

## Wiltshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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### Background

- The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to develop and update pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) as mandated by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The current Wiltshire PNA was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- The PNA is a key tool for identifying what is needed at a local level to support the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and the basis for determining market entry to the local NHS England pharmaceutical list.
- The regulation required the Health and Wellbeing Board to identify any changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services and then determine whether or not it needs to issue a supplementary statement.
- A supplementary statement is to be published to explain changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services where:
  - (a) the changes are relevant to the granting of an application or applications for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list for the area of the health and wellbeing board's area; and
  - (b) the health and wellbeing board is satisfied that producing a new pharmaceutical needs assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes or it is already producing its next pharmaceutical needs assessment but is satisfied that it needs to immediately modify the existing document in order to prevent significant detriment to the provision of pharmaceutical services

### Market exit notification from Lloyd's in Sainsbury pharmacy

- Lloyds Pharmacy announced in January 2023, it was closing all 237 of its pharmacy sites located in Sainsbury's supermarkets across the country.
- NHS England had received the official market exit notification from Lloyd's Pharmacy for closure of all their pharmacy in Sainsbury Supermarkets across the South West in March 2023.
- There was only one Lloyd's pharmacy in Sainsbury (Bath Road, Chippenham, SN14 0BJ) within Wiltshire had given notice for permanent closure and it had ceased trading since the end of business on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Public health team has completed the initial impact assessment of the closure and key summaries of the review are as follows:
  - The closed pharmacy dispenses around 4000 items a month and there are three

alternative pharmacies within 2 miles from the location. There are two pharmacies (within 5 mins drive time) which provide similar/long opening hours than the Lloyd's pharmacy is now closed.

- Provided that alternative providers have capacity to absorb additional prescriptions which were fulfilled by the Lloyd's pharmacy in Sainsbury, there are sufficient alternative local providers to support the closure.
- Further communications were sent to our local pharmaceutical committee (Community Pharmacy Swindon and Wiltshire). Their response indicated that following the closure of the Lloyd's Pharmacy in Sainsbury Chippenham, there is no report of any issues in neighbouring pharmacies and support our initial impact assessment that there is no gap in provision as a result of this closure.

#### Recommendations to Health and Wellbeing Board:

- To acknowledge the closure of the Lloyd's Pharmacy in Sainsbury in Chippenham from 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- To review the initial impact assessment for the closure of the Lloyd's pharmacy in Sainsbury, Chippenham and support the finding that this closure does not create a gap that could be met by an application offering to meet a need for, or secure improvements or better access to, pharmaceutical service.
- To support the decision that a supplementary statement is not required to be issued as sufficient alternative local providers are available locally.
- To continue to monitor any future changes in pharmaceutical services within Wiltshire.