

**TITLE OF REPORT: Pharmacy Applications 2017**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Health and Wellbeing Board with a summary of new applications July 2017. Applications are received from NHS England in accordance with the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, since the last formal meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2013.

**Background**

2. The NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 outline that under regulation 99; 4a NHS England must give notice of the designation (relating to pharmacy applications) to:

*“The Health and Wellbeing Board for the area to which the designation relates, or (as the case may be) for the area in which the premises or descriptions are situated”.*

3. A process has been agreed whereby any Pharmacy Relocation Applications would first be considered by the Director of Public Health who would make a recommendation to the other Health and Wellbeing Board members as to whether a representation to NHS England was necessary. The application would then be circulated to the Health and Wellbeing Board, along with the Director of Public Health’s recommendation.

**Pharmacy Applications**

4. The Health and Wellbeing Board as an interested party is requested to provide NHS England with any representations in respect of Pharmacy Relocation applications.
5. In July 2017 one application received from AOne Business Centre, Suite 6, 3 Summerhill, Blaydon on Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE21 4JR in respect of distance selling premises by Pacific Chem Ltd.

6. Representations were made from the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and the Local Medical Council who are of the opinion that there is sufficient pharmaceutical provision within Gateshead and that this contract would undoubtedly destabilize the current service provision. The LMC also felt that GP practices have noted that patients are being approached directly by such (online) pharmacies and asked to give their permission to collect prescriptions and post their medication. This undermines the local relationship with GPs and pharmacists and may lead to requests for repeat prescriptions when not needed.
7. Gateshead Council Public Health also made a representation based on the information that the General Pharmaceutical Council registration for the named pharmacist was unable to be located.

### **Recommendations**

8. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:
  - Note the content of this report;
  - Agree the representation made;
  - Receive future reports when new applications are submitted.

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