



Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment **2022-25**

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

ANNEXE 11 WEST SOMERSET PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AREA

West Somerset

Overview

The West Somerset Primary Care Network area is, naturally, in the west of the county. Most of the population lives along the coastal strip, between Minehead (the largest settlement) and Watchet and Williton further east. The inland area is made up largely of the Brendon Hills and Exmoor, and very sparsely populated.

Health need is taken from the West Somerset PCN area profile (March 2022) at:

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which should be considered part of the Somerset PNA 2022.

Context for health – Population, Children and Adults

Table 1: Population profile

Age and Sex	PCN	Somerset
0-15	13%	18%
16-64	52%	58%
65+	35%	25%
Female	52%	51%
Male	48%	49%

Table 2: Example indicators for children's health

Health Visiting	PCN	Somerset
BF 6-8 Weeks	51%	54%
Good 2-2.5y development	67%	55%
Universal Partnership Proportion	1%	2%
Universal Plus Proportion	9%	9%
Universal Proportion	66%	66%

Table 3: Selected indicators of adult health

Prevalence (QOF Registers)	PCN	Somerset
Any long-term condition (16+)	62%	55%
Hypertension	21%	17%
Smoking	16%	17%
Obesity	13%	12%
Diabetes	8%	7%
Asthma	7%	7%
Cancer	5%	4%
CHD	5%	4%
CKD	5%	5%
Atrial fibrillation	4%	3%
Stroke	3%	2%
COPD	3%	2%
Depression	2%	2%
Heart Failure	1%	1%
PAD	1%	1%
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1%	1%
Dementia	1%	1%
Osteoporosis	1%	1%
Epilepsy	1%	1%
Mental Health	1%	1%
Learning disability	1%	1%

The population of West Somerset has one of the oldest age profiles in England, and

this is reflected in the high proportion of those with long-term conditions. The sparsity of settlement also means that some people are significant distances from services of all kinds.

