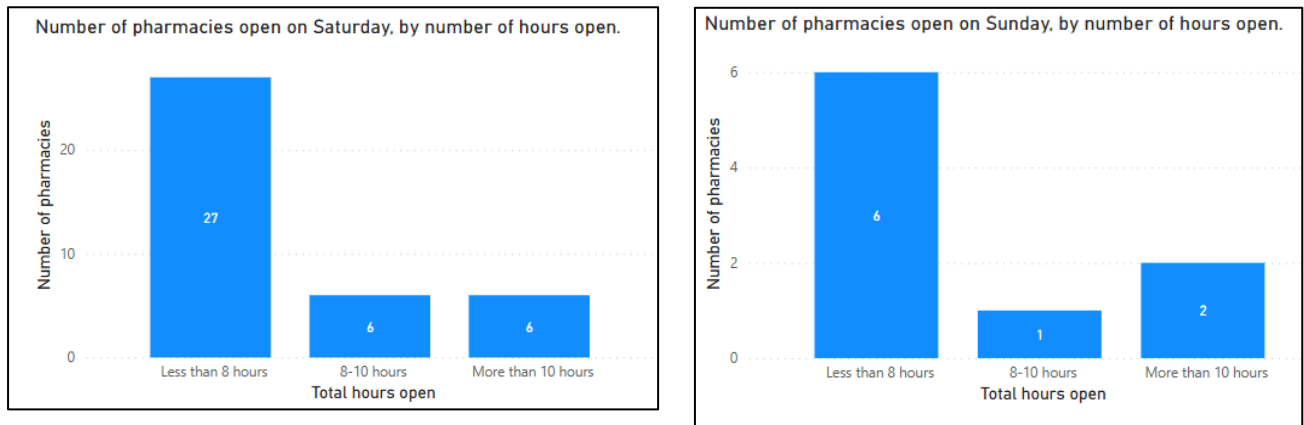


**Figure 4: Pharmacy opening hours by day – weekday.**

### 4.3.2 Weekend opening hours

Of the 61 community pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025, 39 pharmacies (63.9%) are open on a Saturday, and 9 pharmacies (14.8%) are open on a Sunday (figure 5).

Of the 39 pharmacies open on a Saturday, 27 (69.2%) are open for less than 8 hours. The majority of these are open for 4 hours or less, closing by 1pm.



**Figure 5: Pharmacy opening hours by day – weekend.**

Analysis of populations with access to Saturday and Sunday opening shows that there is a reduction in access over the weekend – particularly on Sundays. Almost 100% of Rotherham residents live within 10 mins drive of an open pharmacy on Saturdays, however this decreases to nearly three quarters of residents on Sundays (73.9%). There is a larger difference in the proportion of residents within a 15-minute walk or a 1 mile walk on Saturdays and Sundays (table 7 and map 9).

This is within the context that there is limited out of hours prescriptions coverage on a Sunday at primary care level. There are two pharmacies open late on a Sunday: Rawmarsh Pharmacy (open until 9pm) and Wickersley Pharmacy (open until 9:45pm). Urgent primary care support is also available at the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre for those who need management of a primary care problem within the next 48 hours.<sup>10</sup> The urgent primary care service runs from 8am to 10pm every day. When urgent primary care closes at 10pm, urgent access to primary care services is through NHS 111. As part of this service, people can request a limited emergency supply of a regular prescription they have completely run out of.<sup>11</sup>

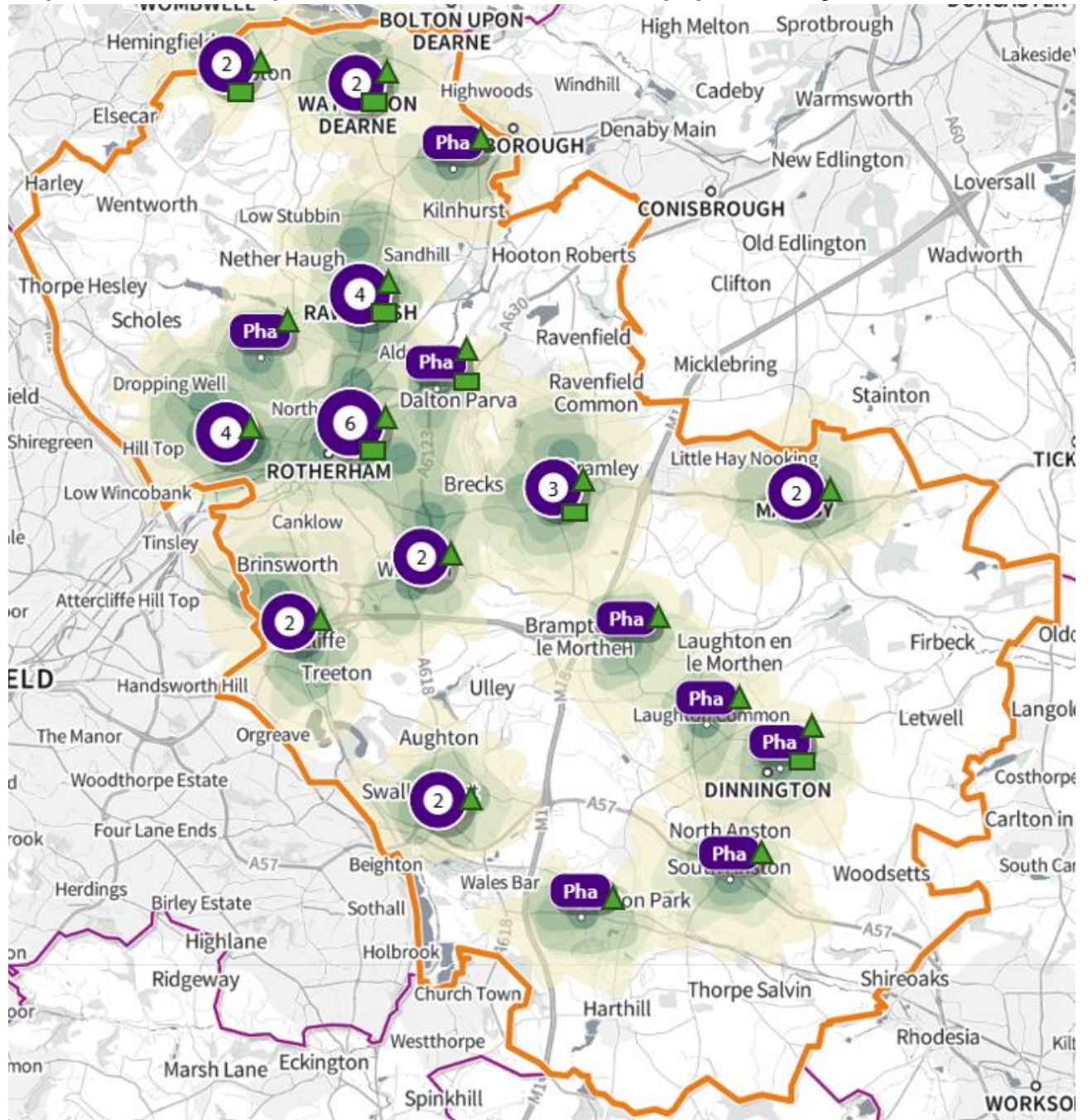
<sup>10</sup> [What to expect when in the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre | The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust](#)

<sup>11</sup> [Emergency prescriptions - NHS 111](#)

	Included population	Included population
	No. of people	%
<b>Saturday opening</b>		
Walk time of 15mins	187,456	69.9%
Walk distance of 1.6km (1 mile)	241,151	89.9%
Drive time of 10 mins	266,888	99.5%
<b>Sunday opening</b>		
Walk time of 15mins	54,575	20.3%
Walk distance of 1.6km	97,814	36.5%
Drive time of 10 mins	198,314	73.9%

*Table 7: Included population by weekend day and travel type.*

Map 9: Pharmacies open at weekends and included population by walk time



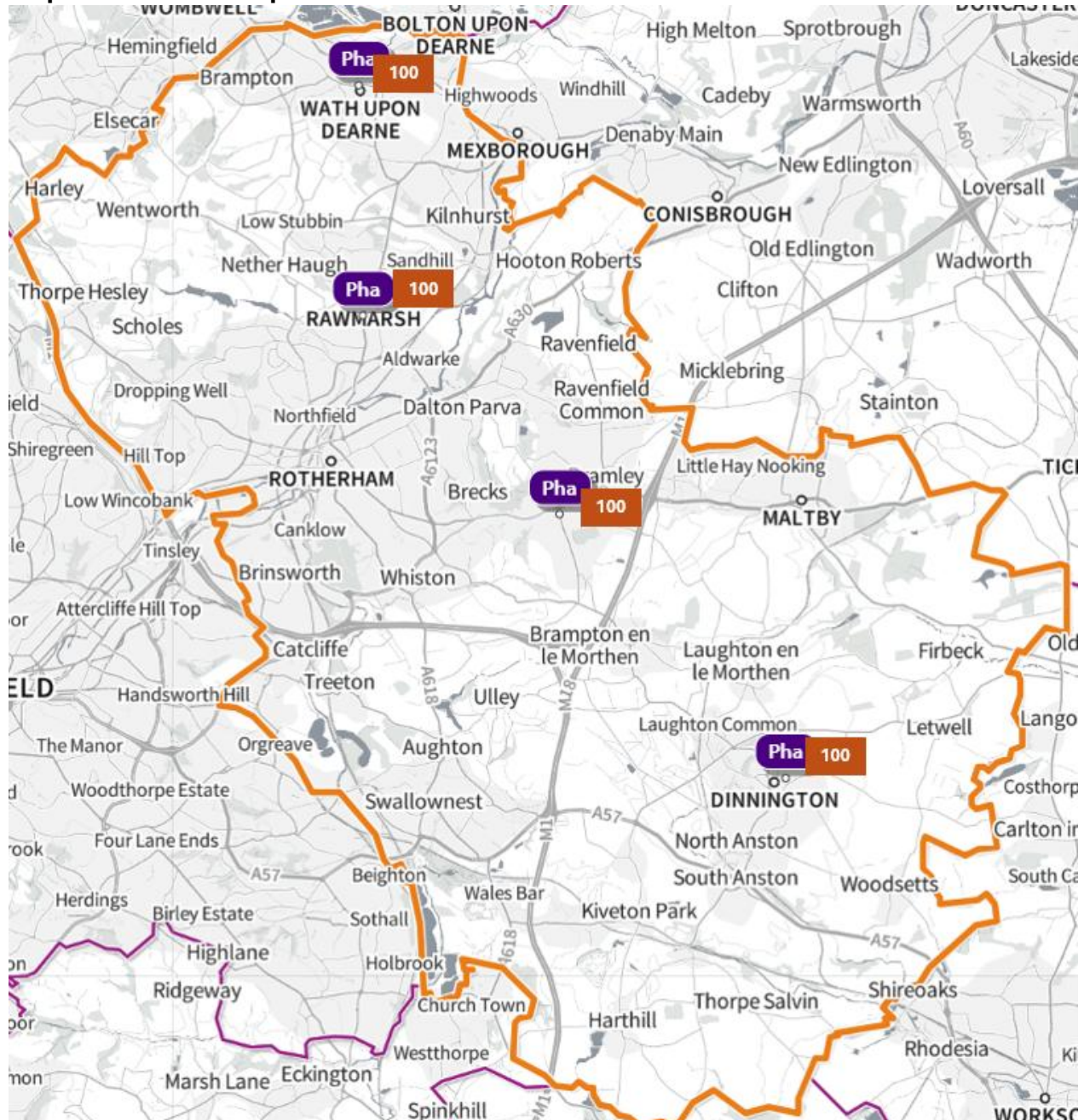
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### 4.3.2 Evening opening

There are four 100-hour pharmacies in Rotherham (map 10). There has been a reduction in evening pharmacies provision since the previous PNA in 2022; there were previously five 100-hour pharmacies. There are now no pharmacies in Rotherham open later than 9pm Monday to Friday, compared to five at the previous PNA. There are also no pharmacies in Rotherham open later than 9pm Saturday, compared to five at the previous PNA (table 8).

**Map 10: Rotherham pharmacies with a 100-hour contract**



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Under the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2005 (regulation 13(1)(b)), primary care trusts were required to grant applications for inclusion in a pharmaceutical list where the applicant undertook to provide pharmaceutical services for at least 100 hours per week. Such pharmacies have become known as “100-hour pharmacies”.

Whilst the ability to apply to open a new 100-hour pharmacy was removed from the regulations with effect from 1 September 2012, the requirement on these pharmacies to continue to be open for 100 hours per week was carried into the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. NHS England could not vary or remove this “100 hours condition” (regulation 65(3)). With effect from 25 May 2023, the 2013 regulations have been amended so that a pharmacy contractor can now apply to the relevant Integrated Care Board (ICB) to reduce the total core opening hours of their 100-hour pharmacy. These applications must be granted where they meet the requirements of the regulations. The requirements are that the pharmacy will still have:

- at least 72 core opening hours per week;
- core opening hours between 5pm and 9pm Monday to Saturday;
- core opening hours on a Sunday between 11am and 4pm, if the pharmacy currently has core hours at these times. The contractor may introduce a rest break provided it is no longer than one hour, and starts at least three hours after the pharmacy opens and ends at least three hours before it closes, and
- the changes must not reduce the total number of core opening hours on a Sunday.

Additionally, the contractor must provide the ICB with at least five weeks’ notice of the proposed changes.

The four 100-hour pharmacies in Rotherham reduced their opening hours following a valid application to the ICB and one 100-hour pharmacy has closed (Maltby Pharmacy (FAA29) closed on 17/09/2023). The four 100-hour pharmacies are:

- Dinnington Pharmacy
- Rawmarsh Pharmacy
- Tesco Pharmacy (Wath upon Dearne)
- Wickersley Pharmacy

For a full list of pharmacies and their opening hours, please see [Annex 4](#).

**Table 8: Comparison of pharmacies open after 9pm and on Sundays between the 2023 and 2025.**

Opening Times	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Narrative
Later than 21:00 Monday to Friday	5	0	There are now no pharmacies open later than 21:00 Monday-Friday in Rotherham
Later than 21:00 on Saturday	5	0	There are now no pharmacies open later than 21:00 Saturday in Rotherham
Open on a Sunday	9	9	There are the same number of pharmacies open on a Sunday

## 4.4 Availability by service type

Data for pharmacies operating in Rotherham is up to date as of the beginning of January 2025, using the Quarter 3 2024/25 list of pharmacies from NHS Business Services Authority.<sup>12</sup> Data for services provided by pharmacies in Rotherham and the number of deliveries covers January to December 2024, from NHS Business Services Authority.<sup>13</sup>

As of January 2025, there were 61 pharmacies, 1 DAC and 3 dispensing GPs operating in Rotherham.

