

## **York Health and Wellbeing Board**

Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

### **Enhanced Supplementary Statement to the York Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025**

This enhanced supplementary statement was issued in November 2024 in recognition that NHSE has received appeals on decisions in relation to applications made for pharmacies in the Clifton area of York.

#### **The following pharmacy has closed: Boots UK limited, 86 Clifton, YO30 6BA**

The pharmacy closed on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024. There have been two public petitions campaigning for a pharmacy in the Clifton area of York.

We continue to believe that it is a disproportionate response to amend the existing PNA directly. However we have also assessed that the findings of the existing PNA no longer accurately describe the current availability of pharmacy services in the Clifton area of York and no longer describe accurately describe the availability of needle exchange and supervised consumption services in York as a whole.

The closure of this pharmacy has meant that a greater number of York residents are greater than a 15 minute walk of a pharmacy, and as such there is an unmet need of pharmacy services in the Clifton area of York. Clifton is an area of relative disadvantage in York, with more residents experiencing poorer health, and therefore a greater need for pharmacy services. Additionally, residents of Clifton may face additional barriers to travelling to other parts of York to access pharmacy services.

In addition, the closed pharmacy in Clifton provided both needle exchange service and supervised consumption service. The closure of this pharmacy has provided a particular unmet need for residents who use these services with residents now having to travel to other parts of York to access these services.

It is our view that this now a gap in pharmacy provision in the Clifton area of York for core pharmaceutical services, and a whole city gap in provision for needle exchange and supervised consumption services.

**Signed** Cllr Lucy Steels-Walshaw, Chair of York Health and Wellbeing Board and Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care

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