Location of Services

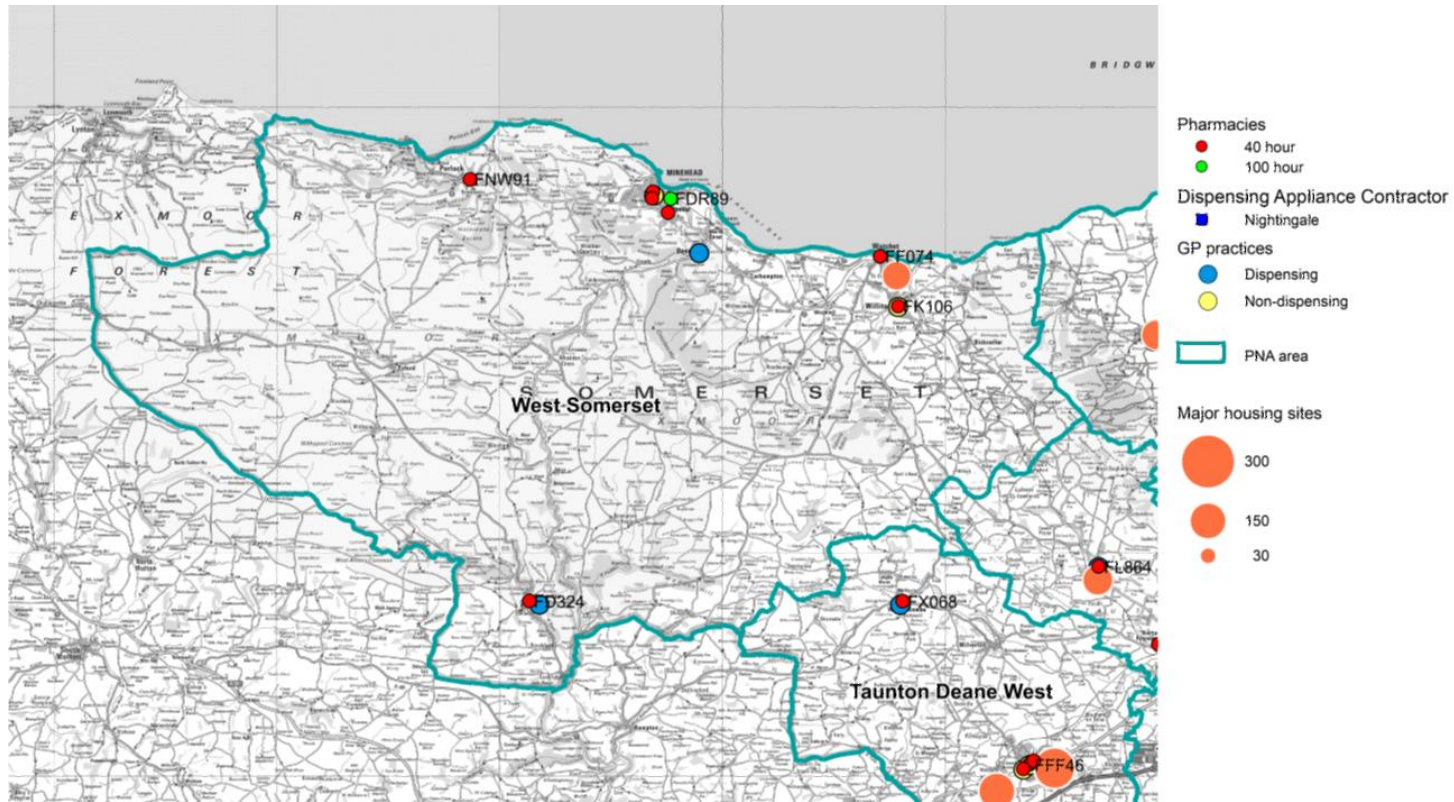


Figure 1: West Somerset PCN Pharmacies (40 and 100 hr), dispensing doctors, GPs, housing sites

Details of GP surgeries (Dispensing doctors in bold)

Name	Postcode	Dispensing Patients	Prescribing patients	Total
	TA22			
EXMOOR MEDICAL CENTRE	9EN	2666	1298	3964
WEST SOMERSET HEALTHCARE	TA4 4QE	0	10352	10352
MINEHEAD MEDICAL CENTRE	TA24 5DL	0	13071	13071
	TA24			
DUNSTER & PORLOCK SURGERIES	6SN	3088	3596	6684

Housing Development

Table 4: West Somerset - Significant housing developments 2018-20 – expected number of dwellings

West Somerset Primary Care Network Area			
Watchet	100	<i>Sites >100</i>	
		<i>Watchet – Liddymore Farm</i>	<i>100</i>
Rest of Locality	600		
Total	700		

The scale of development is lower than most of the county. The largest single development is expected to be on the outskirts of Watchet, and not far from Williton; both have existing pharmacies. The expected level of housebuilding from 2022 to 2025 in West Sedgemoor PCN area is 700. The Health and Wellbeing Board expects that if this is exceeded by no more than 500 more additional dwellings in the period then there will not be a resultant gap in provision. This will be monitored by the

Strategic Information Providers group of local authority planners. The Board considers it very unlikely that these levels will be achieved. If these thresholds are breached, then the Health and Wellbeing Board will consider whether a new statement of need is required; however, unless a large majority of such unexpected development takes place on sites distant from existing pharmacies (and we note that such large sites are not part of current plans) then we would expect that such growth would be served by existing contractors .

Necessary services: current provision

Pharmacy

ODS CODE	Contractor Name	Trading Name (if different)	Address	Town	Postcode	100 Hour Contract	Electronic Prescription Service
FE699	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	14-16 The Parade	Minehead	TA24 5UG	No	Yes
FP116	John Ware Ltd	Alcombe Pharmacy	65 Alcombe Road	Minehead	TA24 6BD	No	Yes
FNW91	John Ware Ltd	Porlock Pharmacy	High Street	Porlock	TA24 8PT	No	Yes
FNG86	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloydspharmacy	Baytree House, Townsend Road	Minehead	TA24 5RG	No	Yes
FK106	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloydspharmacy	Williton surgery, Robert Street	Williton	TA4 4QE	No	Yes
FF074	Preddy Newco Ltd	Quantock Pharmacy	11 Swain Street	Watchet	TA23 0AB	No	Yes
FD324	PSRS Ltd	Dulverton Pharmacy	21 High Street	Dulverton	TA22 9HB	No	Yes
FDR89	Tesco Stores Ltd	Tesco In-Store Pharmacy	Seaward Way	Minehead	TA24 5BY	Yes	Yes