### 4.4.1 Pharmaceutical services: an overview

#### 4.4.1.1 Essential services

**Table 9: Essential services**

Service	Description
Dispensing medicines	This service involves the supply of medicines and appliances ordered on NHS prescriptions, together with information and advice, to enable safe and effective use by patients and carers, and maintenance of appropriate records.
Dispensing repeat prescriptions	This involves dispensing prescriptions which contain more than one month's supply of drugs on them. For example, an electronic repeatable prescription may say that the prescription interval is every 28 days and it can be repeated six times. This would give a patient approximately six months' supply of medication, dispensed every 28 days with the prescriber only needing to authorise them once.
Discharge Medicines Service	This service aims to reduce the risk of medication problems when a person is discharged from hospital. Under this service a pharmacist will review a person's medicines on discharge and ensure that any changes are actioned accordingly.
Disposal of unwanted medicines	Community pharmacy owners are obliged to accept back unwanted medicines from patients. The local NHS contract management team will make arrangements for a waste contractor to collect the medicines from pharmacies at regular intervals.
Healthy Living Pharmacies	The Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) framework aims to achieve a consistent provision of a broad range of health promotion interventions through community pharmacies to

<sup>12</sup> [Consolidated Pharmaceutical List - Open Data Portal](#)

<sup>13</sup> [Dispensing contractors' data | NHSBSA](#)

Service	Description
	meet local need, improving the health and wellbeing of the local population and helping to reduce health inequalities.
Support for self-care	<p>This service involves the provision of information to people visiting the pharmacy, who require further support, advice or treatment which cannot be provided by the pharmacy, on other health and social care providers or support organisations who may be able to assist the person.</p> <p>To enhance access and choice for people who wish to care for themselves or their families. People, including carers, are provided with appropriate advice to help them self-manage a self-limiting or long-term condition, including advice on the selection and use of any appropriate medicines.</p>
Signposting	This service involves the provision of information to people visiting the pharmacy, who require further support, advice or treatment which cannot be provided by the pharmacy, on other health and social care providers or support organisations who may be able to assist the person.
Public health (promotion of healthy lifestyles)	<p>Each financial year (1st April to 31st March), pharmacies are required to participate in up to six health campaigns at the request of NHS England. This generally involves the display and distribution of leaflets provided by NHS England; see further details below.</p> <p>In addition, pharmacies are required to undertake prescription-linked interventions on major areas of public health concern, such as encouraging smoking cessation.</p> <p>This service involves the provision of opportunistic healthy lifestyle advice and public health advice to patients receiving prescriptions who appear to: a) have diabetes; or b) be at risk of coronary heart disease (especially those with high blood pressure); or c) who smoke; or d) are overweight, and pro-active participation in six health campaigns where requested to do so by NHS England and NHS Improvement.</p>

*Adapted from Community Pharmacy England.<sup>14</sup>*

<sup>14</sup> [Essential services - Community Pharmacy England](#)

#### 4.4.1.2 Advanced Services

Advanced Services are those which that require accreditation of the pharmacist providing the service and/or specific requirements to be met regarding premises.<sup>15</sup> A description of each Advanced Service is provided below.

**Table 10: Advanced services**

Service	Description
Appliance Use Review (AURs)	AURs should improve the patient's knowledge and use of any 'specified appliance' by establishing the way the patient uses the appliance and the patient's experience of such use; identifying, and resolving poor or ineffective use of the appliance by the patient; advising the patient on the safe and appropriate storage of the appliance; and advising the patient on disposal of the appliance/s.
Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS)	<p>The CPCS aimed to relieve pressure on the wider NHS by connecting patients who have a minor illness or need an urgent supply of a medicine with a community pharmacy. As well as referrals from GPs, the service takes referrals from NHS 111, Integrated Urgent Care Clinical Assessment Services and in some cases, via the 999 service.</p> <p>The two previous elements of the CPCS were incorporated into the Pharmacy First service when it launched on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 (see below) – urgent medicines supply and minor illness.</p>
Flu vaccination service	This service involves running a seasonal flu vaccination campaign (March to September) aiming to vaccinate all patients who are at risk of developing more serious complications from the virus
Hypertension case-finding service	This service has two stages: 1) identifying people at risk of hypertension and offering them blood pressure measurement (a 'clinic check'); 2) where clinically indicated, offer 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitoring. The blood pressure test results will then be shared with the patient's GP
Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Tests Supply Service	<p>The Lateral flow device tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments (LFD service) was commissioned as an Advanced service from 6th November 2023.</p> <p>This service is to offer at risk patients eligible for COVID-19 treatments, access to LFD tests to enable testing at home for COVID-19, if they develop symptoms of infection. A positive LFD test result will be used to inform a clinical assessment to determine whether the patient is</p>

<sup>15</sup> [Advanced services - Community Pharmacy England](#)

Service	Description
	suitable for and will benefit from NICE recommended COVID-19 treatments.
New Medicine Service	The service provides support for people with long-term conditions newly prescribed a medicine to help improve medicines adherence; it is focused on specific patient groups and conditions.
Smoking Cessation Advance Service	This service has been designed to enable NHS trusts to undertake a transfer of care on patient discharge, referring patients (where they consent) to a community pharmacy of their choice to continue their smoking cessation treatment, including providing medication and support as required. In Rotherham the QUIT programme has been rolled out to ensure access to nicotine addition services whilst accessing secondary care. This service will help ensure continuity of care upon discharge
Stoma Appliance Customisation Service	The aim of the service is to ensure proper use and comfortable fitting of a stoma appliance and to improve the duration of usage, thereby reducing waste.
Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)	<p>The PCS commenced on 24th April 2023, allowing the on-going supply of oral contraception (OC) from community pharmacies. From 1st December 2023, the service expanded to include both initiation and on-going supply of OC.</p> <p>From October 2025, subject to the introduction of IT updates to community pharmacy clinical services IT systems, the service will be expanded to include Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC).<sup>16</sup> There will be no age restrictions within the national service that will prevent supply.</p>
Pharmacy First	<p>The Pharmacy First service builds on the NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service which ran since October 2019.</p> <p>The new Pharmacy First service, launched 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, adds to the existing consultation service and enables community pharmacies to complete episodes of care for 7 common conditions following defined clinical pathways.</p> <p>The two previous elements of the CPCS were incorporated into the Pharmacy First service (see below) – urgent medicines supply and minor illness.</p>

<sup>16</sup> Adapted from: [Pharmacy Contraception Service \(PCS\) - Community Pharmacy England](#)

Service	Description
	<p>The local pharmacy can now supply prescription-only treatment, if they believe you need it, for the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sinusitis (for patients aged 12 years and over only)</li> <li>• Sore throat (aged 5+)</li> <li>• Earache (aged 1 year-17)</li> <li>• Infected insect bite (aged 1 year+)</li> <li>• Impetigo (aged 18 years+)</li> <li>• Shingles (aged 18 years+)</li> <li>• Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (women aged 16 to 64)</li> </ul>

#### 4.4.1.3 Enhanced and Locally Commissioned Services

**Table 11: Enhanced and Locally Commissioner Services**

Service	Description
Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)	<p>Free emergency oral contraception is available for Rotherham residents at select pharmacies as part of sexual health services commissioned by RMBC.<sup>17</sup> Where pharmacies are not signed up to deliver free EHC it can be purchased. Pharmacies will offer a user-friendly, non-judgmental, client-centred and confidential service.</p> <p>The pharmacy will provide support and advice to clients accessing the service, including advice on the avoidance of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) through safer sex and condom use, advice on the use of regular contraceptive methods and provide onward signposting to services that provide long-term contraceptive methods and diagnosis and management of STIs.</p>
Needle and Syringe Provision (NSP) – needle exchange	<p>This service involves the provision of access to sterile needles and syringes, and sharps containers for return of used equipment. Pharmacies will offer a user-friendly, non-judgmental, client-centred and confidential service.</p> <p>Pharmacies will provide support and advice to the user, including referral to other health and social care professionals and specialist drug and alcohol treatment services where appropriate.<sup>18</sup></p>

<sup>17</sup> Adapted from: [Emergency contraception | The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust](#)

<sup>18</sup> Adapted from: [Needle & Syringe Exchange - Community Pharmacy England](#)

Service	Description
Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) for pregnancy	<p>You can use nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) during pregnancy if it will help you stop smoking and you're unable to stop without it.</p> <p>NRT in pregnancy support is provided as part of the Rotherham Foundation Trust maternity services by the stopping smoking in pregnancy team. All pregnant smokers will be referred to the stopping smoking in pregnancy team. You can also buy it over the counter without a prescription from a pharmacy.<sup>19</sup></p>
Over the Counter (OTC) Medication Labelling Scheme	<p>The Community Pharmacy Labelling OTC Medication Scheme enables community pharmacies to label over the counter (OTC) medicines purchased for self-care, allowing them to be administered in settings such as schools or by care workers—without the need for a GP-issued NHS prescription.</p>
Palliative care	<p>The Palliative Care Scheme ensures that participating pharmacies keep a stock of certain palliative care drugs.</p>
Supervised consumption / administration	<p>This service will require the pharmacist to supervise the consumption of prescribed medicines at the point of dispensing in the pharmacy, ensuring that the dose has been administered to the patient. Pharmacies will offer a user-friendly, non-judgmental, client-centred and confidential service.</p> <p>Pharmacies will provide support and advice to the patient, including referral to primary care or specialist centres where appropriate.<sup>20</sup></p>
Varenicline – smoking cessation support	<p>Varenicline (previously called Champix) is a medicine used to help stop smoking in adults. It reduces nicotine cravings and helps with withdrawal symptoms.<sup>21</sup></p> <p>Varenicline is not recommended if you're pregnancy. This is because there is little safety information on its use in pregnancy. Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), such as nicotine patches and gum, can be used during pregnancy.<sup>22</sup></p>

<sup>19</sup> [Stop smoking in pregnancy - NHS](#)

<sup>20</sup> Adapted from: [Supervised Administration - Community Pharmacy England](#)

<sup>21</sup> [Varenicline – a medicine to help you stop smoking - NHS](#)

<sup>22</sup> [Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility while taking varenicline - NHS](#)

#### 4.4.2 Service availability in Rotherham

Essential Services are those services offered by all pharmacy contractors. As such, access to Essential Services within Rotherham equates to access to pharmacies overall – as covered in sections 4.1 and 4.2 above.

The Rotherham PNA steering group agreed that the Essential Services would make up the Necessary Services for the PNA alongside some advanced services based on health need in Rotherham. These are the advanced services of Pharmacy First, hypertension case-finding, flu vaccination, and contraception service.

Because not all service providers register to provide any / all Advanced or Locally Commissioned Services, access to these services differs by service type. Table 12 below provides a breakdown of the number and proportion of Rotherham pharmacies which provide each service. Annex 3 provides the same information at Ward level.

For Essential and Advanced Services, the number of pharmacies providing each service was calculated based on the number of pharmacies that had provided that service once or more in 2024.<sup>23</sup> The number of deliveries of each service was based on the number of times a service was declared by each pharmacy, or the number of fees for a service, each of which equate to one delivery of the service. For instance, one Stoma Appliance Customisation fee would equate to this service being delivered once.

Locally Commissioned Services data was provided by contractors and the Strategic Commissioning team in Adult Care, Housing and Public Health at RMBC.

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<sup>23</sup> Data for Essential and Advanced service provision was taken from the 'Pharmacy and appliance contractor dispensing data' on the NHS BSA, accessed April 2025: [Dispensing contractors' data | NHSBSA](#)

**Table 12: Advanced, Enhanced and Locally Commissioned Service availability and service provision**

Service	Service provision	Service provision	Service provision
	No. of Pharmacies delivering service during 2024	Proportion of eligible pharmacies and Dispensing Appliance Contractors providing this service (%) (Jan 2025)	Services provided (Jan – Dec 2024 <sup>24</sup> )
Appliance Use Review (AURs) <sup>25</sup>	0	-	-
Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) <sup>26</sup>	40	66%	500
Flu vaccination service	50	84%	17,648
Hypertension case-finding service	50	82%	16,405
Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Tests Supply Service	36	59%	7,736
New Medicine Service	60	98%	35,325
Smoking Cessation Advance Service <sup>27</sup>	1	2%	1
Stoma Appliance Customisation Service	3	5%	12,013
Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)	32	52%	1,628

Advanced Services

<sup>24</sup> With the exception of the flu vaccination service, where the data period was the most recent flu season, September 2024 – March 2025, accessed May 2025.

<sup>25</sup> The Appliance Use Review Service and the Stoma Appliance Customisation Service can be provided by both pharmacies and appliance contractors (62 locations in total), all other services are provided by pharmacies only (61 locations in total).

<sup>26</sup> The two previous elements of the CPCS were incorporated into the Pharmacy First service when it began on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – urgent medicines supply and minor illness.

<sup>27</sup> Pharmaceutical smoking cessation services are primarily carried out through the locally commissioned Stop Smoking service: [Tobacco Treatment Team | The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Service	Service provision No. of Pharmacies delivering service during 2024	Service provision Proportion of eligible pharmacies and Dispensing Appliance Contractors providing this service (%) (Jan 2025)	Service provision Services provided (Jan – Dec 2024 <sup>24</sup> )
Pharmacy First (all services) <sup>28</sup>	59	97%	18,929
Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)	14	23%	Data not available
Needle and Syringe Provision (NSP) – needle exchange	10	16%	Data not available
Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) for pregnancy <sup>29</sup>	N/A	N/A	Data not available
Over the Counter (OTC) Medication Labelling Scheme	18	30%	Data not available
Palliative care	34	55%	Data not available
Supervised consumption / administration	43	71%	Data not available
Varenicline (formerly Champix) <sup>30</sup>	N/A	N/A	Data not available

#### 4.4.2.1 Essential services

##### Number of items on prescriptions

This is the number of times a product appears on a prescription, meaning that if a person's prescription contains multiple medications, these are individually counted.

All 61 community pharmacies that were operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 had delivered prescriptions in 2024. There were **6,694,073 prescriptions dispensed in Rotherham during this period.**

<sup>28</sup> This service took over from the CPCS from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, as well as add other services. For further detail

<sup>29</sup> Available through the Smoking in Pregnancy team at TRFT.

<sup>30</sup> Support to stop smoking is available locally through your GP or the local Stop Smoking service.

The majority of prescriptions are processed through the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS). All 61 pharmacies that were operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 processed prescriptions through the EPS in 2024. **6,334,312 items were processed through the EPS during this period.**

#### Discharge Medicines Service

As of February 2025, 22 of the 61 pharmacies in Rotherham had provided this service once or more in 2024 (36.1% of pharmacies in Rotherham). There were 174 complete Discharge Medicine Services provided during this period. 60 (34.5%) of these were provided by one pharmacy. There were also 100 incomplete Discharge Medicine Services in the period.

#### 4.4.2.2 Advanced services

##### New Medicine Service (NMS) interventions

60 (98.4%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 declared NMS interventions in 2024. 35,325 NMS interventions were declared during this period.

##### Appliance Use Review

NHS BSA records show that no pharmacies that were operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 had provided Appliance Use Reviews in 2024, either at the premises or in the user's home.

##### Medicine Use Reviews (MURs) declared

NHS BSA records show that no pharmacies that were operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 had provided Medicine Use Reviews in 2024.

##### Influenza (flu) vaccinations – to add full data

Fees are given for each influenza (flu) vaccination administered. 51 (83.6%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 declared flu vaccinations in the 2024/25 season (September 2024 to March 2025).<sup>31</sup> 17,648 flu vaccinations were declared during this period.

##### Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test Supply Service

36 (59.0%) of the 61 pharmacies that were operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 had supplied Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests in 2024. This was delivered

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<sup>31</sup> Data collected from NHS Catalyst:

7,736 times during this period. Five pharmacies provided the vast majority of the tests (88.4%, 6,837).

#### Hypertension case-finding service

50 (82.0%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 carried out at least one type of blood pressure check in 2024. In total, there were 16,405 checks carried out during the period.

#### *Community Pharmacy Clinic Blood Pressure checks*

This is a simple recording of your blood pressure that is taken for a short period of time.

50 (82.0%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 carried out clinic blood pressure checks in 2024. There were 15,754 checks carried out during this period. 12.3% (1,940) of these were carried out by Green Arbour Pharmacy.

#### *Community Pharmacy Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)*

This is a simple recording of your blood pressure that requires you to wear a cuff on your arm and a small box on a belt around your waist, typically for 24 hours.

31 (50.8%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 provided ABPM in 2024. There were 651 measurements carried out during this period.

