

Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment **2022-25**

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

ANNEXE 2 CENTRAL MENDIP PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AREA

Central Mendip

Overview

The Central Mendip Primary Care Network locality is in the north east of Somerset, and has a border with Bath and North East Somerset to the north. The largest settlement is Shepton Mallet; more than half the population is rural. It is a small locality, and some services are provided by Wells, Glastonbury and Street to the west, and Frome to the east.

Health need is taken from the [Central Mendip PCN profile \(March 2022\)](#)

which should be considered part of the Somerset PNA 2022.

Context for health – Population, Children and Adults

Table 1: Population Structure

Age and Sex	PCN	Somerset
0-15	18%	18%
16-64	60%	58%
65+	23%	25%
Female	51%	51%
Male	49%	49%

Table 2: Example indicators of children's health

Health Visiting	PCN	Somerset
BF 6-8 Weeks	54%	54%
Good 2-2.5y development	54%	55%
Universal Partnership Proportion	2%	2%
Universal Plus Proportion	8%	9%
Universal Proportion	72%	66%

Table 3: Selected Indicators of Adult Health

Prevalence (QOF Registers)	PCN	Somerset
Any long-term condition (16+)	54%	55%
Hypertension	16%	17%
Smoking	16%	17%
Obesity	12%	12%
Asthma	7%	7%
Diabetes	7%	7%
CKD	6%	5%
Cancer	4%	4%
CHD	3%	4%
Atrial fibrillation	3%	3%
COPD	2%	2%
Stroke	2%	2%
Depression	2%	2%
Osteoporosis	1%	1%
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1%	1%
Heart Failure	1%	1%
Dementia	1%	1%
Epilepsy	1%	1%
Mental Health	1%	1%
PAD	1%	1%
Learning disability	0%	1%

Selected data on population structure, children's and adults' health are shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**, **Error! Reference source not found.** and **Error! Reference source not found.** They indicate that health needs in the area are very similar to the county as a whole.

