



Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022



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Introduction



Birmingham and Solihull Health and Care Board is looking at pharmacy services in our city.



We have written a **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)**.

A **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)** is a document that explains what pharmacy services are needed.

You can read the full PNAs here:

- For Birmingham:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50268/joint_strategic_needs_assessment_jsna/1301/pharmaceutical_needs_assessment_pna



- For Solihull:

www.solihull.gov.uk/About-the-Council/Public-health



The main things we found out

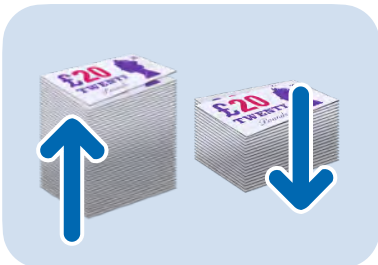
About Birmingham and Solihull



- About 1.4 million people live in Birmingham and Solihull.



- There are more people from lots of different ethnic backgrounds in Birmingham than in Solihull.



- Some parts of Birmingham and Solihull have a lot of money, and some parts do not have a lot of money.



- Most of the parts that do not have a lot of money are in Birmingham, rather than Solihull.



- People in Solihull tend to live longer than people in Birmingham.

Pharmacies and services

We found out:



- Birmingham and Solihull have 317 pharmacies. This includes 15 Distance Selling Pharmacies (DSPs) - these are pharmacies that post your medicines to you.



- Most people in Birmingham and Solihull can walk from home to a nearby pharmacy in 20 minutes.



Pharmacy services include:

- Giving you medicine that your doctor has told you that you need.



- Selling medicines.



- Giving you advice about how to keep healthy.



- Safely getting rid of your medicines.



- Helping you with advice and medicines to deal with common, not very serious illnesses, like coughs, colds and upset tummies.



- Some pharmacies in Birmingham and Solihull also offer help to stop smoking and give you a flu jab.

Issues and illnesses

We found out:



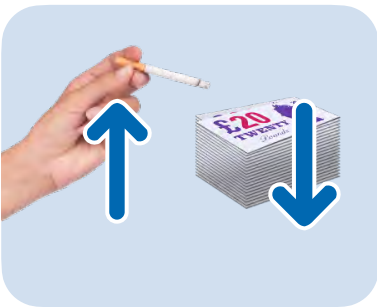
- The amount of people in Birmingham and Solihull who have weight issues is high, the same as the average in England.



- The amount of people who smoke in Solihull is close to the average in England.



- More people smoke in Birmingham than in Solihull.



- People living in areas of Birmingham and Solihull that do not have a lot of money smoke more.



- More teenage girls become pregnant in Birmingham than the rest of England.
- Less teenage girls become pregnant in Solihull than the rest of England.



- There are more people with **diabetes** in Birmingham and Solihull than in England, on average.

Diabetes is where your body can't deal with sugar properly.



- Pharmacies give help and support with smoking, blood pressure and weight issues.

What people said



We asked people questions to find out what they think about pharmacies in Birmingham and Solihull.

533 people answered these questions. From their answers we found that:



- Most people have a pharmacy that they prefer to go to.



- Most people said their pharmacy was either good or excellent.



- Just over half of the people visit a pharmacy once a month or more.



- It takes most people less than 15 minutes to get to a pharmacy.



- Most people say that their pharmacy is open on a day that is good for them.

General

In general, we found out that:



- There are lots of different pharmacy services in Birmingham and Solihull to meet people's health needs.



- People can get to and use these pharmacy services.



- We think that Birmingham and Solihull have a good number of pharmacies now and over the next 3 years.



- We think that pharmacies provide a good service.

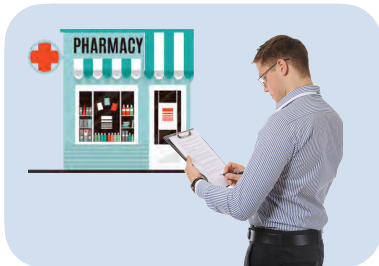


- We will carry on checking the number of pharmacies and their services to make sure they are right for people's needs.

Ways we can be better



We found out some ways that pharmacy services in Birmingham and Solihull can be better:



- We should let people know about the services they can get from their pharmacy.



- We should find ways for pharmacies to provide more services.



- All pharmacies in Birmingham and Solihull should try to provide the services their patients need.