#### Pharmacy Contraceptive Service (PCS)

#### *Community Pharmacy Contraceptive Initiation Consultations*

28 (45.9%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 carried out this service in 2024. There were 172 consultations carried out during this period.

#### *Community Pharmacy Contraceptive Ongoing Consultations*

32 (51.6%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 carried out this service in 2024. There were 1,456 consultations carried out during this period.

#### Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service

NHS BSA records show that no pharmacies that were operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 had provided the Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service in 2024.

### Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation consultations

Pharmaceutical smoking cessation services are primarily carried out through a locally commissioned service Stop Smoking service, with few pharmacies using the national NHS Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation service. One of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 carried out one smoking cessation consultation in 2024.

### Pharmacy First

59 pharmacies in Rotherham provided a Pharmacy First service as of February 2025 (96.7% of pharmacies in Rotherham).

### *Minor Illness Referrals*

59 (96.7%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered referral(s) in 2024. There were 4,678 Minor Illness Referrals completed during this period. Nearly half of these were delivered by Archway Pharmacy (48.4%, 2,266).

### *Urgent Medicine Supply consultations*

59 (96.7%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 provided these consultation(s) in 2024. There were 3,638 Urgent Medicine Supply consultations completed during this period. 16.1% of these consultations were completed by Wickersley Pharmacy.

### *Acute Otitis Media – Clinical Pathways consultations*

This is an infection in the middle ear. 52 (85.2%) of the operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered this service in 2024. There were 1,282 consultations during this period, just under a fifth of which were delivered by two pharmacies (19.8%, 254).

### *Acute Sore Throat – Clinical Pathways consultations*

56 (91.8%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered this service in 2024. There were 3,487 consultations during this period, just over a fifth of which were delivered by two pharmacies (20.9%, 729).

### *Impetigo – Clinical Pathways consultations*

53 (86.9%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered this service in 2024. There were 497 consultations during this period.

### *Infected Insect Bite – Clinical Pathways consultations*

56 (91.8%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered this service in 2024. There were 1,307 consultations during this period.

*Sinusitis – Clinical Pathways consultations*

55 (90.2%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered this service in 2024. There were 1,015 consultations during this period.

*Shingles – Clinical Pathways consultations*

49 (80.3%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered this service in 2024. There were 335 consultations during this period.

*Uncomplicated UTI – Clinical Pathways consultations*

56 (91.8%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 delivered this service in 2024. There were 2,666 consultations during this period.

**Stoma Customisation**

2 of the community pharmacies that were operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 had delivered this service in 2024. This was provided twice by community pharmacies during this period.

The main provider of this service was South Yorkshire Ostomy Supplies Ltd. This is a Dispensing Appliance Contractor (DAC), which has a contract focused on dispensing medical appliances, not medications, and specialises in stoma customisation. This DAC provided Stoma Customisation 12,011 times during 2024.

*4.4.2.3 Locally commissioned services*

**Palliative care**

As of April 2025, 34 (54.8%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 offered the Palliative Care Scheme.<sup>32</sup>

Pharmacies offering the Palliative Care Scheme can be found [here](#).

**Over-The-Counter Medication Labelling Scheme**

As of June 2025, 18 (29.5%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 offered the over-the-counter labelling scheme.

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<sup>32</sup> Pharmacies offering the Palliative Care Scheme can be found at [Palliative Care Scheme – South Yorkshire LPC](#)

### Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) for pregnancy

As pregnant patients access NRT directly through the Smoking in Pregnancy team in Maternity services at Rotherham TRFT, there wouldn't be a need for them to access through pharmacy, so there is not a list of pharmacies providing this.

The Rotherham Community Stop Smoking service has a nurse prescriber role who can provide patients with prescriptions for varenicline as required for collection from pharmacies. NRT and vapes are provided direct to patients without a required pharmacy visit.

### Varenicline – smoking cessation support

Rotherham residents can get a prescription through their GP, or through the non-medical prescriber who sits within the Stop Smoking service when they have accessed this service. They can then pick up their prescription from a local pharmacy. The non-medical prescriber replaces the need for this service to be provided by individual pharmacies.

### Needle and Syringe Provision (NSP) – needle exchange

The drug and alcohol treatment provider, We Are With You, have subcontracting arrangements with pharmacies for Needle and Syringe Provision (NSP). The Council commission the treatment service provider.

As of May 2025, 10 (16.4%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 were supplying NSP under the subcontracting arrangements of We Are With You.

### Supervised Consumption

As of May 2025, 43 (70.5%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 were providing the supervised consumption service under the subcontracting arrangements of We Are With You.

### Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)

14 (23.0%) of the pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025 were providing out-of-hours free emergency oral contraception for Rotherham residents under 25.<sup>33</sup>

Access to the locally commissioned EHC service was limited in the South and East of the borough, although this may increase as EHC is due to become part of the Advanced Service of Pharmacy Contraception Service.

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<sup>33</sup> [Emergency contraception | The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust](#)

#### 4.4.2.4 Dispensing doctors – prescriptions

In 2024, 202,119 prescriptions were dispensed and/or personally administered in England by Dispensing Doctor Practices and Prescribing Doctor Practices. 27 (96.4%) of the 28 GPs operating in Rotherham dispensed prescriptions during 2024. Three dispensing GPs dispensed nearly three quarters of these prescriptions (72.7%, 146,999 prescriptions):

- Kiveton Park Medical Practice
- Dinnington Group Practice
- Morthen Road Surgery.

## 4.5 Views and experiences of local people (Healthwatch Rotherham survey)

### 4.5.1 Demographics

58 participants completed the survey, with 57 living in Rotherham. The responses by Rotherham residents have been used in analysis. All participants responded to questions about protected characteristics.

For gender:

- Just under two thirds of participants were women (63.2% 36).
- A third were men (33.3%, 19).
- One participant was gender fluid.
- The remaining participant said they preferred not to say.

For gender identity:

- Almost all participants said their gender identity was the same as their sex recorded at birth (94.7%, 54).
- Other participants preferred not to say (5.26%, 3).

For sexual orientation:

- The vast majority of participants said they identified as heterosexual (84.5%, 49).
- 7 participants said they identified as another sexuality, including bisexual, pansexual, asexual and fluid (12.3%).
- The remaining two participants preferred not to say.

For ethnicity:

- The vast majority of participants said they were white (91.2%, 52).
- Three participants said they were 'mixed or multiple' (5.3%)

- One participant said they were Asian/Asian British.
- One participant preferred not to say.

For age:

- Older people made up a higher proportion of the participants than younger people.
- Just under a third of participants were aged 65 years or older (31.6%, 18).
- For younger participants, four were aged 18-24, two were aged 25-34 and seven were aged 35-44.

For disabilities:

- 63.2% (36) of participants reported having a disability, a long-term condition, and/or being a carer for someone else.
- 14.0% (8) of participants reported having a disability.
  - All but one of participants who reported having a disability also reported having a long-term condition (87.5%, 7).
  - No participants reported to being a carer.
- Just under half of participants reported to having a long-term condition (45.6%, 26).
  - Just over a quarter of participants who reported having a long-term condition also reported having a disability (26.9%, 7).
  - Four participants who reported having a long-term condition also reported to being a carer (15.4%).
- Just over a fifth of participants reported to being a carer (22.8%, 13).

47 of the 57 Rotherham participants provided full postcodes, meaning their IMD decile could be identified. Of the 47, 21.3% (10) participants lived in the two most deprived deciles.

#### 4.5.2 Pharmaceutical services and choice of pharmacy

When asked why they usually visited a pharmacy, participants were asked to say 'yes' or 'no' to given reasons. All 57 participants responded:

- The vast majority of participants said for they went for their prescriptions, which was the most common reason given by far (93.0%, 53).
- The next most common reason was to buy over-the-counter medicines, which was true for over half of the participants (52.6%, 30).
- Just under a quarter of participants said they went to their local pharmacy for vaccinations (24.6%, 14).
- Just over a fifth said they went for consultations, Pharmacy First services or 111 advice (20.7%, 12).

- All participants responded "No" when asked whether they usually visited a pharmacy for emergency contraception, or separately, for needle exchange or supervised consumption.
- A small number of participants said they visited a pharmacy for any other reason, specifying this was for toiletries.

Later in the survey, when asked if there was anything else they wished to add, three participants highlighted issues they had with receiving their prescriptions. This included the time for prescriptions to be ready to be collected, or time to be delivered. One participant said they had issues with "prescriptions not being ready for over a week and having to go to and from home".

When responding to the same question, several participants said they would like their pharmacy to provide more services, so that they had an alternative to their GP. This emphasises the appetite for Pharmacy First or a similar offer. One participant said, "I would love my pharmacy to offer more routine treatments instead of needing a GP appointment." Another participant said the same, whilst adding they would also like "a clear guide of when it's appropriate to use my pharmacy instead of my GP or A&E". One participant specified a negative experience with their pharmacy, saying that "[When] I ask about Pharmacy First and [my pharmacy] always tell me [they] can't deal with my issue even though there's posters up for it and go see your GP". In contrast, another participant responding to the same question said "I have had help and advice from the pharmacist on several occasions which has been really helpful". When asked what influences their choice of pharmacy, a participant highlighted their pharmacy had "a private consultation room to discuss personal matters or to access emergency support".

In a separate question, no participants answered whether emergency contraception was free at their local pharmacy, suggesting they didn't know.

Participants were asked what influenced their choice of pharmacy in their own words, with the majority of participants responding (51 of 57 participants). Access was the most important theme for participants; the majority of participants emphasised convenience as important.

- Just under two thirds of participants who responded to this question said that convenience of location was important (64.7%, 33). Participants often specified this was how close the pharmacy was to their home, although in some cases this included distance from their GP.
  - Distance also depended on the participants' own circumstances. One participant who said their pharmacy was "close to home" also said "If I didn't drive I wouldn't be able to get to the pharmacy", whilst several participants specified it was good that their pharmacy was "within

- walking distance", with one person specifying "I have emphasemia" in context of this.
- Related to location, a few participants also identified the importance of pharmacies having parking. When asked in another question how they travelled to a pharmacy, driving was the most commonly cited method, jointly with walking (55.6% of participants who responded to the question). Later in the survey, when asked why they didn't go to the closest pharmacy to them, two participants cited this was due to lack of parking or free parking.
  - Nearly a quarter of participants said that good customer service from staff was also important (23.5%, 12). There were two key aspects of this.
    - The way that staff treated customers mattered, with participants highlighting how staff being "accommodating", "helpful" and "friendly" was a factor in what pharmacy they went to. One participant said this helped them with issues, as their pharmacy had "good customer services when things aren't quite right", meaning issues could be sorted out.
    - Another aspect was the skill and ability of staff, with participants highlighting that staff were "knowledgeable" and "efficient".
  - Along with location, another key factor in convenience was opening times of the pharmacy, which just over a fifth of participants said was important (21.6%, 11).
    - Two participants specifically highlighted that it was useful to be able to pick up medication "late at night" or at the weekend.
    - Participants who identified opening times as an important factor often also identified the importance of location.
  - Several participants also identified the level of stock and the reliability in their pharmacy as being important, as this meant they were less likely to risk running out of their medication.
    - One participant said their pharmacy "generally have stock to fill prescriptions [on the] same day and if not will order for the following day".
    - Other participants highlighted that a benefit of their pharmacy was that it didn't take long for them to get their prescriptions, with one participant highlight their pharmacy did "Timely prescription filling".

Participants were asked whether there was a more convenient and/or closer pharmacy that they don't use. 53 of 57 participants responded:

- Over three quarters of participants reported there wasn't, meaning they used the closest/most convenient pharmacy (77.4%, 41).
- One fifth of participants said there was a more convenient and/or closer pharmacy that they don't use (22.6%, 12).

Participants who said they didn't use the closest or more convenient pharmacy to them were asked to explain why in their own words. Participants mainly focused on why they didn't go to the closer pharmacy, rather than why they went to the pharmacy that was further away.

- More than half of these participants cited a lack of access as the reason, due to the opening times being unsuitable for them and/or a lack of parking.
- Several participants said the pharmacy they lived closest to sometimes or always had shortages of medication, whilst a few participants said there were issues with staff or customer service.
- However, two participants said that they went to a pharmacy that was further away for positive reasons.

54 of the 57 participants responded when asked whether they used the same pharmacy or different pharmacies:

- Almost all participants used the same pharmacy all the time or often (94.4%, 51).
  - The majority of participants said they always use the same pharmacy (59.3%, 32).
  - A large minority said they often did (35.2%, 19).
- Only three participants said they never use the same pharmacy.

### 4.5.3 Access to a pharmacy

#### 4.5.3.1 *Day and time*

When asked how often they use a pharmacy, 54 of the 57 participants responded:

- The majority of which said they used a pharmacy once a month (59.3%, 32).
- 2-4 times a year, (22.2%, 12)
- Just under 10% of participants said they used a pharmacy once every two months (10.9%, 6).
- Just over 5% of participants said they used a pharmacy once every week.
- Less than 5% said they used it once a year or less.

When asked the most convenient time to use a pharmacy, 54 of 57 participants responded, and were able to say "yes" or "no" to multiple time periods. All time periods except for one were convenient for less than half of the participants who responded:

- Evening (5pm-8.59pm); this was most convenient time, with over half of participants (53.7%, 29).

- Afternoon (12pm-4.59m); this was the next most convenient time, with 42.6% fifth of participants (23).
- Morning (9am-11.59pm); this was convenient for just under a third of participants (31.5%, 17)
- Early morning (before 9am); this was convenient for just over a fifth of participants (22.2%, 12).
- Late (after 9pm); this was the least convenient time, with less than 10% of participants (9.3%, 5).

In addition to this, participants were asked which days of the week were the most convenient for them to use a pharmacy, with the option of saying “yes” or “no” to each day. 54 of the 57 participants responded:

- Saturday was the most popular, with two thirds of participants (66.7%, 36) responding “yes”.
- This was substantially more popular than the second most popular day, Monday, which was convenient for just over half the participants who responded (53.7%, 29).
- All other days were convenient for under half of the participants who responded, ranging from 23 to 25 participants (42.6-46.3%).

#### 4.5.3.2 *Transport*

When asked how they travelled to a pharmacy, participants were given different options and asked to say "yes" or "no". 54 of 57 participants responded.

- The most commonly-used modes of transport were walking or using a mobility aid, and driving, with the same number of positive responses (55.6%, 30).
  - 12 participants reported to travelling to a pharmacy using both modes of transport.
  - There were 18 participants who walked to a pharmacy and did not drive, or who drove to a pharmacy and did not walk.
- There were fewer than five participants who said "yes" to taking other modes of transport; two participants said they cycled and three said they used public transport, whilst no participants said they got a taxi/ someone else takes them.
- Six participants reported that they relied on delivery of medication, although two of these participants also reported to travelling to a pharmacy.
  - All six participants who said they relied on delivery reported to having a disability or a long-term health condition, with four participants reporting they had both.

- Two participants reported that others visit the pharmacy on their behalf, and one of these also reported that they relied on delivery.

Participants were also asked how long it took them to travel to a pharmacy. 54 of 57 participants responded:

- 92.6% of participants said they travelled to a pharmacy (50), with the remaining participants reporting they did not travel (7.4%, 4).
- Of the participants who said they travelled to a pharmacy:
  - The vast majority said it took up to 15 minutes but no longer (94.0%, 47).
  - The remaining participants said it took them over 15 minutes but less than 30 minutes (6.0%, 3).

#### 4.5.4 Deprivation

47 of the 57 Rotherham participants provided full postcodes, meaning their IMD decile could be identified. Of the participants who provided a postcode, 21.2% (10) participants lived in the two most deprived deciles.