Location of Services

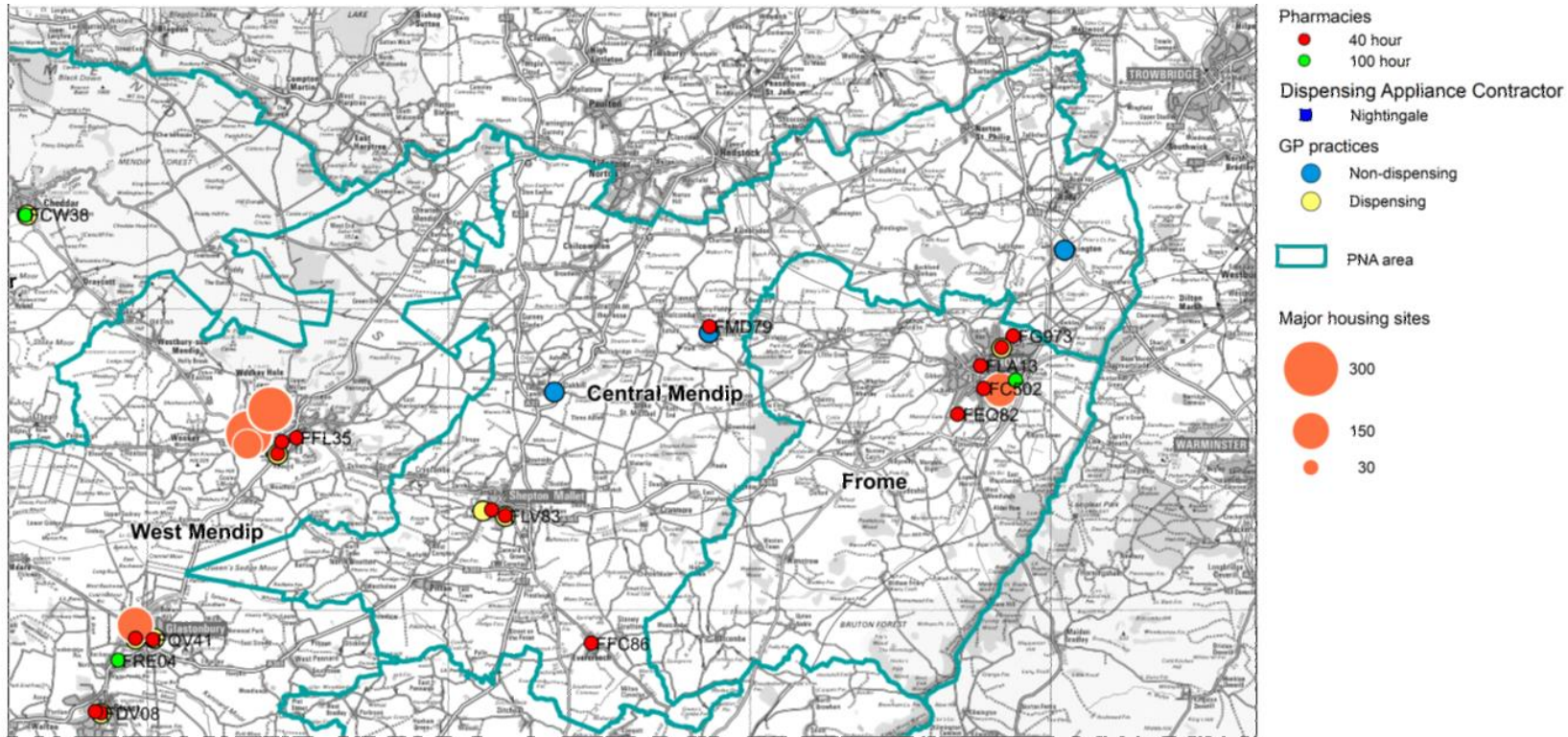


Figure 1: Central Mendip PCN Pharmacies (40 and 100 hr), dispensing doctors, GPs, housing sites

Details of GP surgeries (Dispensing doctors in bold)

Name	Postcode	Dispensing Patients	Prescribing patients	Total
BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE	BA11 6SE	5347	5540	10887
PARK MEDICAL PRACTICE	BA4 5RT	0	11273	11273
MENDIP COUNTRY PRACTICE	BA3 5NQ	2292	3320	5612
GROVE HOUSE SURGERY	BA4 5UH	0	6435	6435
OAKHILL SURGERY	BA3 5HT	2597	358	2955

Housing Development

Table 4: Central Mendip - Significant housing developments 2022-25 – expected number of dwellings

Central Mendip Primary Care Network Area			
			<i>Sites >100</i>
		<i>none</i>	
Total	400*		
	*Apportioned by population from District total		

The scale of development is relatively minor compared to other parts of the county, and unlikely to put existing pharmaceutical services under stress in the period of the current PNA. The expected level of housebuilding from 2022 to 2025 in Central Mendip PCN area is 400. 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

Table 5 : Community pharmacies

ODS CODE	Contract or Name	Trading Name (if different)	Address	Town	Postcode	100 Hour Contract	Electronic Prescription Service
FLV83	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	The Park Medical Practice, Cannards Grave Road	Shepton Mallet	BA4 5RT	No	Yes
FXL36	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	Unit 2b, Townsend Shopping Park	Shepton Mallet	BA4 5TZ	No	Yes
FMD79	Avicenna Pharmacies	Coleford Pharmacy	Crossways, Church Street	Coleford	BA3 5NH	No	Yes
FKQ23	JFS Alliance Ltd	Evercreech Pharmacy	Victoria Square, Evercreech	Shepton Mallet	BA4 6JP	No	Yes

Dispensing doctors

Table 6: Dispensing Doctors

Practice Name	Postcode	Opening Hours
BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE	BA11 6SE	8.30am to 12 noon; 3pm to 6.30 Monday to Friday
MENDIP COUNTRY PRACTICE	BA3 5NQ	8.30am to 1pm; 2pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday
OAKHILL SURGERY	BA3 5HT	9am to 12 noon; 3pm to 6pm; Monday to Friday

Notable provision from outside the locality

Most provision is likely to be within the locality, but some northern parts may be served by pharmacies in Bath and North East Somerset, or neighbouring PNA areas in West Mendip and Frome.