Dispensing doctors

Practice Name	Postcode	Opening Hours
EXMOOR MEDICAL CENTRE	TA22 9EN	8.30am to 1pm; 2pm to 6pm Monday to Friday
DUNSTER & PORLOCK SURGERIES (DUNSTER)	TA24 6SN	8.30am to 12 noon; 2pm to 6pm Monday to Friday
DUNSTER & PORLOCK SURGERIES (PORLOCK)	TA24 8PJ	8am to 6,30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am to 1pm Wednesday

Notable provision from outside the locality

Most provision is likely to be within the locality. Some of the southern parts of Exmoor may be served by Tiverton in Devon.

Pharmacies and Items per head

West Somerset (Somerset)

There are currently 8 pharmacies in West Somerset as of May 2022. Of these, four pharmacies are owned by national pharmacy chains:

- 2 by Lloyd's Pharmacy
- 1 by Boots Pharmacy
- 1 by Tesco Pharmacy

There are 4 other pharmacies in West Somerset not part of national pharmacy chains. There is one 100-hour pharmacy in West Somerset (Tesco Pharmacy, Seaward Way, Minehead) as of May 2022 and seven 40-hour pharmacies.

All pharmacies are Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) accredited providing a total of 345 CPCS consultations in the first 9 months of 2021/22. In addition, all pharmacies have access to the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS).

There are no distance-selling pharmacies and no pharmacies with local pharmaceutical services contracts as of May 2022. There are no dispensing appliance contractors in West Somerset.

Since the last PNA was published no pharmacies have closed and no new pharmacies have opened in West Somerset. Over the last three years provision in West Somerset has been as follows:

Year	Population	Number of pharmacies	Pharmacies per 100,000 population	Number of items dispensed	Items dispensed per head
2018/19	32,769	8	24.4	620,293	18.9
2019/20	32,937	8	24.3	654,534	19.9
2020/21	33,032	8	24.2	621,370	18.8
2021/22 (9 month)	-	8	-	478,535	-
South West 2020/21	5,659,143	1,065	18.8	95,328,352	16.8
England 2020/21	56,550,138	11,748	20.8	1,016,769,042	18.0

Notes:

1. Populations are based ONS mid-year population estimates. The population for each financial year is taken as the mid-year estimate for the first of the two years that make up the financial year. For example, for 2019/20 the population is taken as the mid-year estimate for 2019
2. Mid-year population estimates were not available for 2021 at the time of writing
3. Number of pharmacies in England and South West England in 2020/21 are taken from Supporting Tables from NHSBSA found at: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/statistical-collections/general-pharmaceutical-services-england/general-pharmaceutical-services-england-201516-202021>
4. All pharmacy numbers include both community pharmacies and DACs