##### 4.5.4.1 Demographics

All participants in the two most deprived deciles, and those living in less deprived areas, responded to questions about protected characteristics.

In terms of gender:

- 60% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles were women, compared to 64.9% of participants living in less deprived deciles.
- 40% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles were men, compared to 29.7% of participants living in less deprived deciles.

In terms of gender identity:

- All participants in the two most deprived deciles said their gender identity was the same as their sex recorded at birth, compared to 94.6% of participants living in less deprived deciles.
- 5.4% of participants living in less deprived deciles preferred not to say.

In terms of sexual orientation:

- 90% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles identified as heterosexual, compared to 81.0% of participants living in less deprived areas

- 10% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles identified as bisexual; 13.5% of participants living in less deprived areas identified as bisexual or another sexuality.

In terms of ethnicity:

- 90% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles were white, compared to 91.9% of participants living in less deprived areas.
- 10% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles were 'mixed or multiple', compared to 2.7% of participants living in less deprived areas.

In terms of health and disability:

- 80.0% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles reported having a disability, a long-term condition, or being a carer for someone else. Participants living in less deprived areas were less likely to report any of these (62.2%).
- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were slightly less likely to report having a disability than participants living in less deprived areas (10.0% compared to 13.5%).
- Over half of participants living in the two most deprived deciles reported having a long-term condition (60.0%), compared to less than half of participants living in less deprived areas (46.0%).
- Just over a third of participants living in the two most deprived deciles reported being a carer for someone else (30.0%). Participants living in less deprived areas were less likely (21.6%).

In terms of age:

- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were similarly likely to be 65 years old or over, compared to participants living in less deprived deciles (30% compared to 33.3%).

#### 4.5.4.2 *Pharmaceutical services and choice of pharmacy*

When asked why they used a pharmacy, all 10 participants living in the two most deprived deciles responded:

- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were similarly likely to use a pharmacy for prescriptions than participants living in less deprived areas (100% compared to 97.3%).
- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were slightly less likely to report to using a pharmacy to buy over the counter medicines than participants living in less deprived areas (40.0% compared to 51.4%).

- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were slightly less likely to report to using a pharmacy for vaccinations than participants living in less deprived areas (20.0% compared to 27.0%).
- No participants living in the two most deprived deciles reported to using a pharmacy for consultations, Pharmacy First services, or 111 advice, compared to just under a quarter of participants in other deciles (24.3%).
- As with all participants in the survey, no participants living in the two most deprived deciles or those living in less deprived areas reported to using pharmacies for emergency contraception or needle exchange.

Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were less likely to use the closest pharmacy to them than participants in less deprived areas. 9 of the 10 participants living in the two most deprived deciles responded.

- 40.4% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles said there was a more convenient and/or closer pharmacy that they don't use. This compares to 17.4% for participants in other deciles.

When asked whether they used the same pharmacy or different pharmacies, 10 of the 11 participants living in the two most deprived deciles responded:

- All participants living in these areas reported they always or often used the same pharmacy, and were more likely to than participants in less deprived areas (100% compared to 91.7%).
- Participants in these areas were slightly less likely to report to always using the same pharmacy than participants in less deprived areas (55.60% compared to 63.9%).
- Participants in these areas were more likely to report to often using the same pharmacy than participants in less deprived areas (44.4% compared to 27.8%).
- Three of the 36 participants in less deprived areas reported to 'never' using the same pharmacy, whilst no participant living in the two most deprived deciles reported this.

#### 4.5.4.3 *Access to a pharmacy*

##### *Day and time*

When asked how often they visit a pharmacy, participants living in the two most deprived deciles were also less likely to report to using pharmacies frequently. 9 of the 10 participants in these areas responded:

- 55.5% of participants living in the two most deprived deciles reported using a pharmacy once every month or once every week,
- This was lower than the proportion of participants in other deciles, two thirds (66.7%).

When asked which days of the week were the most convenient for them to use a pharmacy, 9 of the 10 participants living in the two most deprived deciles answered the question.

- Saturday was most popular day of the week participants said was convenient to visit a pharmacy (66.7%). Participant in the two most deprived deciles were more likely to find this day convenient than participants in other deciles (58.3%).
- Sunday was the second most popular day, with over half of the participants finding it convenient (55.6%) higher compared to a third of participants in less deprived deciles (33.3%).
- In contrast, Monday was convenient for just over a fifth of participants living in the two most deprived deciles (22.2%), three times lower than the proportion of participants in less deprived deciles (61.1%).
- Participants living in the two most deprived were less likely than participants in other deciles to find other days of the week convenient to visit a pharmacy. Less than a third of participants reported finding other days of the week convenient to visit a pharmacy (11.1%-33.3%), compared to approximately half of the participants in other deciles who answered the question (44.4%-52.8%).

9 of the 10 participants living in the two most deprived deciles responded when asked what times of the day were convenient to visit a pharmacy. Participants in these areas were less likely to different times in the day convenient to visit a pharmacy.

- Morning (9am-11.59am); no participant living in these areas found this time convenient, compared to 41.7% of participants in less deprived areas.
- Late (after 9pm); no participant living in these areas found this time convenient, compared to 5.6% of participants in less deprived areas.
- Evening (5pm-8.59pm); participants living in these areas were more likely to find this time convenient than of participants in less deprived areas (55.6% compared to 41.7%).
- Afternoon (12pm-4.59pm); participants living in these areas were just as likely to find this time convenient than participants in less deprived areas (both 44.4%).
- Early morning (before 9am); participants living in these areas were just as likely to find this time convenient than participants in less deprived areas (both with 22.2%).

### Transport

When asked how they travelled to a pharmacy, 9 of the 10 participants living in the two most deprived deciles responded. Participants in these were less likely to find different methods of transport

- The most common method was driving, although this was slightly less likely for participants living in the two most deprived deciles than those living in less deprived areas (55.6% compared to 58.3%).
- Walking was the next most common method, although participants in these areas were less likely to walk to a pharmacy than those in less deprived areas (44.4% compared to 55.6%).
- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were as likely to rely on delivery from a pharmacy as those in less deprived areas (11.1% for both). However, no participants living in the two most deprived deciles reported others visited their pharmacy on their behalf, compared to 5.6% of participants in less deprived areas.
- Participants living in the two most deprived deciles were slightly more likely to cycle or take public transport to a pharmacy than those in less deprived areas (11.1% for both modes of transport compared to 2.8% for both modes of transport).

With regards to time taken to travel to a pharmacy, 9 of the 10 participants living in the two most deprived deciles responded.

- When comparing only those who travelled to a pharmacy, these participants were slightly less likely to report that it took them up to 15 minutes to travel to a pharmacy than participants in less deprived areas (88.9% compared to 96.9%).
- Four of the 36 participants in less deprived areas reported they did not travel to a pharmacy, whilst no participant living in the two most deprived deciles reported this.

## 5 Other considerations

### 5.1 Housing developments – to be completed when data shared

The Local Plan (2013-2028) is the Council's 15-year plan to provide for future development needs for the borough. It sets out how many houses need to be built to keep pace with forecasted population growth and allocates land for new homes and jobs. The Local Plan underpins other key Council strategies, such as the Economic Growth Plan and the Housing Strategy.

The plan is made up of two parts:

- Core Strategy, which sets out the headline numbers and strategic policies, was approved by a Government Inspector (adopted by the Council in 2014), and
- Sites and Policies document, which identifies individual sites for development and provides detailed policies to assess all proposed future development against (adopted in 2018)

The Sites and Policies document identifies sites for over 14,000 indicative homes that are anticipated for development in Rotherham to meet the vision of the Local Plan.

The PNA will be considered in as part of the evidence base for any standard housing development applications. Access to services, including pharmaceutical services are considered at the planning stage and NHS colleagues are part of the formal consultation process for planning applications. The government is aiming to build 1,111 new homes in Rotherham as part of a proposed new method of local housing targets. This would be an increase from the previous target of 544 homes. Rotherham Council is continuing to honour its commitment to deliver more new homes for the borough through an ambitious Housing Delivery Programme.

In 2024, the government announced plans to tackle the housing crisis and meet its own commitment to deliver 1.5 million more homes. Under a proposed new method of local housing targets, Rotherham's target would increase from 544 to 1,111.

Since April 2024, nearly 60 new homes have been delivered for Council rent or shared ownership, taking the total to 575 homes since January 2018. A further 129 are currently under construction or in the process of being purchased. The Council's Cabinet has approved further updates to the Housing Programme which looks to address the borough's continuing need for more affordable homes across the borough. An additional ten schemes have been added to the housing programme, delivering homes on both Council owned sites and through strategic acquisitions. Sites at Kiveton Park, Thrybergh, Bramley, Harthill and Herringthorpe have been identified and are in pre-procurement.

When a large-scale housing development is being proposed, a number of factors may influence the potential need for additional pharmaceutical service providers. To ensure that pharmaceutical services are commissioned in line with population need, the HWB partners will monitor the development of major housing sites and, if necessary, provide supplementary statements in accordance with regulations.

The development of a totally new community is an exception to this general rule. Within the Sites and Policies Document, the upcoming housing development which is likely to have the most impact on the capacity of pharmaceutical service providers is the Bassingthorpe Farm development.<sup>34</sup> This will comprise of around 2,400 homes, however the first phase of development is unlikely to be completed within the lifetime of this PNA (i.e., before 2028). If there are any major impacts on pharmaceutical provision within the lifetime of this PNA, these will be reviewed in a Supplementary Update.

## 5.2 Access to other services

The 2013 regulations then require PNAs to include a statement of the other NHS services that the HWB considers affect the need for pharmaceutical services. Those NHS services that may affect the need for pharmaceutical services, in Rotherham are outlined below.

### 5.2.1 Hospital pharmacies

Hospital pharmacies are departments or services in a hospital responsible for the supply of medications to hospital wards as well as ambulatory patients. The department is headed by a senior pharmacist who directly supervises and ensures the correct dispensing, compounding, and distribution of medication to in and out-patients. Rotherham Hospital is an acute general hospital in Rotherham. It is managed by the Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust. Rotherham Hospital has 370+ beds providing a range of hospital-based Medical, Surgical, Paediatric and Obstetric & Gynaecological services. Patients attending these, on either an inpatient or outpatient basis, may require prescriptions to be dispensed.

### 5.2.2 Personal administration of items by GP practices

Under their medical contract with NHS England there will be occasion when a GP practice personally administers an item to a patient. When a patient requires a medicine or appliance, their GP will give them a prescription which they take to their preferred pharmacy. In some instances, the GP will supply the item against a prescription, and this is referred to as personal administration as the item that is supplied will then be administered to the patient by the GP or a nurse. This is different to the dispensing of prescriptions and only applies to certain specified items for example vaccines, anaesthetics, injections, intra-uterine contraceptive devices and sutures. For these items the practice will produce a prescription, however the

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<sup>34</sup> [Agenda item for Bassingthorpe development for Cabinet – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025](#)

patient is not required to take it to a pharmacy, have it dispensed and then return to the practice for it to be administered.

### 5.2.3 GP out of hours service

The out-of-hours period is from 6.30pm to 8am on weekdays and all day at weekends and on bank holidays. GPs can choose whether to provide 24-hour care for their patients or to transfer responsibility for out-of-hours services to NHS England, which is responsible for providing a high-quality service for the local population. GP out-of-hours services affect the level of need for pharmaceutical services depending on whether GPs provide a prescription, or alternatively provide patients a course of treatment directly.

In Rotherham, all practices opt out of the out of hours service provision in the core contract and it is provided for the majority by TRFT, therefore there is no change in demand in community pharmacies, due to out-of-hours services.<sup>35</sup> The GP Out of Hours Service is open when community GP practices close. It operates every day from 6:30pm to 8am, and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service also provides cover for Rotherham GP practices when they are closed for staff training. The GP Out of Hours Service provides care that would usually be provided by your GP practice and cannot wait until your GP practice opens again. The service does not undertake any tests or investigations. If these are required urgently you will be directed to a more suitable service.

This is also located within the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre at The Rotherham Foundation Trust and can be accessed through NHS 111. It is appointment only.

### Extended access

Extra appointments are available for all Rotherham patients and are designed to help people who struggle to attend their GP practice during the working week. Appointments can be booked by contacting your practice or by using the NHS Health App. Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC regularly reviews the services we can offer and will be updating the website and social media platforms when we can offer a wider range of services. You can find out the current extended access provision from: [Extended Access – Connect Healthcare Rotherham](#).

### 5.2.4 Flu vaccination by GP practices

Populations who are eligible for a free flu vaccine through the NHS, you can book an appointment at a GP surgery, or a pharmacy that offers it on the NHS. In Rotherham, there are 28 main GP practices registered in Rotherham CCG who constitute to the

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<sup>35</sup> [What to expect when in the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre | The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Primary Care Network practices (as of late May 2025). Previously, there were 29, with Queens Medical Centre closed

However, there are 50 GP practices codes within Rotherham of which, some are linked to main practices outside the Rotherham boundary.

Of the 28 main GP practices in Rotherham, all provide flu vaccination service – thus reducing demand on this service in community pharmacies.

The GP enhanced service specifications for the seasonal influenza vaccination programme and childhood seasonal influenza vaccination are published on the website [NHS GP contract web page](#).

### 5.2.5 Walk-in centres and minor injury units

A walk-in clinic is a medical facility that accepts patients on a walk-in basis and with no appointment required. A number of healthcare service providers fall under the walk-in clinic umbrella including urgent care centres, retail clinics and even many free clinics or community health clinics. The extent to which a walk-in centre and minor injury unit impacts on need for pharmaceutical services depends on whether centres issue a prescription that would then increase the demand for pharmaceutical services. In Rotherham, there are 0 urgent care walk-in centres and all emergency activity takes place at the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre at The Rotherham Foundation Trust.

## 6 Conclusions and Statements

### **Conclusions for the purpose of schedule 1 to The NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, as amended**

The Rotherham pharmaceutical needs assessment has considered the provision of pharmaceutical services across Rotherham inline with demographic and health needs. It has analysed whether current provision meets the needs of the population of Rotherham and whether there are any potential gaps in pharmaceutical service provision either now or within the lifetime of the document.

Rotherham has 65 pharmaceutical service providers for the area of Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board. This includes 61 Pharmacies, 1 dispensing appliance contractor and 3 dispensing GP Practices. 4 of the community pharmacies are 100-hour. Many pharmacies provide locally commissioned services and many advanced services.

Overall, the geographical spread of pharmacies in Rotherham is good as they are spread across all localities (wards).

The population of Rotherham is currently 271,200 and is projected to increase including through the development of new housing. The pharmaceutical needs assessment has therefore considered whether the current provision of pharmaceutical services will continue to meet the needs of the population during its three-year lifetime (2025-2028).

A supplementary PNA will be produced if the health and wellbeing board identifies significant changes to the need for pharmaceutical services. This could include changes to:

- the number of people in the area who require pharmaceutical services,
- the demography of the area, or
- risks to the health or wellbeing of people in the area (both residents and visitors).

### **Necessary services – current provision**

The health and wellbeing board has defined necessary services as:

- Essential services provided at all premises included in the pharmaceutical lists
- The advanced services of Pharmacy First, hypertension case-finding, flu vaccination, and contraception service

Sections above have set out the provision of these services in Rotherham.

### **Necessary services – gaps in provision**

#### ***Access to essential services***

In order to assess the provision of essential services against the needs of the population the health and wellbeing board considered access (walking times and opening hours) as the most important factor in determining the extent to which the current provision of essential services meets the needs of the population. Walking time has been chosen as 23% of our population do not have access to a car or van in their household.

