



Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment **2022-25**

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

ANNEXE 4 FROM PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AREA

Frome

Overview

The Frome Primary Care Network area is in the north east of the county, and borders Bath and North East Somerset and Wiltshire. It is the area served by Frome Medical Practice, which is by far the largest in Somerset. The bulk of the population lives in the town of Frome..

Health need is taken from the [Frome 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	20%	18%
16-64	59%	58%
65+	21%	25%
Female	52%	51%
Male	48%	49%

Table 2: Example indicators of children's health

Health Visiting	PCN	Somerset
BF 6-8 Weeks	60%	54%
Good 2-2.5y development	42%	55%
Universal Partnership Proportion	2%	2%
Universal Plus Proportion	5%	9%
Universal Proportion	75%	66%

Table 3: Selected indicators of adult health

Prevalence (QOF Registers)	PCN	Somerset
Any long-term condition (16+)	50%	55%
Smoking	20%	17%
Hypertension	17%	17%
Obesity	12%	12%
Asthma	8%	7%
Diabetes	7%	7%
CKD	6%	5%
Cancer	4%	4%
CHD	3%	4%
Atrial fibrillation	3%	3%
Stroke	2%	2%
Depression	2%	2%
COPD	2%	2%
PAD	2%	1%
Osteoporosis	2%	1%
Heart Failure	2%	1%
Dementia	1%	1%
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1%	1%
Epilepsy	1%	1%
Mental Health	1%	1%
Learning disability	1%	1%

Selected data on population structure, children's and adults' health are shown in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3. They indicate that the population is somewhat younger than the county average, which perhaps explains the lower prevalence of long-term conditions. Apart from this, the health needs in the area are very similar to the county as a whole.

Location of Services

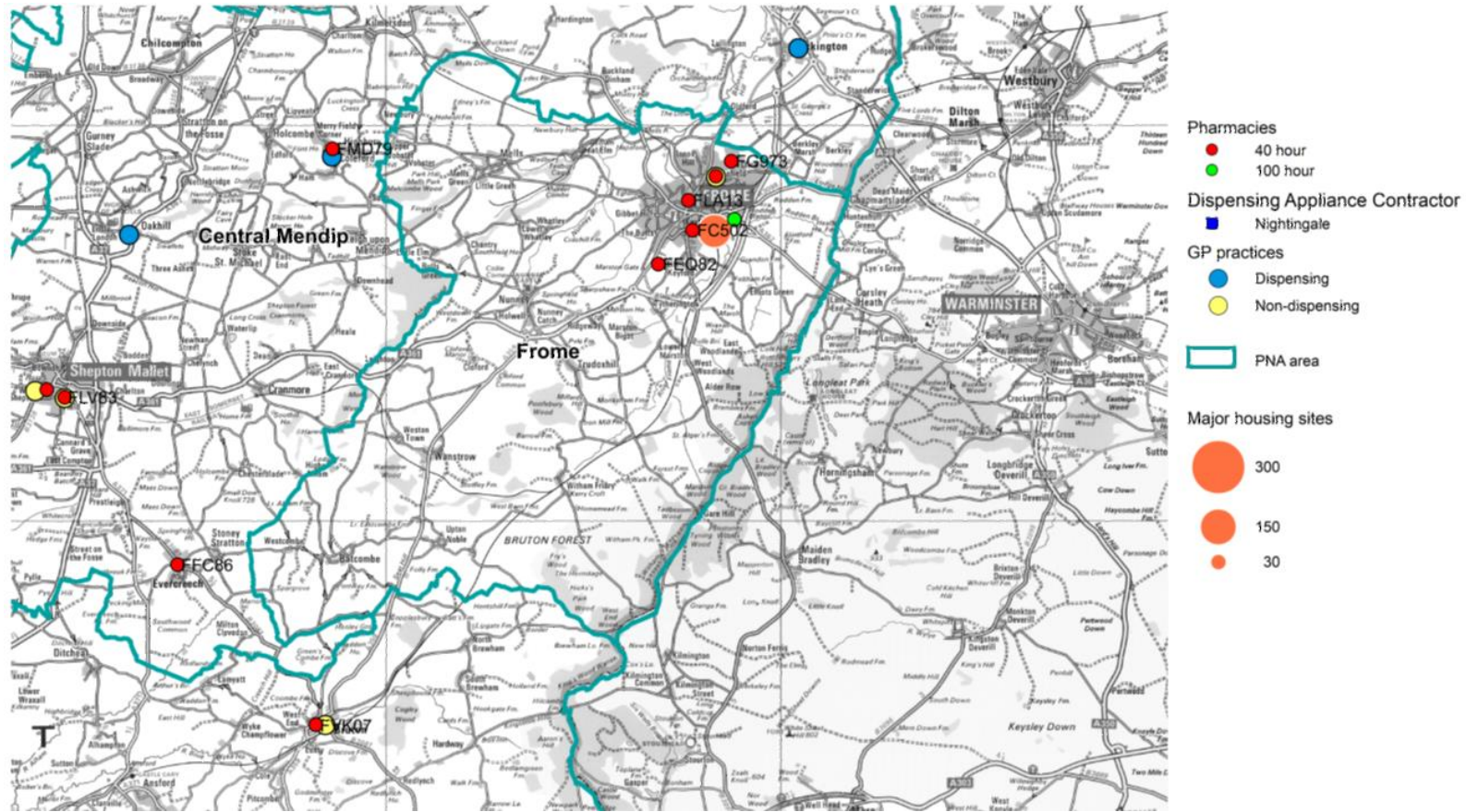


Figure 1: Frome PCN Pharmacies (40 and 100 hr), dispensing doctors, GPs, housing sites

