

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Agenda Item no. 8(d)

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TITLE OF REPORT	Dudley Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Supplementary Statement 2 (March 2024)
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Purpose	To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of material changes to provision of community pharmacy services in Dudley since the publication of the first Supplementary Statement (September 2023) to the 2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
Background	Section 128A of the National Health Service Act 2006 (NHS Act 2006) requires each Health and Wellbeing Board periodically to assess the need for pharmaceutical services in its area and to publish a statement of its assessment (Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, PNA) every three years. When subsequent changes in pharmacy provision or local population occur (e.g. if a pharmacy closes through consolidation with a nearby existing pharmacy), a “supplementary statement” of changes should be published by the Health and Wellbeing Board to indicate that it does not believe this creates a gap in provision that could be met by application from another provider. This is typically provided on an annual basis. Following approval of the first Supplementary Statement in September 2023, the Health and Wellbeing Board

	requested a six-monthly update. This was in response to concerns that access to certain pharmacies that are open for extended hours was becoming more difficult due to staffing and financial pressures.
Key Points	<p>As of the end of January 2024 there were no further changes to provision of pharmacy services in Dudley, though several pharmacies have changed ownership during the past six months.</p> <p>Since the first Supplementary Statement was published three new NHS services have begun to be delivered through pharmacies, including (1) lateral flow devices for people eligible for COVID treatments, (2) oral hormonal contraception and (3) treatments for a range of common infections. Some of the implications of these new services for the population of Dudley are discussed.</p>
Emerging issues for discussion	The need to continue monitoring access to pharmacy services, especially those outside usual working hours. Also, the need to ensure equitable access to new services that are designed to complement and relieve pressure from primary care.
Key asks of the Board/wider system	<p>The Community Pharmacy Development Steering Group requests the Health and Wellbeing Board to: (a) note that changes in pharmaceutical provision since the 2022 PNA are unlikely to impact service users due to alternatives nearby.</p> <p>(b) publish a second Supplementary Statement to record that conclusion.</p>
Contribution to H&WBB key goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving school readiness • Reducing circulatory disease deaths 	Pharmacies have an important role to play in the prevention of circulatory disease through healthy living advice and interventions, for example in promoting blood pressure measurement and safe dispensing of medication for circulatory disease.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More women screened for breast cancer 	Pharmacies can also assist local targeted health information campaigns, e.g. breast cancer awareness.
Contribution to Dudley Vision 2030	

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