The health and wellbeing board has identified that 84.2% of the Rotherham population live within 15-minute walk and 97.7% in a 30-minute walk.

Of the 61 community pharmacies operating in Rotherham as of January 2025, 39 pharmacies are open on a Saturday, and 9 pharmacies are open on a Sunday.

The Rotherham resident's questionnaire showed that evenings, 17:00-20:59, is the most convenient time to visit a pharmacy with over half of respondents selecting this as a preferred option. In addition to this, participants were asked which days of the week were the most convenient for them to use a pharmacy and Saturday was the most popular day followed by Monday.

The health and wellbeing board has identified that there would be need for pharmaceutical provision if one of the four 100-hour pharmacies reduced their opening hours to no longer cover evenings (17:00 onwards) or weekends (Saturday and Sunday). This would be because the geographical spread of the four pharmacies mean that a large proportion of the population would find it difficult to access pharmaceutical provision during evenings and weekends. The health and wellbeing board would expect that either existing pharmacy contractors will adjust their opening hours to address such changes in the future or the integrated care board will direct pharmacies to open to meet any differences in opening hours. If there is a need to direct pharmacies to increase their hours, the location should be in a similar place to where there has been loss of hours, or within an area that is easily accessible on public transport, such as the town centre. The health and wellbeing board would expect the replacement pharmacy, or hours covered by other pharmacies, to cover the same hours and services as the current provision in this assessment.

Based on the information available at the time of developing this pharmaceutical needs assessment, no current or gaps in the provision of essential services within or outside normal working hours have been identified.

### ***Access to advanced services***

The advanced services are:

- Appliance Use Review (AURs)
- Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS)
- Flu vaccination service
- Hypertension case-finding service
- Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Tests Supply Service
- New Medicine Service

- Smoking Cessation Advance Service
- Stoma Appliance Customisation Service
- Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS)
- Pharmacy First (all services)

This pharmaceutical needs assessment has detailed the distribution of these within Rotherham and the wards in which the pharmacies are based on activity levels from January 2024-December 2024. Based on the data available the health and wellbeing board is satisfied that there is sufficient capacity to meet the demand for these advanced services.

The health and wellbeing board has identified that there would be need for pharmaceutical provision if one of the four 100-hour pharmacies reduced their opening hours to no longer cover evenings (17:00 onwards) or weekends (Saturday and Sunday). This would be because the geographical spread of the four pharmacies mean that a large proportion of the population would find it difficult to access pharmaceutical provision during evenings and weekends. The health and wellbeing board would expect that either existing pharmacy contractors will adjust their opening hours to address such changes in the future or the integrated care board will direct pharmacies to open to meet any differences in opening hours. If there is a need to direct pharmacies to increase their hours, the location should be in a similar place to where there has been loss of hours, or within an area that is easily accessible on public transport, such as the town centre. The health and wellbeing board would expect the replacement pharmacy, or hours covered by other pharmacies, to cover the same hours and services as the current provision in this assessment.

### ***Future provision of necessary services***

The health and wellbeing board has reviewed population growth in line with forecasts and housing developments that will deliver new homes within the timeframe of the document.

There are no new housing developments of significant size during the lifetime of the document, and the population projections are not predicted to increase to sufficient size to create unmet pharmaceutical need providing services remain as are at the time of writing.

### ***Other relevant services***

The Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board has identified that two Advanced Services (Lateral Flow Device Tests Supply Service and New Medicine Service) and five locally Commissioned and Enhanced services (Emergency Hormonal Contraception; Needle and Syringe Provision Needle Exchange, Palliative Care, Supervised Consumption, and Over The Counter Medication Labelling Scheme) which, whilst not necessary to meet the need for pharmaceutical services in its area, have secured improvements or better access in its area.

Sections in this document have set out the provision of these services in Rotherham.

### **Improvements and better access – gaps in provision**

The health and wellbeing board has noted the number of pharmacies that have signed up to provide, and are providing, the advanced and enhanced services listed below:

- Lateral Flow Device Tests Supply Service
- New Medicine Service
- Emergency Hormonal Contraception
- Needle and Syringe Provision Needle Exchange
- Palliative Care
- Supervised Consumption
- Over The Counter Medication Labelling Scheme

It is satisfied that the current demand can and will be met by the existing providers.

### **Future provision of other relevant services**

The health and wellbeing board has reviewed population growth in line with forecasts and housing developments that will deliver new homes within the timeframe of the document.

There are no new housing developments of significant size during the lifetime of the document, and the population projections are not predicted to increase to sufficient size to create unmet pharmaceutical need providing services remain as are at the time of writing.

## Annexes

### Annex 1: Consultation Report

The following questions were asked in the 90-day consultation and the responses to these are listed in the table below:

1. Understanding the purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Has the purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment been clearly explained?
2. Current pharmacy services in your area - Does the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment reflect the current pharmacy services in your area?
3. Gaps in pharmacy services - Are there any times, places or types of pharmacy services that are missing or not fully covered in the assessment?
4. Decisions on new pharmacies - Does the assessment include the information needed to support decisions about opening new pharmacies or dispensing appliance contractor premises?
5. Future pharmacy needs - Does the assessment include enough information to help plan future pharmacy services and decide what pharmacies or dispensing appliance contractors might be needed?
6. Assessment conclusions - Do you agree with the conclusions of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment?
7. Other comments - Do you have any other comments?
8. What type of organisation are you responding on behalf of?

Question	Response
Understanding the purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Has the purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment been clearly explained?	17 of 19 respondents stated yes (89%) and 2 (11%) stated they do not know. Of those responding 'yes', the free text suggested that it was clear and/or have detailed the correct purpose of the document. Of those stating, 'don't know', responses were from people who do not use a pharmacy or that there was not enough information in the consultation description.
Current pharmacy services in your area - Does the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment reflect the current pharmacy services in your area?	9 respondents stated yes (47%), 9 respondents stated no (47%) and 1 respondent stated they do not know (5%). Of those that stated 'no', the comments are around access and having to walk 20 minutes to a pharmacy, that there is no pharmacy in accessible distance in one area of the borough (Waverley), that there is a lack of pharmacy at a general practice, or that the pharmacy does not have medication in stock. 3 of the respondents who answered 'no' were from residents or community pharmacies, others did not provide an organisation.
Gaps in pharmacy services - Are there any times, places or types of pharmacy services that are missing or not fully covered in the assessment?	8 of 19 (42%) respondents stated there are times, places, or types of pharmacies that are missing from the document. Of those, all except one comment were specifically about a pharmacy that does not cover Waverley. The additional comment was around pharmacies not having adequate stock. Respondents who answered 'no' were from residents or community pharmacies or did not provide an organisation.

<p>Decisions on new pharmacies - Does the assessment include the information needed to support decisions about opening new pharmacies or dispensing appliance contractor premises?</p>	<p>11 of 19 (58%) responses answered 'yes' to this with 5 answering 'no' (26%). Of those answering 'no', the comments are that the PNA does not reflect the growing population of Waverley and state that there has been no public consultation. 4 of the respondents who answered 'no' were from residents or community pharmacies, others did not provide an organisation.</p>
<p>Future pharmacy needs - Does the assessment include enough information to help plan future pharmacy services and decide what pharmacies or dispensing appliance contractors might be needed?</p>	<p>9 of 11 respondents stated 'yes' (47%) and 7 'no' (37%). Of those that stated 'no', the comments were that there is insufficient pharmaceutical provision in Waverley in line with increased housing. 3 of the respondents who answered 'no' were from residents or community pharmacies, others did not provide an organisation.</p>
<p>Assessment conclusions - Do you agree with the conclusions of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment?</p>	<p>9 of 19 (47%) respondents agree with the conclusions and 9 do not (47%). Of those that do not, the comments were that there needs to be a pharmacy in Waverley. 4 of the respondents who answered 'no' were from residents or community pharmacies, others did not provide an organisation.</p>
<p>Other comments - Do you have any other comments?</p>	<p>10 of 19 (53%) respondents had additional comments. This included two neighbouring health and wellbeing boards that both concluded the PNA was robust and detailed, 7 respondents commenting that there needs to be a pharmacy in Waverley, and a comment that some healthcare is now directed to pharmacies whereas it was felt this would be managed better by general practice. 4 of the respondents who had additional comments about Waverley were from residents or community pharmacies, two comments suggesting a robust and detailed PNA were from local health and wellbeing boards, and others did not provide an organisation.</p>

### Response to the consultation feedback

The full draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was provided with the consultation document.

The PNA document considers health needs of Rotherham residents, current provision of pharmaceutical services, an assessment of service availability including distance and walk time, availability by service type, housing developments, and access to other services such as those provided by general practice and hospital pharmacies. Public consultation was undertaken with Healthwatch Rotherham, section 4.5 - Views and experiences of local people (Healthwatch Rotherham survey), and have been considered within this document.

Waverley is in the Rother Vale Ward with a known population of 9,980 (based on Office for National Statistics population data) and has two pharmacies. The ward has an average population per pharmacy of 4,999 and a value for 'pharmacies per 100,000 population head' of 20 (table below and in section 4.1 - Pharmaceutical service providers per 100,000 people). The range within Rotherham is from 60.0 per 100,000 to 9.6 per 100,000.

Ward	Index of Multiple Deprivation Score (Red = most deprived, green = least deprived)	Number of pharmacies	Population	Average population per pharmacy	Pharmacies per 100,000 population head
Rother Vale	24.9	2	9980	4990.0	20.0

Based on known housing developments, there are no new housing developments of significant size during the lifetime of the document to suggest new provision is required.

The population within a walking distance for Waverley and the whole of Rotherham is shown below.

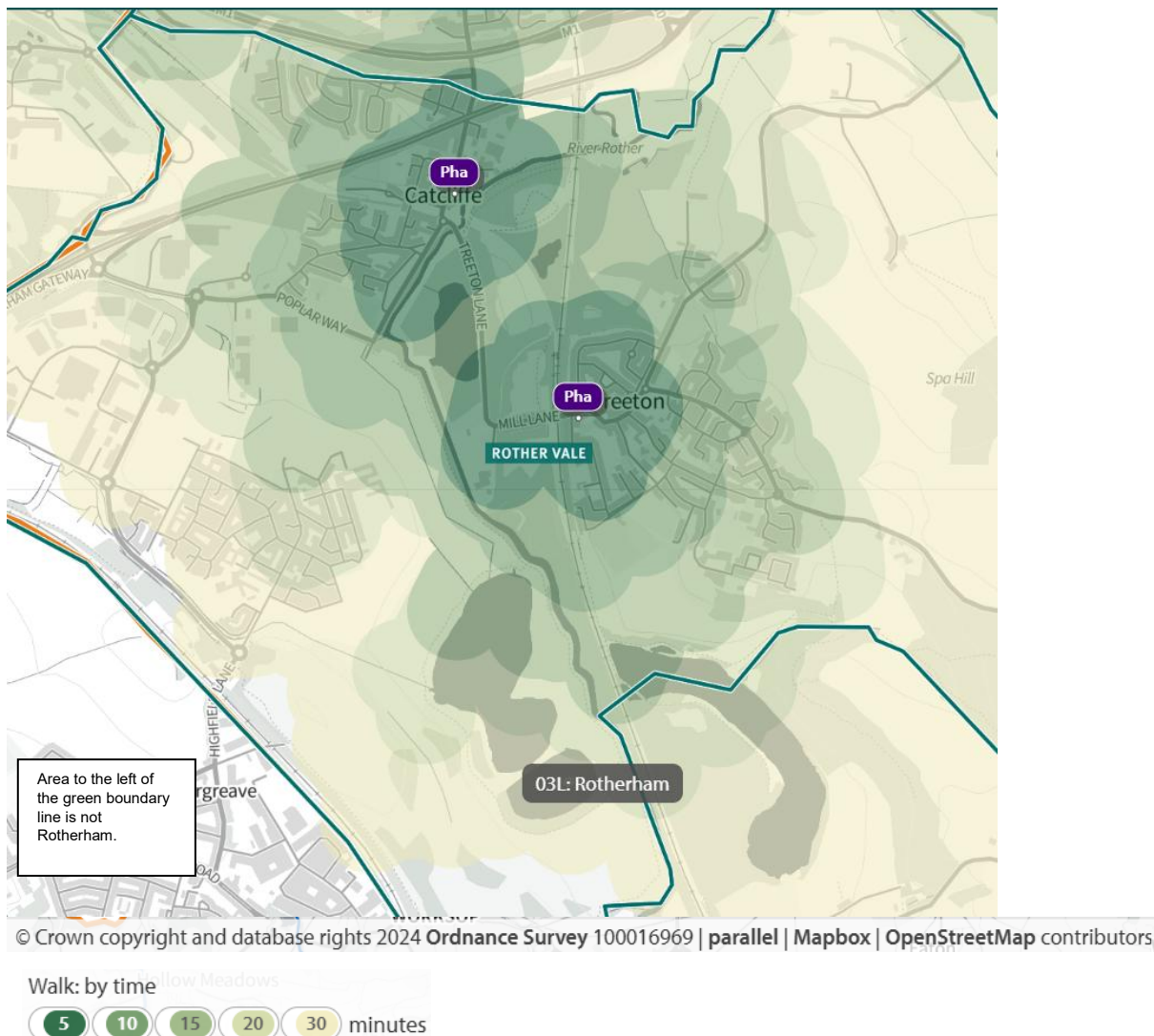
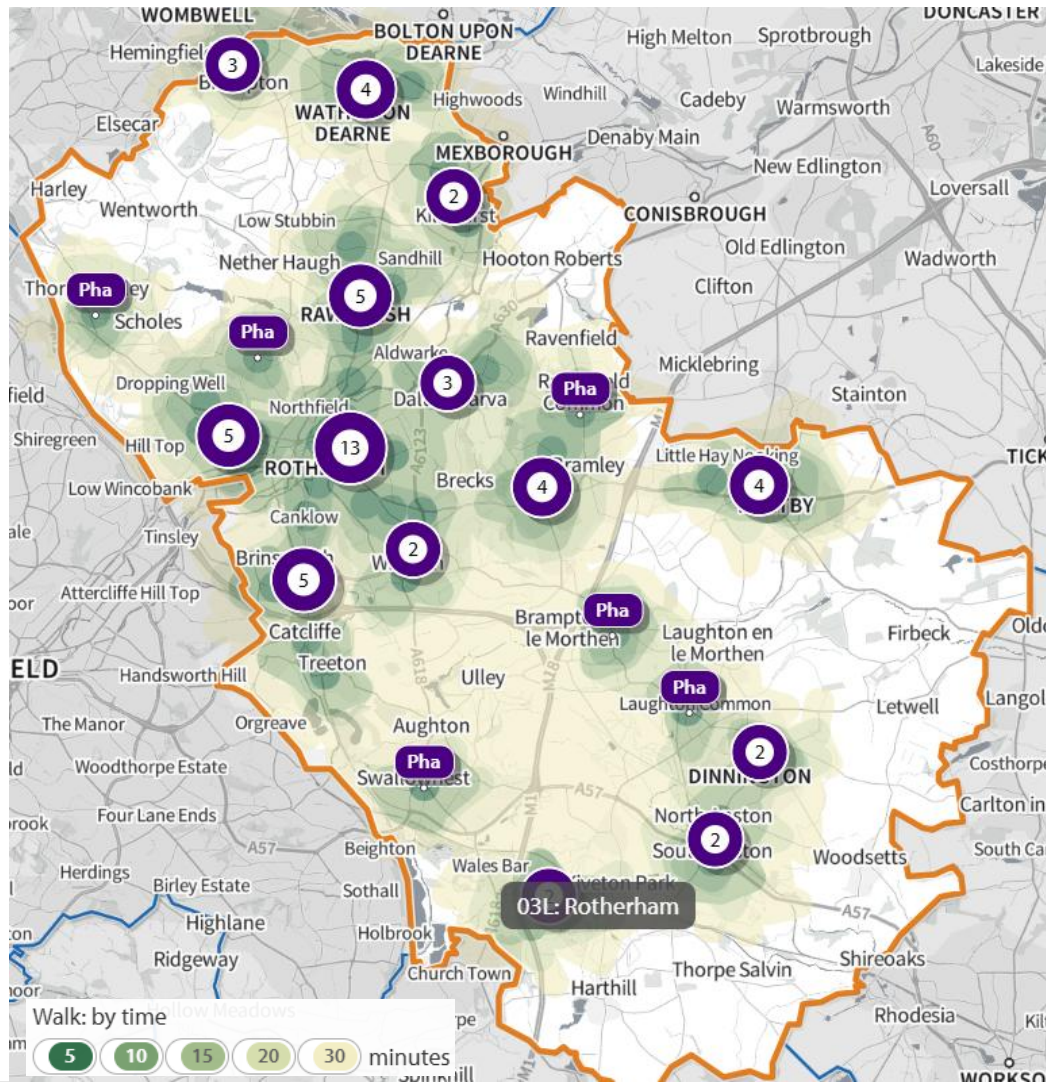


Figure above: Pharmacy walking distance, Rother Vale Ward. Rotherham boundary shown in green.



