

North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 14 FEBRUARY 2024

SUBJECT OF REPORT: PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTATION RESPONSE

TOWN OR PARISH: ALL

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: MATT LENNY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND REGULATORY SERVICES

KEY DECISION: YES

REASON: APPROVAL OF REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board, support the decision to issue a supplementary statement to the pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) following the closure of Boots Pharmacy on St. Andrews Parade, Weston-super-Mare.
2. The Health and Wellbeing Board issue a supportive response to the application to open a new pharmacy on St. Andrews Parade and delegates the final draft of a letter to the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair with support from the Director of Public Health and Regulatory Services.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report provides details of the pharmacy closure, a brief overview of pharmaceutical needs assessment and regulation of pharmacy services, including the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in this process and informing their decision to issue a PNA supplementary statement, and response to the current application for a new pharmacy on the same site.

2. DETAILS

Boots Pharmacy, 16 St Andrews Parade, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3SS has given notice to NHS England that it intends to close on 24th February 2024. In response to the notification this briefing report is to inform members of the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB) on:

1. A decision to issue a supplementary statement to the pharmaceutical needs assessment following the closure of Boots Pharmacy on St. Andrews Parade, Weston-super-Mare to assist decision making on a new pharmacy application.
2. A decision to issue a H&WB response to the application to open a new pharmacy on St. Andrews Parade. 1.

The report provides a summary of the current North Somerset PNA, data and information on population health and wellbeing needs, access to pharmacy provision and pharmacy use on Bournville Estate, and details of alternative pharmacy provision.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications of this PNA update or a response the consultation on a new pharmacy application.

4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Close access to a pharmacy service may reduce the need to drive to alternative locations. The area and population impacted by the proposed closure may be more vulnerable to the affects of climate change due to heat and cold vulnerability from underlying burden of deprivation and related morbidity (NSC, Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, 2024).

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Pharmacies play a key role in improving the health of our local population and provide vital access to professional support and services. Maintaining good coverage for our local communities, particularly in areas with great challenges, is an important aim.

In accordance with North Somerset Council's Risk Management Strategy a risk assessment has been undertaken by Public Health and Regulatory Services Directorate Leadership Team. The unmitigated inherent risk is assessed as High (Likelihood 4, Impact 4). Based on the risk assessment the following outline mitigation measures have been implemented:

1. Support residents to access alternative provision.
2. Communicate with local partners
3. Adjust Public Health commissioned services temporarily
4. Engage with consultation process led by NHS England
5. Monitor mitigating actions by partner organisations
6. Progress updates to PNA
7. Liaison with landlord of existing premises
8. Shared learning with Association of Directors of Public Health regional group
9. Explore ways of identifying at risk individuals affected by reduced access
10. Support pharmacy applications in areas where gaps identified in line with the PNA and supplementary statements.

Decisions within this report align to delivery of planned mitigation measures. With mitigation measures in place, the adjusted risk assessment score is medium/high (Likelihood:3 Impact:4). Meaning there will still likely be significant impact to some individuals affected by the pharmacy closure.

6. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) includes actions targeted to areas of greatest deprivation or health need or prioritise activities that address needs in particular population groups with higher need to address health inequalities. The report provides detailed information on local population health, including vulnerable groups, in relation to the proposed pharmacy closure, with recommendations within the report taking these into account.

7. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The HWBS reflects North Somerset Council's vision of being open, fair and green through the focus on consultation, engagement, community-focused action, and ongoing review of impact; and a central aim of reducing inequalities. The strategy also aims to support a range of strategies and programmes already in place, such as the Economic Plan, Green Infrastructure Strategy, Active Travel Strategy, Volunteering Strategy, Carers Strategy, and

Libraries Strategy among others, as well as being linked to strategic developments across the ICB.

The strategy has direct links and consistency with the emerging Locality Partnerships and Integrated Care Strategy to ensure consistency with health and social care priorities.

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APPENDICES

- 1) St. Andrew's Parade Pharmacy Briefing Paper
- 2) Public information leaflet on pharmacy closure

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None