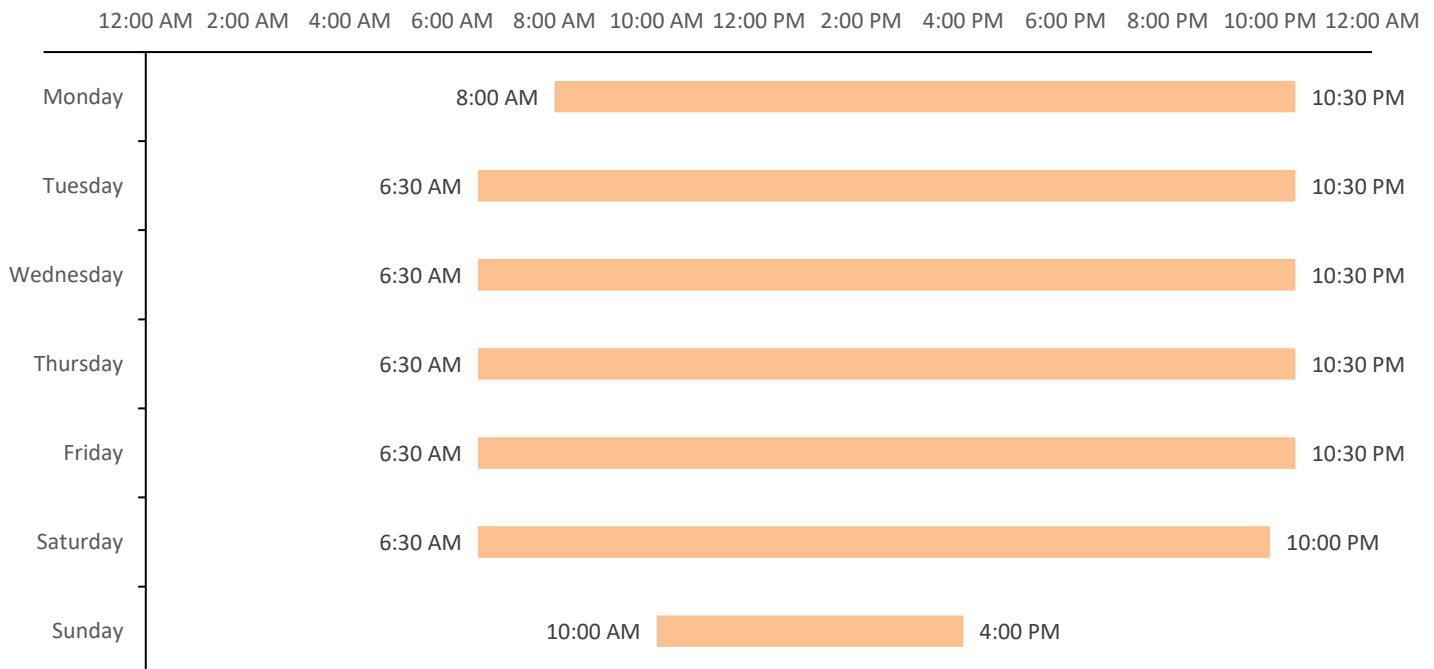
Following an increase in total items dispensed of 5.5% in between 2018/19 to 2019/20, in 2020/21 dispensing returned to similar levels as in 2018/19.

The number of items dispensed per head in 2020/21 was above the South West and England averages. The number of pharmacies per 100,000 population was higher than the 2020/21 South West and England averages.

7.3.2 Access to the essential services (core plus supplementary opening hours)

- 2 pharmacies are open 7 days a week
- 6 pharmacies are open on Monday to Saturday only
- 1 pharmacy is open before 8am between Tuesday to Saturday
- 1 pharmacy is open until after 6.30pm only on Mondays to Fridays.

The following chart shows the earliest opening hours and the latest closing hours for the West Somerset area:



7.3.3 Access to Medicines Use Review (MUR)

Based on data for the first 9 months of the 2021/22 financial year, a total of 0 MURs were carried out in West Somerset as the service has been decommissioned. This is compared to 2020/21 where 618 reviews were performed, 2018/19 where 2,151 reviews were performed.

7.3.4 Access to New Medicines Service (NMS)

All pharmacies in West Somerset had NMS accreditation as of May 2022. Over the first 9-month period of 2021/22, there were 470 NMSs undertaken. This is compared to the whole of 2020/21 where a total of 255 NMSs were undertaken.

7.3.5 Access to the 'on demand availability of specialist medicines' enhanced service

As of May 2022, one pharmacy in West Somerset provides the specialist medicines enhanced service (Tesco Pharmacy, Seaward Way, Minehead)

7.3.6 Access to dispensing of appliances

No data provided on pharmacy appliance dispensing.

8.2.1 Influenza vaccination advanced service

All pharmacies in West Somerset delivered the influenza vaccination advanced service as of May 2022. A total of 3,897 vaccinations were given according to the NHSBSAs Advanced Flu Vaccination Service report dataset during the 2021/22 flu season in West Somerset locality pharmacies matched with the Somerset STP influenza report pharmacies.

8.2.2 Stoma appliance customisation advanced service

Two pharmacies in West Somerset provide the Stoma customisation advanced service as of May 2022 with 14 customisations provided in the first 9 months of 2021/22. These were:

- Lloyds Pharmacy, Williton Surgery, Williton
- Lloyds Pharmacy, Townsend Road, Minehead

This is compared to 23 customisations in 2020/21 and 14 customisations in 2018/19.