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Figure above: Pharmacy walking distance, Rotherham.

Based on the information known at the time of writing the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, no changes have been made to the document.

## Annex 2: Rotherham Health & Wellbeing Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Steering Group Draft Terms of Reference

### Background

If someone (typically a pharmacist, a dispenser of appliances, or a GP) wants to provide NHS pharmaceutical services, they must apply for inclusion on a pharmaceutical list by providing that they are able to meet the pharmaceutical needs of the area in which they want to operate. The pharmaceutical needs of an area are defined in Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments – a report produced every three years by Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The content of PNAs is set out in [Schedule 1 to the NHS \(Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services\) Regulations 2013](#).

A PNA must contain:

- A statement of the pharmaceutical services provided that are necessary to meet needs in the area;
- A statement of the pharmaceutical services that have been identified by the HWB that are needed in the area, and are not provided (gaps in provision);
- A statement of the other services which are provided, which are not needed, but which have secured improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of the services that the HWB has identified as not being provided, but which would, if they were to be provided, secure improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of other NHS services provided by a local authority, the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England), a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or an NHS Trust, which affect the needs for pharmaceutical services;
- An explanation of how the assessment has been carried out (including how the consultation was carried out); and
- A map of providers of pharmaceutical services.

### 1. Purpose

**The functions of the group are to:**

The purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group is to advise on the production of, and consultation on, the Rotherham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The PNA must be published by October 2025.

### 2. Responsibilities:

The primary role of the group is to advise on the compilation and publication of an evidence based and up to date PNA, building on expertise from across the local healthcare community. The compilation of the PNA itself will be the responsibility of

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's Public Health Team. The steering group will act in an advisory capacity to the Council and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Specifically, the Steering Group will:

- Advise on and agree the process for assessing the current provision of pharmaceutical services by pharmacies, appliance contractors and dispensing practices within Rotherham (and neighbouring areas);
- Advise on the process of consultation ensuring that this meets the requirements set out in the Regulations;
- Ensure that accurate maps identifying the premises where services are provided are produced;
- Agree the statement of the need for pharmaceutical services in Rotherham;
- Consider formal responses received during the formal consultation process, and advise on appropriate amendments to the PNA;
- Review, input to, and approve a consultation report as required by the Regulations and ensure that this is included within the final PNA;
- Submit the final PNA to the Health & Wellbeing Board for approval prior to publication

### **3. Composition of the group**

Membership of the Group shall be:

- **Public Health Intelligence Principal**
- **Public Health Consultant**
- **Public Health Intelligence Analyst**
- **Operational commissioner (Public Health)**
- **Chief Executive Officer of Community Pharmacy South Yorkshire**
- **Pharmacy lead for NHSE**
- **Community pharmacy clinical lead**
- **Healthwatch representative**
- Other staff members may be invited to attend meetings for the purpose of providing advice and/or clarification to the Group.

### **4. Deputising**

As appropriate

### **5. Accountability**

The members of the meeting will be accountable to the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board for the responsibilities set out in the terms of reference.

## **6. Frequency of meetings**

Bi-monthly.

## **7. Meeting Support**

Public Health Intelligence Analyst

## **8. Agenda deadlines**

Agenda and papers to be sent one week before the meeting takes place wherever possible. Papers may be circulated at a later date and/or tabled if required.

Annex 3: Summary of pharmaceutical service provision by Rotherham ward by number of professional fees  
Jan 2024-December 2024

Service	Boston Castle	Aston & Todwick	Wath	Rotherham West	Dalton & Thrybergh	Rawmarsh West	Sitwell	Hooper	Rotherham East	Rother Vale	Rawmarsh East	Dinnington	Thurcroft & Wickersley South	Keppel	Wales	Greasbrough	Kilnhurst & Swinton East	Anston & Woodsetts	Maltby East	Wickersley North	Aughton & Swallownest	Brinsworth	Swinton Rockingham	Hellaby & Maltby West	Bramley & Ravenfield
Number of Appliance Use Reviews (AURs) conducted at premises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Appliance Use Reviews (AURs) conducted in user's home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) Fees	40	18	26	33	28	28	17	32	0	7	36	0	77	1	21	6	6	9	4	14	75	5	8	7	2

Service	Boston Castle	Aston & Todwick	Wath	Rotherham West	Dalton & Thrybergh	Rawmarsh West	Sitwell	Hoover	Rotherham East	Rother Vale	Rawmarsh East	Dinnington	Thurcroft & Wickersley	Keppel	Wales	Greasbrough	Kilnhurst & Swinton East	Anston & Woodsetts	Maltby East	Wickersley North	Aughton & Swallownest	Brinsworth	Swinton Rockingham	Hellaby & Maltby West	Bramley & Ravenfield
Number of Community Pharmacy Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)	0	94	93	2	12	37	27	28	0	1	35	45	93	22	8	10	41	2	6	34	16	0	37	1	7
Number of Community Pharmacy Clinic Blood Pressure checks	1341	573	1247	785	617	541	223	429	11	1009	336	875	2911	275	293	279	405	402	187	946	248	238	807	334	437
Number of Community Pharmacy Contraceptive Initiation Consultations	6	13	21	0	11	14	0	9	0	0	14	0	4	8	27	8	3	4	1	13	0	0	12	0	4

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Number of Community Pharmacy Contraceptive Ongoing Consultations	27	223	96	0	61	192	0	103	0	5	255	1	8	16	183	24	107	26	2	61	0	0	38	0	28
Number of Community Pharmacy Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation consultations	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Complete Discharge Medicines Services	41	2	15	0	2	47	0	19	0	0	5	1	7	4	6	0	2	0	9	3	0	0	10	1	0

Service	Number of Items	Number of Influenza Administered Fees	Number of Incomplete Discharge Medicines Services	Number of forms for Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)	Number of Forms	Number of COVID-19 Home Delivery Fees
Boston Castle	766356	2184	11	311129	3E+05	0
Aston & Todwick	205233	862	13	88764	91073	0
Wath	343687	1436	27	157525	2E+05	0
Rotherham West	492349	580	0	207150	2E+05	0
Dalton & Thrybergh	312390	945	1	124215	1E+05	0
Rawmarsh West	386773	1565	6	150804	2E+05	0
Sitwell	250401	959	0	108450	1E+05	0
Hooper	212395	450	7	96195	1E+05	0
Rotherham East	73142	446	0	31693	33306	0
Rother Vale	144619	400	0	65456	67182	0
Rawmarsh East	353958	335	0	147150	2E+05	0
Dinnington	383564	1187	3	161267	2E+05	0
Thurcroft & Wickersley	401003	329	13	175317	2E+05	0
Keppel	206835	847	0	91910	95664	0
Wales	244719	608	6	26177	1E+05	0
Greasbrough	183366	257	8	84566	88166	0
Kilnhurst & Swinton East	115425	377	0	48217	50853	0
Anston & Woodsetts	179443	134	0	75630	80041	0
Maltby East	154537	73	2	67576	69891	0
Wickersley North	426039	2062	1	179234	2E+05	0
Aughton & Swallownest	110476	0	0	46223	47977	0
Brinsworth	127674	0	0	59979	62363	0
Swinton Rockingham	180491	299	0	78198	80297	0
Hellaby & Maltby West	274215	616	2	122812	1E+05	0
Bramley & Ravenfield	88656	364	0	39484	40389	0

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Number of Items processed via Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)	746443	202465	337264	484471	286241	357821	246643	206587	70620	142658	345490	377133	392804	202609	57197	178923	111291	172013	151923	419364	108365	125036	178106	270819	87549
Number of Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test Supply Service Fees	904	23	33	1264	111	37	0	17	0	0	5	1001	3810	22	34	25	93	23	187	123	0	0	0	0	23
Number of Medicine Use Reviews (MURs) declared	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of New Medicine Service (NMS) interventions declared	3276	1729	1742	2781	1835	2398	985	582	413	624	1540	2788	2944	1204	1563	797	623	782	683	2335	323	402	942	963	461

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Number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations - Acute Otitis Media	53	37	94	131	64	61	33	43	18	33	32	114	141	36	50	36	24	49	17	106	13	37	26	21	12
Number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations - Acute Sore Throat	206	94	200	426	156	144	63	102	33	116	190	225	359	78	188	114	67	96	92	158	41	66	68	64	45
Number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations - Impetigo	42	17	32	42	18	36	8	27	1	7	25	29	45	8	10	19	13	12	21	43	2	13	12	11	3

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Number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations - Infected Insect Bites	109	36	67	89	63	67	41	39	3	31	79	81	167	25	60	64	19	41	39	82	19	22	16	23	16
Number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations - Shingles	20	16	26	28	6	11	11	7	2	4	19	18	39	14	12	4	10	14	6	27	2	9	13	12	5
Number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations - Sinusitis	60	72	53	65	20	54	26	45	1	42	65	47	110	14	51	57	26	30	14	73	15	19	20	21	6

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Number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations - Uncomplicated UTI	174	129	174	119	130	154	66	119	11	81	99	211	252	44	118	82	72	78	80	200	59	41	69	63	33
Number of Pharmacy First Minor Illness Referral Consultations	164	291	221	2309	122	58	54	80	49	44	197	113	177	60	270	51	23	82	35	57	28	35	75	52	9
Number of Pharmacy First Urgent Medicine Supply Consultations	364	30	298	229	307	164	100	119	40	30	298	349	629	49	42	43	20	60	104	64	27	43	91	49	5
Total pharmacy first	1192	722	1165	3438	886	749	402	581	158	388	1004	1187	1919	328	801	470	274	462	408	810	206	285	390	316	134

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Number of Prescriptions (Professional Fees) (Standard discount rate)	661604	177715	294873	423688	269848	331597	219784	182328	63301	123173	307636	331986	349447	180870	212360	158883	100645	159082	132574	372830	95855	111799	156460	240053	78593
Number of Prescriptions (Professional Fees) (Zero discount rate)	125484	28723	51438	75681	47307	60634	32385	30908	10639	22354	52275	53127	53744	27921	33423	27443	15572	21930	23653	55353	16749	17088	26326	35363	10158
Number of Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) Fees	4	13	83	29	43	89	160	0	29	2	85	85	3	58	96	85	41	15	36	40	44	54	36	176	0
Number of Stoma Customisation Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total number of Prescriptions (Professional Fees)	787088	206438	346311	499369	317155	392231	252169	213236	73940	145527	359911	385113	403191	208791	245783	186326	116217	181012	156227	428183	112604	128887	182786	275416	88751

Number of Community Pharmacy Completed Transactions for Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service	Service
0	Boston Castle
0	Aston & Todwick
0	Wath
0	Rotherham West
0	Dalton & Thrybergh
0	Rawmarsh West
0	Sitwell
0	Hooper
0	Rotherham East
0	Rother Vale
0	Rawmarsh East
0	Dinnington
0	Thurcroft & Wickersley South
0	Keppel
0	Wales
0	Greasbrough
0	Kilnhurst & Swinton East
0	Anston & Woodsetts
0	Maltby East
0	Wickersley North
0	Aughton & Swallownest
0	Brinsworth
0	Swinton Rockingham
0	Hellaby & Maltby West
0	Bramley & Ravenfield



## Annex 4: List of pharmaceutical service providers as of January 2025

No.	Pharmacy	Post Code	Day of the week						
			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Abbey Pharmacy	S65 1JQ	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-13:00	CLOSED
2	Allied Pharmacy Aston	S26 4WD	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-12:00	CLOSED
3	Allied Pharmacy Church Street	S63 7QY	09:00-13:00, 13:20-17:30	09:00-13:00, 13:20-17:30	09:00- 13:00, 13:20-17:30	09:00-13:00, 13:20-17:30	09:00-13:00, 13:20-17:30	09:00-12:00	CLOSED
4	Archway Pharmacy	S61 1AB	08:45-18:30	08:45-18:30	08:45-18:30	08:45-18:30	08:45-18:30	09:00-13:00	CLOSED
5	Asda Pharmacy	S65 3SW	09:00-20:00	09:00-20:00	09:00-20:00	09:00-20:00	09:00-20:00	09:00-20:00	10:00-16:00
6	Boots	S60 4LA	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-17:00	CLOSED
7	Boots	S60 1TG	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	11:00-16:30
8	Boots	S73 0TB	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	CLOSED
9	Brookside Pharmacy	S60 4HY	09:00-17:30	09:00-17:30	09:00-13:00	09:00-17:30	09:00-17:30	09:00-12:30	CLOSED
10	Clifton Pharmacy	S65 2QN	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-12:30	CLOSED
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12	Cryer A	S65 1AB	08:45-16:15	08:45-16:15	08:45-16:15	08:45-16:15	08:45-16:15	09:00-11:30	CLOSED
13	Dalton Pharmacy	S65 3HD	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
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21	Heritage Pharmacy	S25 3SA	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-13:00	CLOSED
22	Kimberworth Pharmacy	S61 3QH	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	10:00-12:30	CLOSED
23	Kiveton Delivery Pharmacy	S26 6LR	09:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00- 13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
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25	Lo's Pharmacy	S61 4RD	08:30-18:00	08:30-18:00	08:30-18:00	08:30-18:00	08:30-18:00	09:00-12:00	CLOSED
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28	Morrisons Pharmacy	S73 0TB	09:00-19:00	09:00-19:00	09:00-19:00	09:00-19:00	09:00-19:00	09:00-18:00	10:00-16:00
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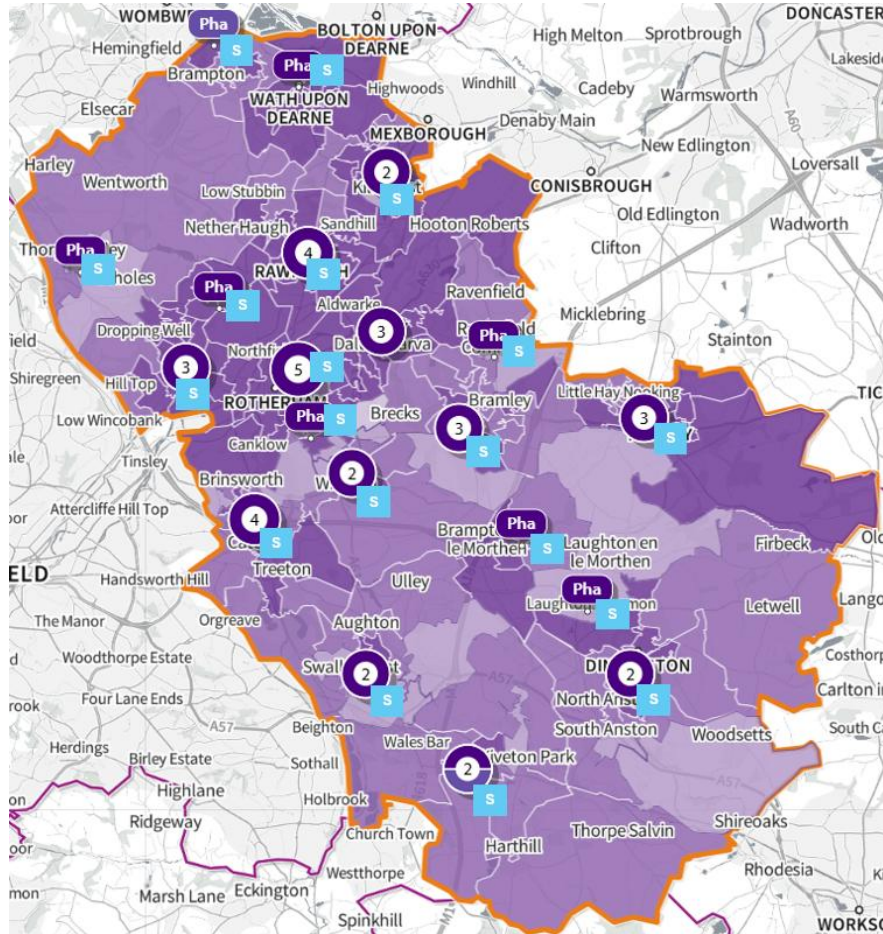
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47	Weldricks Pharmacy	S26 4TT	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-12:30	CLOSED
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51	Weldricks Pharmacy	S66 8DP	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
52	Weldricks Pharmacy	S60 5SR	09:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00- 13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00-13:00, 14:00-17:00	09:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	09:00-12:00	CLOSED
53	Well	S66 1AA	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-13:00	CLOSED
54	Well	S61 2QP	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
55	Well	S66 2JQ	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
56	Well	S65 4BT	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	09:00-18:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
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58	Whitworth Chemist Ltd	S60 3EW	08:30-18:30	08:30-18:30	08:30-18:30	08:30-18:30	08:30-18:30	CLOSED	CLOSED