Details of GP surgeries (Dispensing doctors in bold)

Name	Postcode	Dispensing Patients	Prescribing patients	Total
FROME MEDICAL CENTRE	BA11 2FH	0	29279	29279

Housing Development

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

Frome Primary Care Network Area			
Frome	100	<i>Sites >100</i>	
		<i>Frome-Caxton Road</i>	<i>100</i>
Rest of Locality	400*		
Total	500		
	*Apportioned by population from District total. Frome is a geographically small PCN area and all development is close to Frome town.		

The single development site of more than 100 houses is in Frome town, and the bulk of the other sites are close to the settlement, whose current services are likely to be able to provide for the growth in numbers. 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 Frome 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

ODS CODE	Contractor Name	Trading Name (if different)	Address	Town	Postcode	100 Hour Contract	Electronic Prescription Service
FC502	Acorn Pharmacy Ltd	Acorn Pharmacy	95 Locks Hill	Frome	BA11 1NG	No	Yes
FPM71	Asda Stores Ltd	Asda Pharmacy	Warminster Road	Frome	BA11 5LA	Yes	Yes
FLA13	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	10-11 Market Place	Frome	BA11 1AB	No	Yes
FG973	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloydspharmacy	96 Forest Road	Frome	BA11 2TU	No	Yes
FEQ82	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloydspharmacy Inside Sainsbury's	Wessex Fields	Frome	BA11 4DH	No	Yes
FK642	St Aldhelm's Pharmacy Ltd	St Aldhelm's Pharmacy	Enos Way	Frome	BA11 2FH	No	Yes

Dispensing doctors

None.

Notable provision from outside the locality

Most provision is likely to be within the locality, although some in the east and north of the area may use pharmacies in Wiltshire and Bath and North East Somerset.

Pharmacies and Items per head Frome (Somerset)

There are currently 6 pharmacies in Frome as of May 2022. Of these, four pharmacies are owned by national pharmacy chains:

- 2 by Lloyds Pharmacy
- 1 by Boots Pharmacy
- 1 by Asda Pharmacy

There are 2 other pharmacies in Frome not part of national pharmacy chains. There is one 100-hour pharmacy in Frome (Asda Pharmacy, Warminster Road, Frome) as of May 2022 and five 40-hour pharmacies.

All pharmacies are Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) accredited providing a total of 567 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 Frome.

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

Year	Population	Number of pharmacies	Pharmacies per 100,000 population	Number of items dispensed	Items dispensed per head
2018/19	32,726	6	18.3	698,525	21.3
2019/20	32,894	6	18.2	594,518	18.1
2020/21	32,989	6	18.2	579,247	17.6
2021/22 (9 month)	-	6	-	428,460	-
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

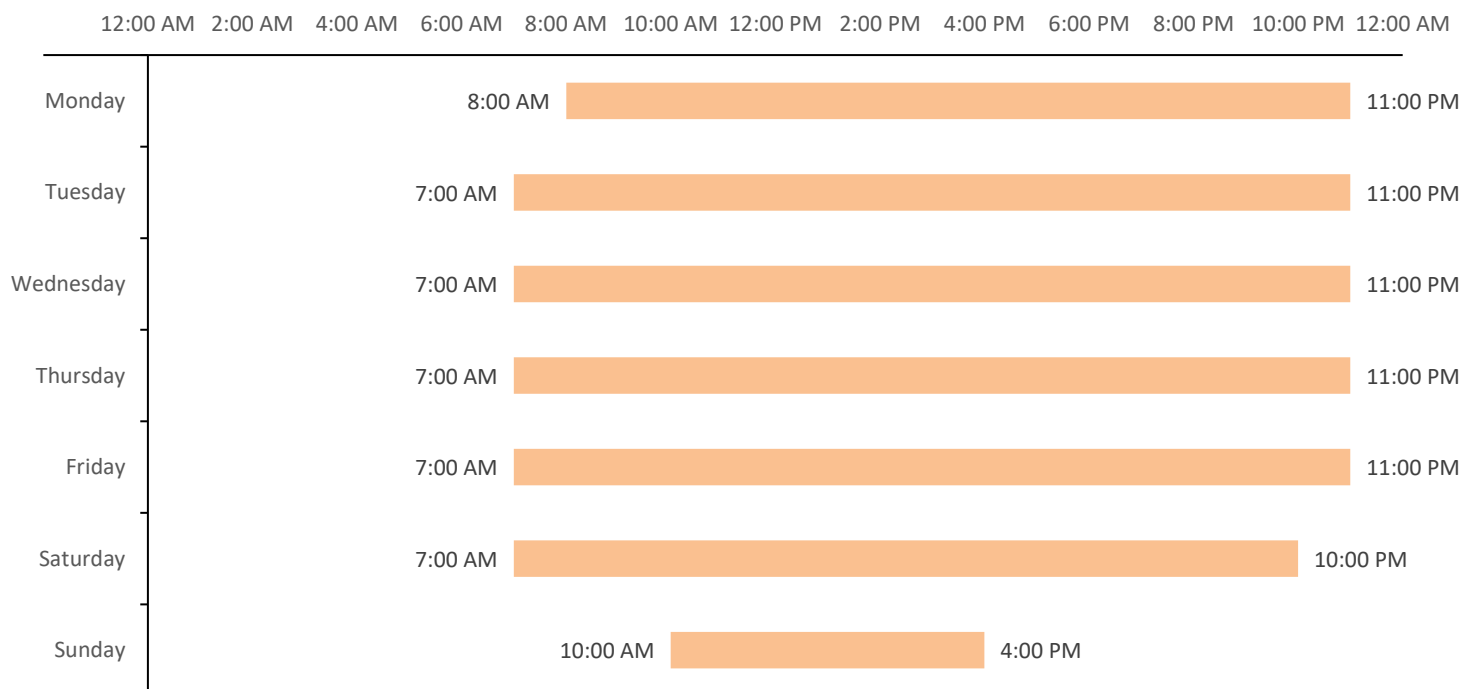
The number of items dispensed has decreased overall by 17% between 2018/19 and 2020/21.