8.2.3 Appliance use review (AUR) advanced service

No pharmacies in West Somerset provided this service as of May 2022. There was no AUR advanced service activity between 2018/19 and 2021/22.

Other services (as of May 2022)

- No pharmacies provide the Hepatitis-C Antibody Testing Service
- Four pharmacies provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service
 - Lloyds Pharmacy, Williton Surgery, Williton
 - Lloyds Pharmacy, Townsend Road, Minehead
 - Porlock Pharmacy, High Street, Porlock

- Alcombe Pharmacy, Alcombe Road, Minehead
- No pharmacies deliver the Urgent Repeat Medicines Service
- No pharmacies provide the Stop Smoking Service

Advanced Services and Locally Commissioned Services (Somerset Public Health and Somerset CC CCG)

ODS CODE	Trading Name	Address	Town	CPCS	New Medicines Service	Flu	Hypertension case-finding service (Oct 21)	Stop Smoking Service	Appliance Usage Review	Stoma Appliance Customisations	Hep C Testing Service	Lateral Flow Dist service	Specialist Medicines Service	Pharmacy Urgent Repeat Medicines Service	UTI' S - Nitrofurantoin 100 m/r	Impetigo – Hydrogen Peroxide Cream	Eye infection - Chloramphenicol	Asthma - Inhaler Space Device	EHC	Varenicline	LFT	NRT
FE699	Boots Pharmacy	14-16 The Parade Minehead		Y	Y	Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
FP116	Alcombe Pharmacy	65 Alcombe Road Minehead		Y		Y	Y					Y			Y	Y	Y	Y				
FNW91	Porlock Pharmacy	High Street Porlock		Y	Y	Y	Y					Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
FNG86	Lloydspharmacy	Baytree House, Townsend Road Minehead		Y	Y	Y				Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y				

FK106	Lloydspharmacy	Williton surgery, Robert Street Williton	Y	Y	Y				Y		Y						Y		Y		Y
FF074	Quantock Pharmacy	11 Swain Street Watchet	Y	Y	Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
FD324	Dulverton Pharmacy	21 High Street Dulverton	Y		Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
FDR89	Tesco In-Store Pharmacy	Seaward Way Minehead	Y	Y	Y						Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y

Hospital pharmacies, walk-in centres, private pharmacies

There is a community hospital and minor injuries unit in Minehead.

Necessary services: gaps in provision

Although the health needs of West Somerset are somewhat greater than the average for the county, the main types of ill health are similar, and pharmacies are in the main settlements. Rural areas are served by two dispensing GP practices, one of which has two branches. The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board recognizes that this area of the county has the largest proportion of dwellers in sparse countryside for whom access to services poses the greatest difficulties; this does not just apply to pharmaceutical services.

The 2018 Somerset PNA did not identify a gap in the provision of necessary services in the broadly equivalent locality.. Although there has been some growth in housing since 2018 it has not been at a level or location that has created a gap in provision.

Opening hours for pharmacies cover weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays in accordance with the criteria set out in the main document, although with a caveat about access for some people in the most sparse areas. All necessary services are available.

On the basis of the information we have, we therefore conclude that there is no current gap in the provision of necessary services in the West Somerset PCN area.

The level of housebuilding expected in the next three years is lower than the county as a whole. We note that the largest single development is likely to be on the outskirts of Watchet, close to existing services which should be expected to serve the increase. An additional 700 dwellings are expected over the PNA period; unless that number is exceeded by more than 500 we would not seek to review the evidence for pharmaceutical need.

On the basis of the information we have, we conclude that if the expected level of development in West Somerset takes place then there will be no gap in provision of necessary services.

Improvements or better access: gaps in provision

We note that all advanced services, apart from Appliance Use Reviews, are provided from pharmacies in the locality. We note that AURs are available from Distance Appliance Contractors. The Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service is not available in West Somerset, although we note that there are plans to commission this service in the area.

On the basis of the information we have, we assess that other relevant services could be improved by the provision of Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service in the area, as is planned.

The growth in population will not create demand for any entirely new service.

On the basis of the information we have, we do not assess there to be a future gap in other relevant services in West Somerset, beyond the current potential improvement identified.