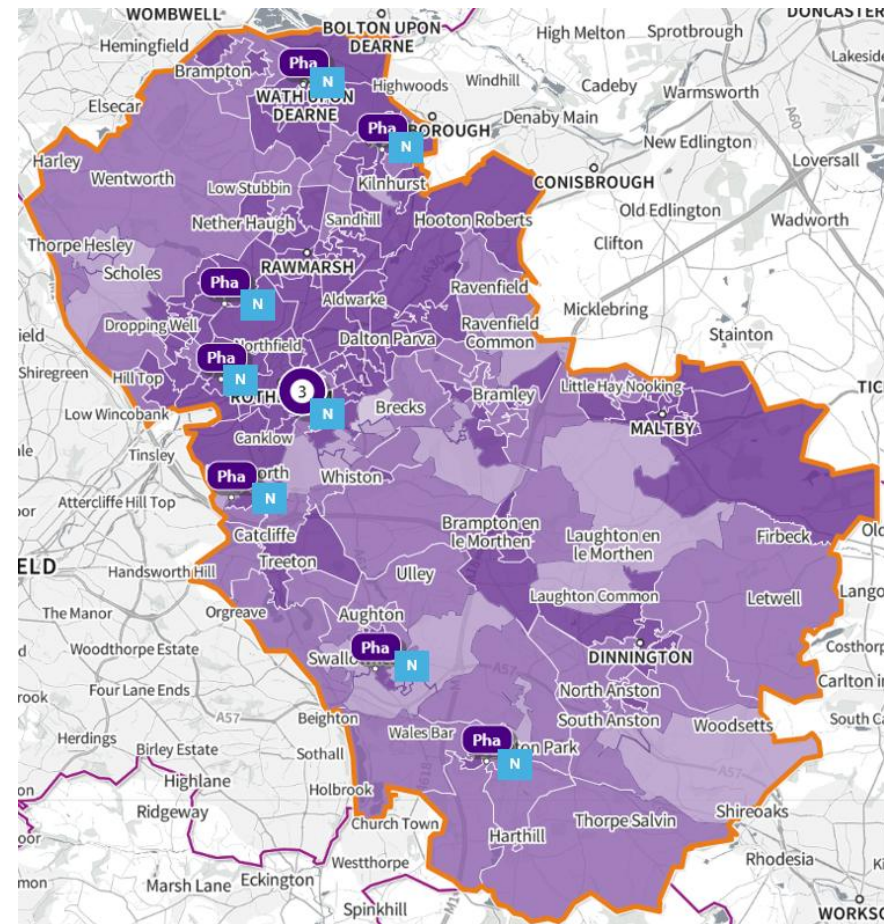
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<b>Dispensing Appliance Contractors</b>									
62	South Yorkshire Ostomy Supplies Ltd	S61 1EE	09:00-15:00	09:00-15:00	09:00-15:00	09:00-15:00	09:00-15:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Dispensing GPs</b>									
63	Dinnington Group Practice	S25 2EZ	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	CLOSED	CLOSED
64	Kiveton Park Medical Practice	S26 6QU	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	CLOSED	CLOSED
65	Morthen Road Surgery	S66 1EU	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	08:00-18:30	CLOSED	CLOSED

Annex 5: Locally commissioned service provision maps

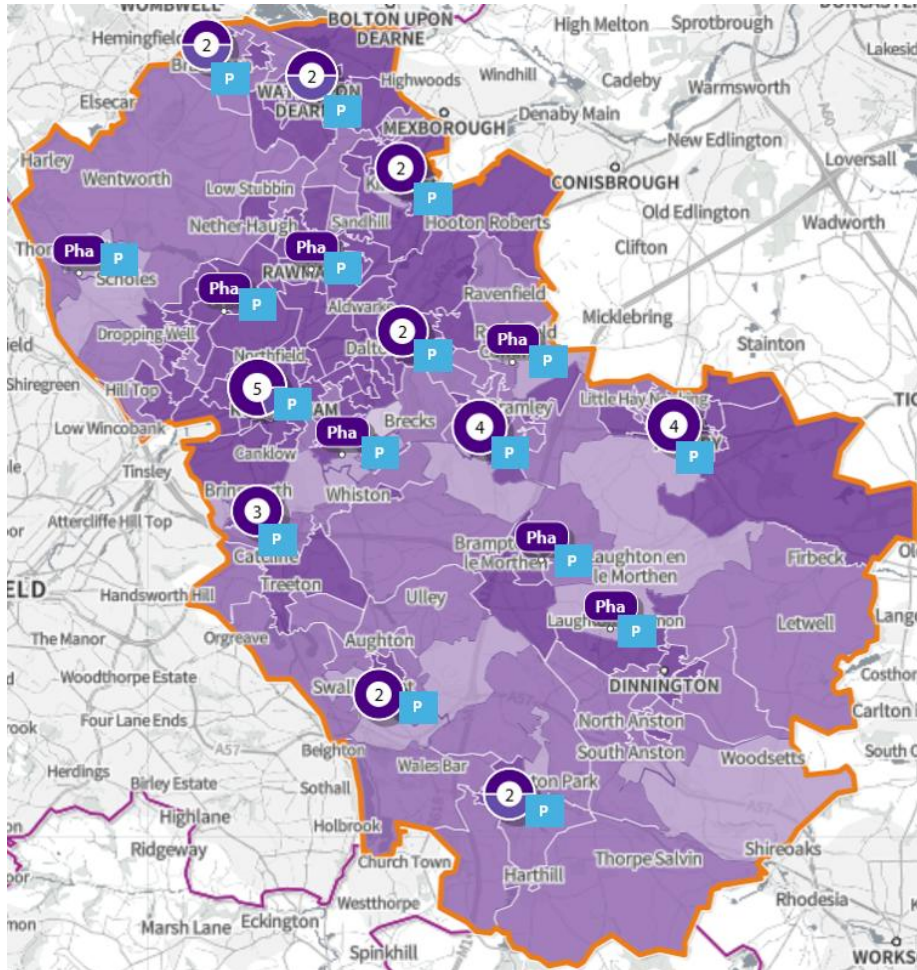
**Map A: Supervised consumption service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**



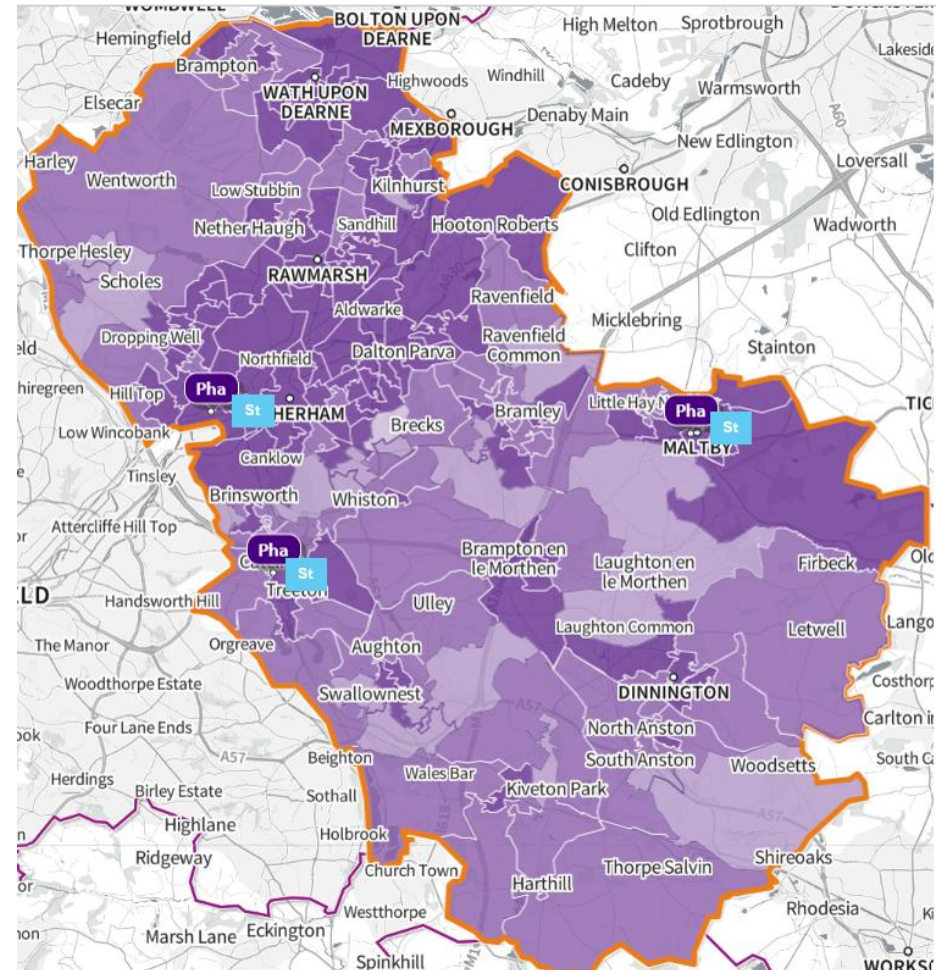
**Map B: Needle exchange services by the most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**



**Map C: Palliative Care Drugs service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**

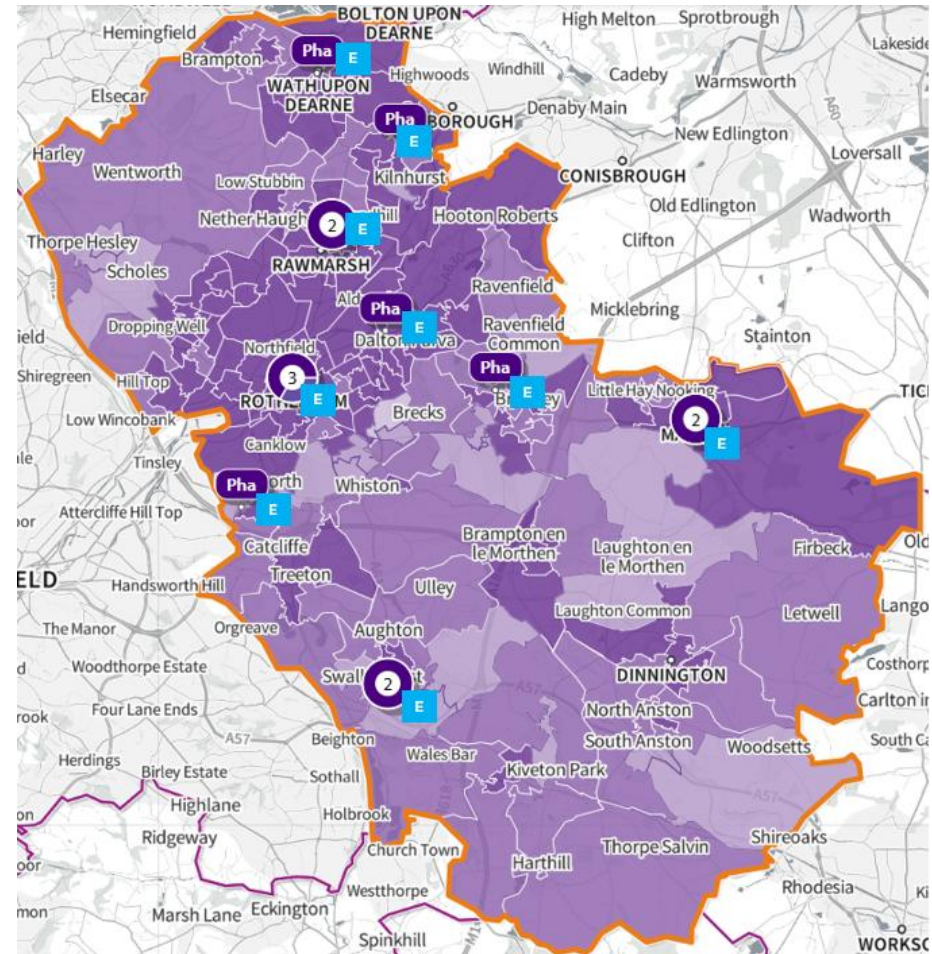
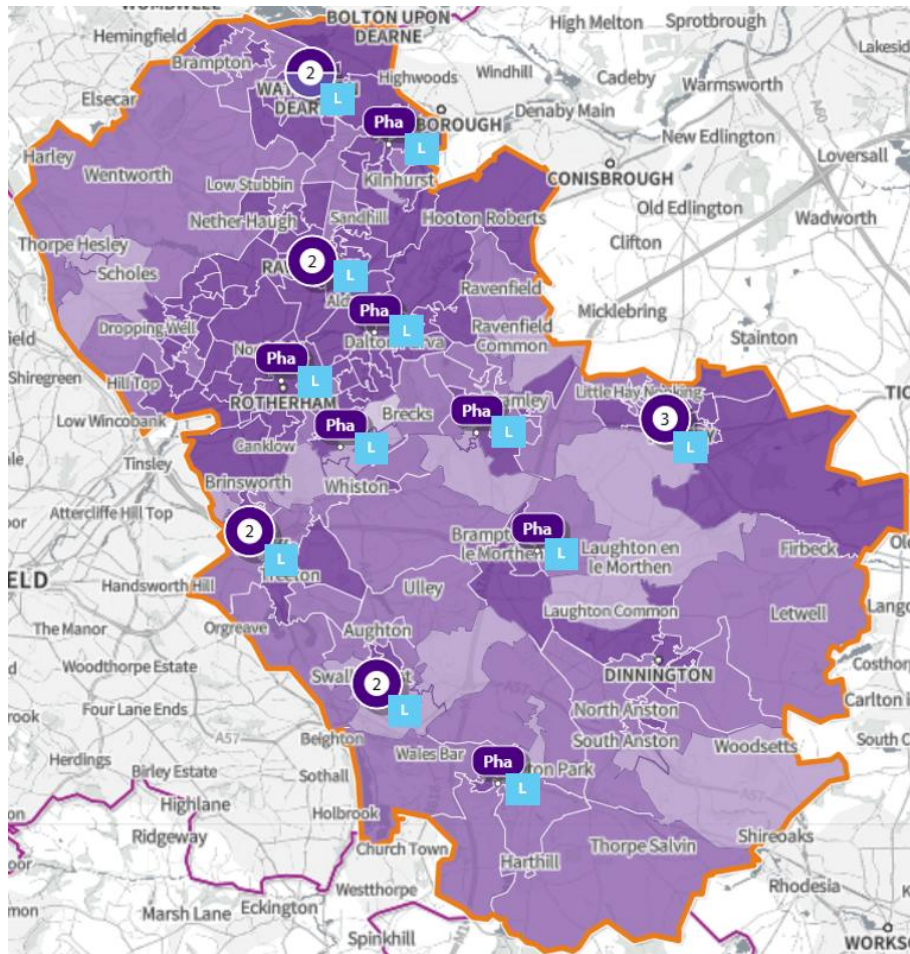


