

Voluntary supplementary statement against the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015-18



Closure of Weardale Practice Dispensary on 27th October 2017

This closure was considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on 27th November 2017.

The HWB decision is that this dispensary closure does not leave a significant gap in essential pharmaceutical services in the area.

This decision is based on the following points:

- The two nearest pharmacies in Stanhope and Wolsingham already dispense over 80% of the prescriptions issued by the GP practice and both indicate that they have capacity to manage an increase in workload.
- The GP practice can electronically transmit prescriptions to a pharmacy of a patient's choice negating the need for the patient to collect a repeat prescription from the practice.
- Stanhope Pharmacy is implementing changes to its goodwill delivery service to accommodate vulnerable patients.
- Emergency medicines will continue to be provided directly from the "doctor's bag".