

## **Health and Wellbeing representations to pharmacy consolidation applications, 2017 to June 2019**

### **Background**

The National health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 states Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBBs) are required to produce an assessment of needs for pharmaceutical services in their area at least every three years.

The Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) looks at the current provision of pharmaceutical services across the districts and how well needs for pharmaceutical services are being met. The latest report is online and can be found at <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/public-health/HampshirePharmaceuticalNeedsAssessmentFinal2018.pdf>

The PNA is used as a starting point for anyone who is thinking of making an application for a new pharmacy. NHS England (NHSE) is required to use it to consider applications to open a new pharmacy, move an existing pharmacy or to commission additional services from a pharmacy. In order to open a community pharmacy, a contract must be granted by NHSE.

Since 5th December 2016, the Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to make a representation to NHSE on consolidation applications of community pharmacies in its area (i.e. where pharmacy businesses on two or more sites propose to consolidate to a single existing site). The Health and Wellbeing Board must respond within 45 days. NHS England collate all responses from interested parties and then makes the final decision on the consolidation application.

This briefing presents the consolidation applications Hampshire Health and Wellbeing board have responded to since the publication of the latest PNA.

## **2017 Applications**

### **1) Continuing site**

#### **L Rowlands & Co LTD T/A Rowlands Pharmacy**

1 Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire PO9 4AB.

### **Closing site**

#### **L Rowlands & Co LTD T/A Rowlands Pharmacy**

2 Strouden Court Precinct, Warren Park, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 4JX

### **HWB representation made to NHS England (November 2017)**

The Hampshire Health and Wellbeing board considered the consolidation application and believed the removal does not create a gap in pharmaceutical services provision as published in the Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2017 which was out to consultation at the time.

### **Outcome**

NHS England refused the consolidation however the Strouden Court Pharmacy subsequently closed.

## **2018 Applications**

### **2) Continuing site**

#### **Wessex Pharmacies Ltd**

The Corner House, Broad Street, Alresford, Hampshire. SO24 9AR

#### **Closing site**

#### **Pillbox Chemists Limited.**

1 East Street, Alresford, Hampshire. SO24 9EE

#### **HWB representation made to NHS England (June 2018)**

The Hampshire Health and Wellbeing board considered the consolidation application and believed the removal does not create a gap in pharmaceutical services provision as published in the Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2017.

#### **Outcome**

Consolidation application accepted

## **2019 Applications**

### **3) Continuing site**

#### **Lloyds Pharmacies Ltd**

2 Commercial Road, ASDA Precinct, Totton, Hampshire. SO40 3BY

#### **Closing site**

#### **Lloyds Pharmacies Ltd**

13a Commercial Road, Totton, Hampshire. SO40 3BX

#### **HWB representation made to NHS England (May 2019)**

The Hampshire Health and Wellbeing board considered the consolidation application and believed the removal does not create a gap in pharmaceutical services provision as published in the Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2017.

#### **Outcome**

Application granted and consolidation took place on 1 Sept 2019

#### 4) Continuing site

##### **Pillbox Chemists Ltd (t/a Oakley Pharmacy).**

22c Oakley Lane, Oakley, Basingstoke. RG23 7YJ

##### **Closing site**

##### **Pillbox Chemists Ltd (t/a Bucksin Pharmacy).**

Units 1-3 Bucksin Centre, Bucksin, Basingstoke, RG22 5BW

##### **HWB representation made to NHS England (June 2019)**

The Hampshire Health and Wellbeing board has considered the consolidation application and believes the removal does create a gap in pharmaceutical services provision. Accessibility could be an issue for some more vulnerable lower income population groups resulting in them travelling further which would be difficult without use of a car. A small but high need client group who access opiate substitute therapy at this pharmacy would have to travel to either the continuing site or the three pharmacies located nearby, the closest of which is approximately 1.1 miles or 21 minute walk away.

##### **Outcome**

Buckskin Pharmacy (Pillbox) consolidation was refused by NHS England. It was appealed by the applicant, this appeal was refused due to the applicant withdrawing their appeal and closing on 31 October 2019.

## Closures

ODS	Contractor	Trading Title	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Postcode	Date of closure
FE957	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloyds Pharmacy	14 Elm Grove		Hayling Island	Hampshire	PO11 9EF	26-Jan-18
FH259	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloyds Pharmacy	The New Medical Centre, Shakespeare Road,	Popley	Basingstoke	Hampshire	RG24 9DT	29-Jan-18
FK510	Waitrose Supermarket	Boots UK Ltd	Unit 1 Dukes Walk, Stakes Hill Road		Waterlooville	Hampshire	PO7 7HS	27-Jul-19
FE714	Williams Pharmacy	Williams Pharmacy	40-41 Victoria Road		Netley Abbey	Hampshire	SO31 5DQ	31-Aug-19
FXT32	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloyds Pharmacy	Silver Hill		Winchester	Hampshire	SO23 8AE	09-Dec-19