**Map D: Stoma customisation services by the most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**



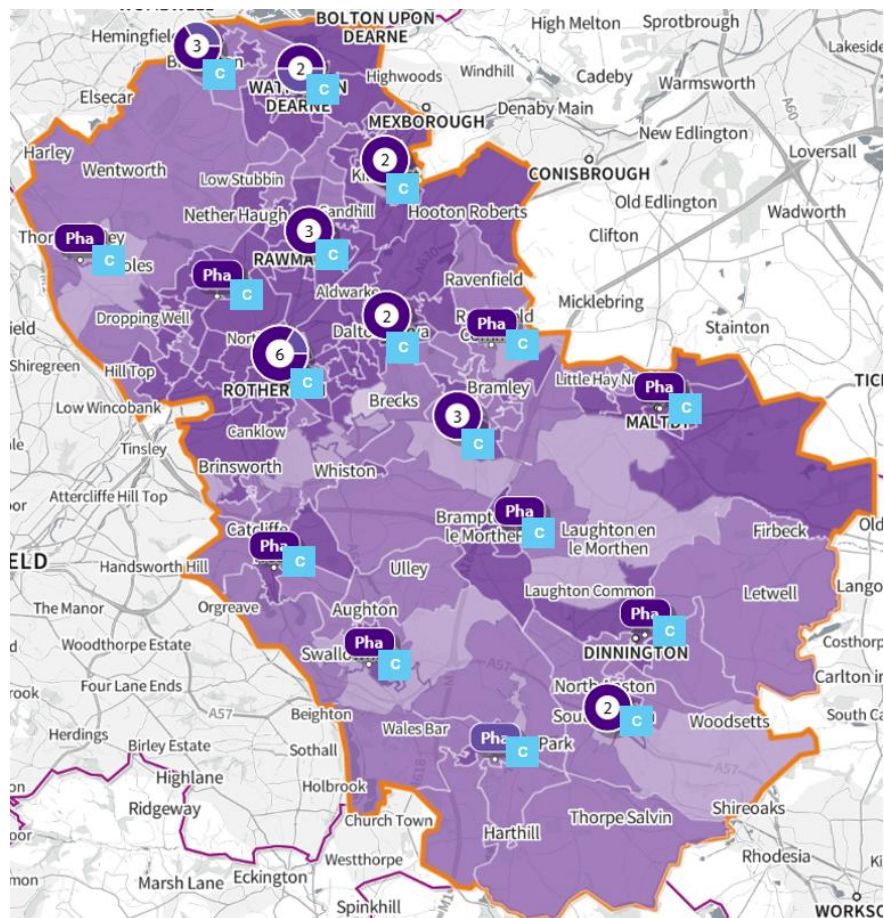
**Map E: Over The Counter Medication Labelling Service services by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**

**Map F: EHC service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**

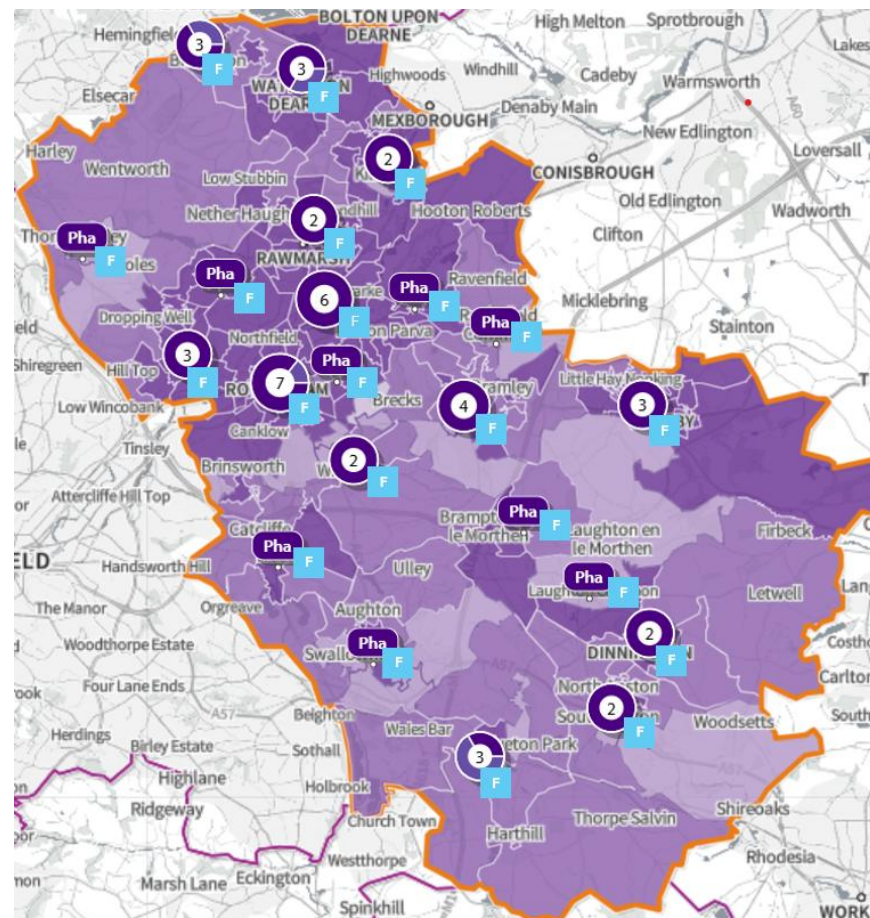


Annex 6: Advanced services service provision maps

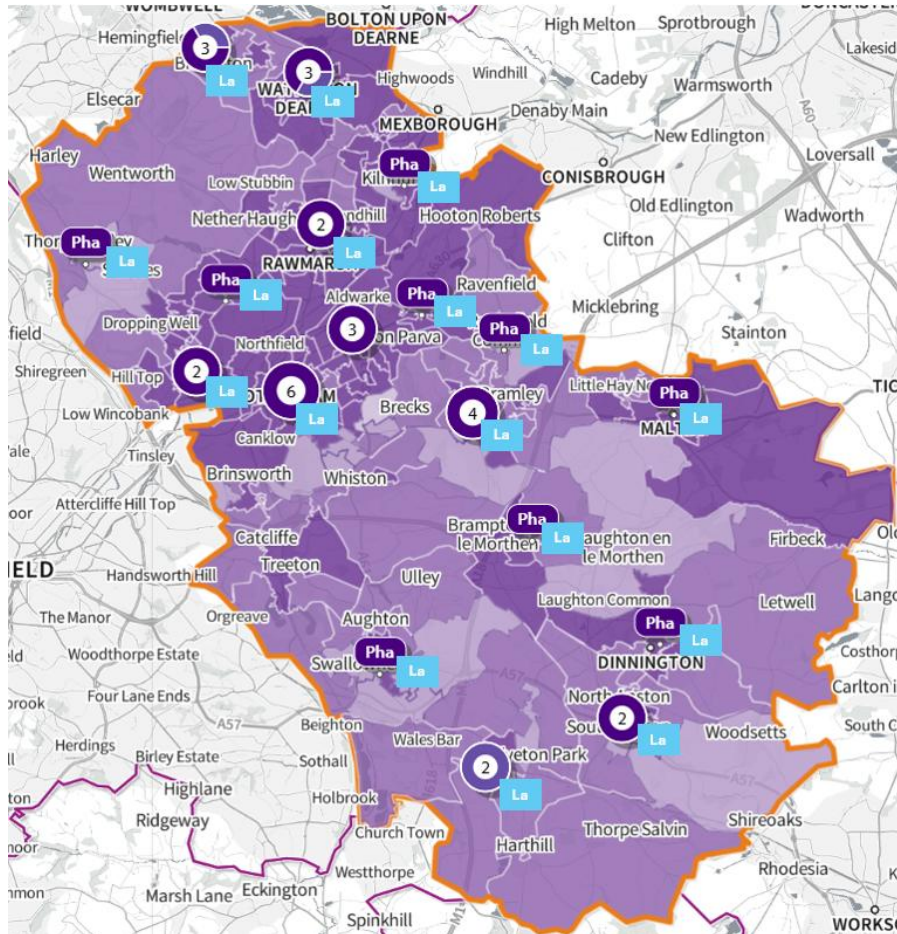
**Map G: Pharmacy Contraceptive Service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability**



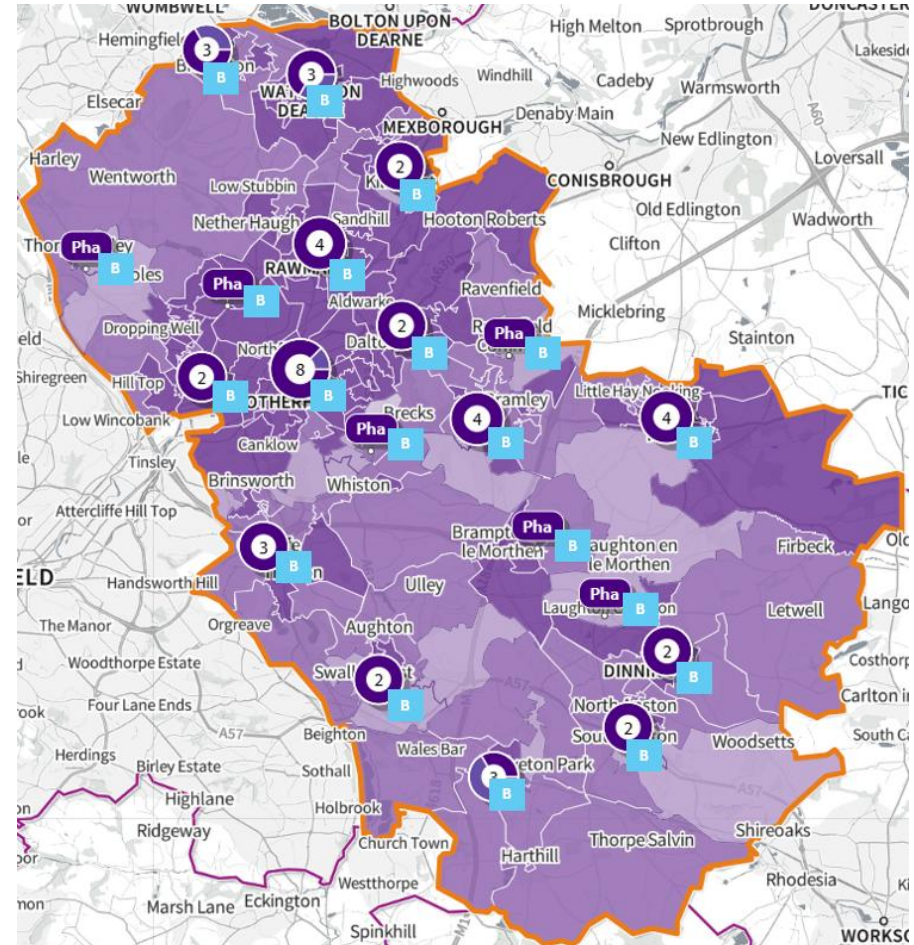
**Map H: Flu vaccination service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**



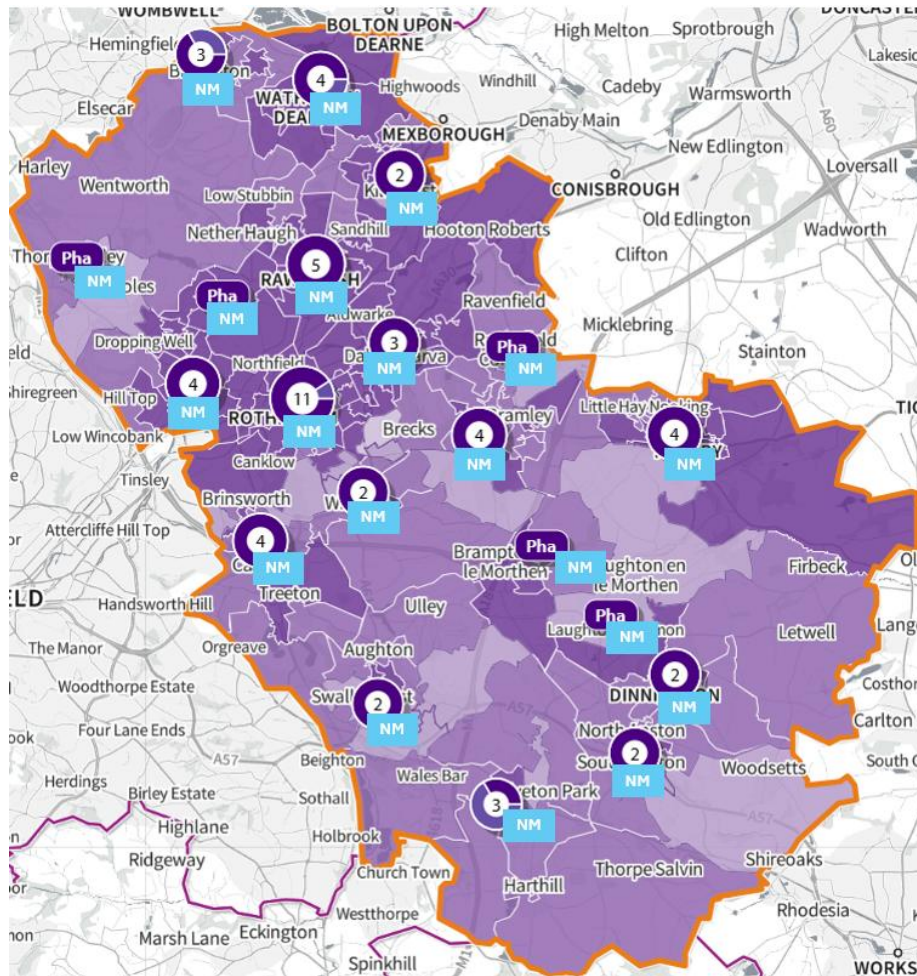
**Map I: Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test Supply Service services by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**



**Map J: Blood Pressure checks service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**



**Map K: New Medicine Service service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**



**Map L: Pharmacy First service by most deprived areas under the IMD 2019 Health Deprivation and Disability domain**