The number of items dispensed per head was above the South West and England average in 2018/19. In 2020/21 the number of items dispensed per head has fallen and is now lower than the England average but remains higher than the South West average.

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

- 3 pharmacies are open 7 days a week
- 1 pharmacy is open on Monday to Saturday only
- 2 pharmacies are open Monday to Friday only
- No pharmacies are open before 8am from Monday to Friday
- 1 pharmacy is open before 8am from Tuesday to Saturday
- 2 pharmacies are open until after 6.30pm from Monday to Friday

The following chart shows the earliest opening hours and the latest closing hours for the Frome 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 Frome as this service has been decommissioned. This is compared to 2020/21 where 621 reviews were performed, 2018/19 where 1,834 reviews were performed.

7.3.4 Access to New Medicines Service (NMS)

All pharmacies in Frome had NMS accreditation as of May 2022. Over the first 9-month period of 2021/22, there were 1,174 NMSs undertaken. This is compared to the whole of 2020/21 where a total of 397 NMSs were undertaken.

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

As of 2021/22, one pharmacy in Frome provided the specialist medicines enhanced service (Asda Pharmacy, Warminster Road, Frome).

7.3.6 Access to dispensing of appliances

No data provided on appliance dispensing by pharmacy.

8.2.1 Influenza vaccination advanced service

All pharmacies in Frome delivered the influenza vaccination advanced service as of May 2022. A total of 2,507 vaccinations were given according to the NHSBSAs Advanced Flu Vaccination Service report dataset during the 2021/22 flu season in Frome locality pharmacies matched with the Somerset STP influenza report pharmacies.

8.2.2 Stoma appliance customisation advanced service

One pharmacy in Frome provided Stoma customisation in 2021/22 (Lloyds Pharmacy, Forest Road, Frome) with a total of 1 stoma customisations in the first 9 months of 2021/22. In 2018/19 a total of 21 stoma customisations were performed.

8.2.3 Appliance use review (AUR) advanced service

No pharmacies in Frome 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 pharmacies provide the Hepatitis-C Antibody Testing Service
- Five pharmacies provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service
 - Acorn Pharmacy, Locks Hill, Frome
 - Lloyds Pharmacy, Wessex Fields, Frome
 - Lloyds Pharmacy, Forest Road, Frome
 - St. Aldheim's Pharmacy, Enos Way, Frome
 - Asda Pharmacy, Warminster Road, Frome
- No pharmacies deliver the Urgent Repeat Medicines Service
- One pharmacy provides the Stop Smoking Service

- Acorn Pharmacy, Locks Hill, Frome

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FK642	St Aldhelm's Pharmacy	Enos Way Frome	Y	Y	Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Hospital pharmacies, walk-in centres, private pharmacies

There is a community hospital in Frome, on the same site as the GP practice (and St Aldhelm's Pharmacy).

Necessary services: gaps in provision

The health needs of Frome PCN area are broadly similar to the county average. Pharmacies are concentrated in the urban area of Frome town and so close to the centre of population and main areas of deprivation. The maps of travel times (see main report) suggest adequate access for the large majority of the population.

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

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

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 Frome PCN area.

There is expected to be continued housebuilding in the area. Because this development is close to existing provision, we expect current pharmacies to meet the growing demand. An additional 500 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 Frome PCN area 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 are not provided from pharmacies in the locality; however, they are available from Distance Appliance Contractors. The

Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service is not available in Frome., although the area has been identified as a potential priority for the service on the basis of the rate of needle exchange undertaken.

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 Frome.

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 Frome, beyond the current potential improvement identified.