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT PROVISION – Central Mendip (Somerset)

There are currently 4 pharmacies in Central Mendip as of May 2022. Of these, three pharmacies are owned by national pharmacy chains:

- 2 by Boots Pharmacy
- 1 by Avicenna pharmacy (previously Dudley Taylor)

There is one other pharmacy in Central Mendip not part of a national pharmacy chain. There are no 100-hour pharmacies in Central Mendip as of May 2022 and four 40-hour pharmacies.

All pharmacies are Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) accredited providing a total of 284 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 Central Mendip.

Since the last PNA was published no pharmacies have closed and 1 new pharmacy (Coleford Pharmacy, Crossways, Coleford) has opened in Central Mendip. Over the last three years provision in Central Mendip has been as follows:

Year	Population	Number of pharmacies	Pharmacies per 100,000 population	Number of items dispensed	Items dispensed per head
2018/19	32,583	4	12.3	347,007	10.6
2019/20	32,750	4	12.2	395,786	12.1
2020/21	32,845	4	12.2	396,123	12.1
2021/22 (9 month)	-	4	-	293,102	-
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

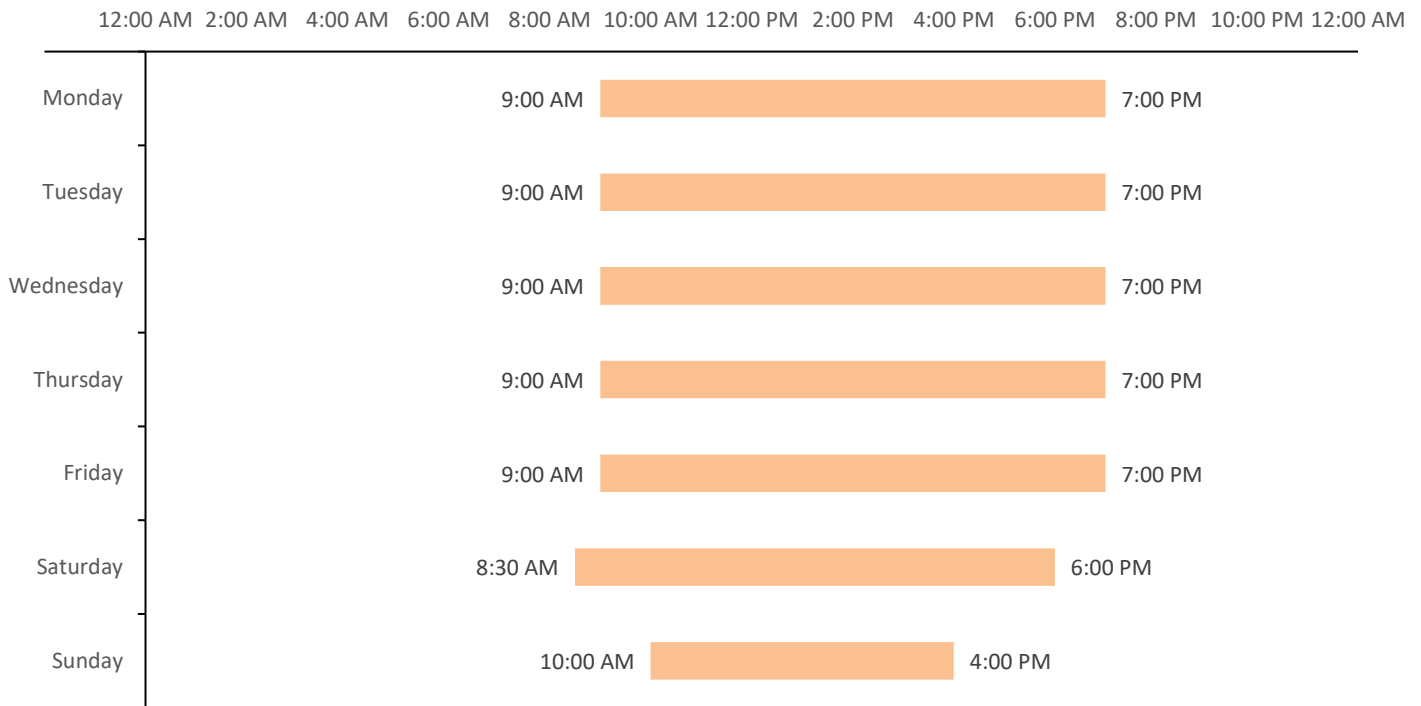
The number of items dispensed has increased overall by 14.0% between 2018/19 and 2020/21.

