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# Changes to Pharmaceutical Services

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

This report provides details of recent and planned changes to pharmaceutical services in West Berkshire and advises the Health and Wellbeing Board on the implications for the West Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- (a) note the planned and recent changes to pharmaceutical services in West Berkshire;
- (b) note that the changes have been assessed as having a minimal impact on provision of pharmaceutical services, and agree that there is no requirement to update the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment or publish a supplementary statement.

## 3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to keep its Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) under review in the light of any notifications of changes in provision of pharmaceutical services within the district.
- 3.2 A notification was received on 11 May 2023 from NHS England for of a change of ownership for the community pharmacy at 3-5 Crown Mead, Bath Road, Thatcham, RG18 3JW. The proposed change has been assessed in accordance with national guidance and legislative requirements and is considered to have minimal impacts.
- 3.3 A further notification was received on 22 June 2023 from NHS England summarising the closures and changes to pharmaceutical services that had occurred in NHS England South East during Quarter 4 of 2022/23.

## 4. Supporting Information

### Background

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established health and wellbeing boards and made them responsible for developing and updating PNAs with effect from 1 April 2013. The NHS Act 2006, amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, sets out the requirement for health and wellbeing boards to develop and update PNAs. The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations

2013 (the 2013 regulations), as amended, set out the minimum information that must be contained within a PNA and outline the process that must be followed in its development.

- 4.2 PNAs are used and referred to by those wishing to open a new pharmacy or dispensing appliance contractor premises. They are used by NHS England and NHS Improvement to determine applications, and NHS Resolution refer to them when applications go to appeal.
- 4.3 Following publication of a PNA, health and wellbeing boards must assess the impacts of any changes in provision of pharmaceutical services in their area and determine whether the changes warrant refreshing the PNA or publishing a supplementary statement to the existing PNA in accordance with national guidance and legislation, or if no action is required because the changes do not create a gap in provision.

**Change of Ownership**

- 4.4 NHS England sent notification on 11 May 2023 that they had granted a change of ownership application for Lloyds Pharmacy at 3-5 Crown Mead, Bath Road, Thatcham, RG18 3JW by Halo Pharmacy Limited. Halo Pharmacy Limited has indicated that they will continue to provide the same services as the current owner. The new owner proposes to provide the same opening hours and there will be no interruption to the provision of services at these premises, so there will be no access issues arising as a result of this change. No date has been provided as to when the change of ownership will take place.
- 4.5 NHS England subsequently sent a notification on 22 June 2023 summarising the closures and changes to pharmaceutical services that had occurred in NHS England South East during Quarter 4 of 2022/23. (It should be noted that this was received retrospectively.) Changes in West Berkshire are summarised below.

Pharmacy Name	Address	Change	Date
Wash Common Pharmacy	Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW	Change to opening hours: Monday and Tuesday from 08:15 – 18:15 to 08:45 - 18:15	08/02/2023
Day Lewis Pharmacy	Ground Floor Unit, Access House, Strawberry Hill Road, Newbury, RG14 1GE	Saturday closure	01/03/2023
The Little Village Pharmacy	24 West End Road, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3TF	Change of ownership from Jhoods Pharmacy to ZVF Pharma Ltd	20/03/2023

- 4.6 As a result of the changes, Wash Common Pharmacy now operates slightly reduced hours on Mondays and Tuesdays. The pharmacy now operates extended hours Monday to Friday 08:45 - 18:15. It is also open on Saturdays 9am-5pm, but is closed on Sundays. The pharmacy operates for 55.5 hours per week, which is significantly in excess of its core contracted hours of 40 hours per week.
- 4.7 The Day Lewis Pharmacy was previously open from 09:00 – 13:00 on Saturdays and 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday. It now operates from 9.00 – 17:30 Monday to Friday only. The pharmacy operates for 42.5 hours per week, which is in excess of its core contracted hours of 40 hours per week.
- 4.8 While the closure of the Day Lewis Surgery on Saturdays may cause issues for some patients, there are several other pharmacies in Newbury that are open on Saturdays, including:
- Superdrug, 81-82 Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG14 1AE
  - Boots, 4-5 Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG14 1DJ
  - Boots, Unit 13 Newbury Retail Park, Pinchington Lane, Newbury, RG14 7HU
  - Tesco Instore Pharmacy, Tesco Extra, Pinchington Lane, Newbury, RG14 7HB
- 4.9 The closest of these pharmacies is a 500m walk from the Day Lewis Pharmacy.
- 4.10 The Day Lewis Pharmacy does not provide any advanced services that are not available at other pharmacies within Newbury. Given that there are several other pharmacies that are open on Saturdays, it is considered that the change does not create a significant gap in the provision of pharmaceutical services.

## 5. Options Considered

The options available to the Health and Wellbeing Board are:

- (a) to refresh the PNA;
- (b) to issue a supplementary statement;
- (c) to do nothing

## 6. Proposal(s)

Public Health officers consider that the changes to pharmaceutical services described above will not create a gap in provision of pharmaceutical services, and so no further action is required.

## 7. Conclusion(s)

The changes in pharmaceutical services has been assessed in accordance with the national guidance and relevant legislation.

## 8. Consultation and Engagement

Local ward councillors have been informed of the proposed change of ownership.

## 9. Appendices

None

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### Background Papers:

[West Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025  
Information Pack for local authority health and wellbeing boards](#)

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### Health and Wellbeing Priorities Supported:

The proposals will support the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

- Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
- Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
- Help families and young children in early years
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

The proposals contained in this report will support the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by ensuring that there are sufficient pharmaceutical services in the District to meet the needs of the local population.

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