

Health and Wellbeing representations to pharmacy consolidation applications, December 2023 to July 2025

Background

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 states Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) 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 analysed pharmacy provision across the county as at February 2022. The report can be found at [Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/hants-pharmaceutical-needs-assessment)

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 30 days. NHS England collate all responses from interested parties and then makes the final decision on the consolidation application.

The NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments.

The version of the Hampshire PNA used to assess these consolidation applications was approved by the HWB on the 6th October 2022, for the time period 2022 to 2025.

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

January 2025 Consolidation Application

Continuing site

NKLA Healthcare Limited

Emsworth Pharmacy, 2/3/4a Central Buildings, West Street, Emsworth, PO10 7DU

Closing site

Preddy Newco Limited

The Old Pharmacy, 57 High Street, Emsworth PO10 7AN

HWB representation made to NHS England (January 2025)

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 2022.

Outcome

Consolidation application approved. Pharmacy closed on 28/04/2025.

January 2024 Consolidation Application

Continuing site

Davies Pharmacy Leigh Park

35 Park Parade, Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 5AA

Closing site

Leigh Park Pharmacy

17 Park Parade, Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 5AA

HWB representation made to NHS England (January 2024)

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Outcome

Consolidation approved. Pharmacy closed 29/04/2024