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

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

- 1 pharmacy is open 7 days a week
- 2 pharmacies are open on Monday to Saturday only
- 1 pharmacy is open on Monday to Friday only
- No pharmacies are open before 8am between Monday to Friday
- 1 pharmacies are 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 Central Mendip 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 Central Mendip as the service has been decommissioned. This is compared to 2020/21 where 267 reviews were performed, 2018/19 where 966 reviews were performed.

7.3.4 Access to New Medicines Service (NMS)

All pharmacies in Central Mendip had NMS accreditation in 2021/22. Over the first 9-month period of 2021/22, there were 164 NMSs undertaken. This is compared to the whole of 2020/21 where a total of 92 NMSs were undertaken.

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

As of May 2022, no pharmacy in Central Mendip provides the specialist medicines enhanced service.

7.3.6 Access to dispensing of appliances

Data not provided for pharmacy appliance dispensing.

8.2.1 Influenza vaccination advanced service

2 pharmacies in Central Mendip delivered the influenza vaccination advanced service as of May 22 (Coleford Pharmacy, Church Street, Coleford and Boots Pharmacy, Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet). A total of 1,323 vaccinations were given according to the NHSBSAs Advanced Flu Vaccination Service report dataset during the 2021/22 flu season in Central Mendip locality pharmacies matched with the Somerset STP influenza report pharmacies.

8.2.2 Stoma appliance customisation advanced service

No pharmacies in Central Mendip provide the Stoma customisation advanced service as of May 2022. There was no Stoma appliance customisation advanced service activity between 2018/19 and 2021/22.

8.2.3 Appliance use review (AUR) advanced service

No pharmacies in Central Mendip provide 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 pharmacy provides the Hepatitis-C Antibody Testing Service
- Three pharmacies provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service
 - Boots Pharmacy, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet
 - Coleford Pharmacy, Church Street, Coleford
 - Boots Pharmacy, Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet
- 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
FLV83	Boots Pharmacy The Park Medical Practice, Cannards Grave Road Shepton Mallet			Y	Y							Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
FXL36	Boots Pharmacy Unit 2b, Townsend Shopping Park Shepton Mallet			Y	Y	Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
FMD79	Coleford Pharmacy Crossways, Church Street Coleford			Y	Y	Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
FKQ23	Evercreech Pharmacy Victoria Square, Evercreech Shepton Mallet			Y								Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			

Necessary services: gaps in provision

The health needs of Central Mendip are very similar to the county average. The four pharmacies are located in the three main settlements of Shepton Mallet, Evercreech and Coleford. The rural areas are served by three dispensing GP practices. The maps of travel times (see main report) suggest adequate access for the large majority of the population.

The 2018 Somerset PNA did not identify a gap in the provision of necessary services in the locality, but an unforeseen benefits application has been granted for Coleford, increasing the provision.

Opening hours for pharmacies cover weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays in accordance with the criteria set out in the main document. All necessary services are widely 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 Central Mendip.

The level of housebuilding expected in the next three years is lower than the county as a whole. We do not conclude that it will lead to the creation of a gap in services. An additional 400 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 Central Mendip takes place then there will be no gap in provision of necessary services.

Improvements or better access: gaps in provision

We note that Appliance Use Reviews and Stoma Customization Service are not provided from pharmacies in the locality, although the latter is available nearby in Frome; and AURs are available from Distance Appliance Contractors. The Hypertension Case-Finding Service is not available in the PCN area, but is available in both Frome and Glastonbury, which should provide adequate service. The Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service is not available in Central Mendip, nor currently in neighbouring Frome or West Mendip. However, we note that there are plans to commission this service in both these neighbouring areas, and that if this happens then provision for Central Mendip from them may be adequate but should be kept

under review.

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 Central Mendip, or in the neighbouring areas of Frome or West Mendip, or both..

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 Central Mendip, beyond the current potential improvement identified.

