

# Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment **2022-25**

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

## **ANNEXE 6 SOUTH SOMERSET EAST PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AREA**

## South Somerset East

### Overview

The South Somerset East PCN area is that of the Rural Practices Network. It is, naturally, in the south east of the county, where it borders Wiltshire and Dorset, and is predominantly rural..

Health need is taken from the [South Somerset East 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	55%	58%
65+	27%	25%
Female	52%	51%
Male	48%	49%

Table 2: Example indicators of children's health

Health Visiting	PCN	Somerset
BF 6-8 Weeks	51%	54%
Good 2-2.5y development	75%	55%
Universal Partnership Proportion	3%	2%
Universal Plus Proportion	2%	9%
Universal Proportion	77%	66%

**Table 3: Selected indicators of adult health**

Prevalence (QOF Registers)	PCN	Somerset
Any long-term condition (16+)	55%	55%
Hypertension	17%	17%
Smoking	14%	17%
Obesity	13%	12%
Asthma	8%	7%
Diabetes	7%	7%
CKD	5%	5%
Cancer	5%	4%
CHD	4%	4%
Atrial fibrillation	3%	3%
Depression	2%	2%
Stroke	2%	2%
COPD	2%	2%
Osteoporosis	2%	1%
Heart Failure	1%	1%
Dementia	1%	1%
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1%	1%
Epilepsy	1%	1%
PAD	1%	1%
Mental Health	1%	1%
Learning disability	0%	1%

The population structure of South Somerset East is broadly similar to the county as a whole, if somewhat older. Health needs of the adult population are broadly similar to the county average.. The picture for children is mixed, a very good proportion of 2 to 2½ year-olds reaching a good level of development, but lower figures for breastfeeding; the proportion receiving 'universal plus' support is much lower than the county average.

## Location of Services

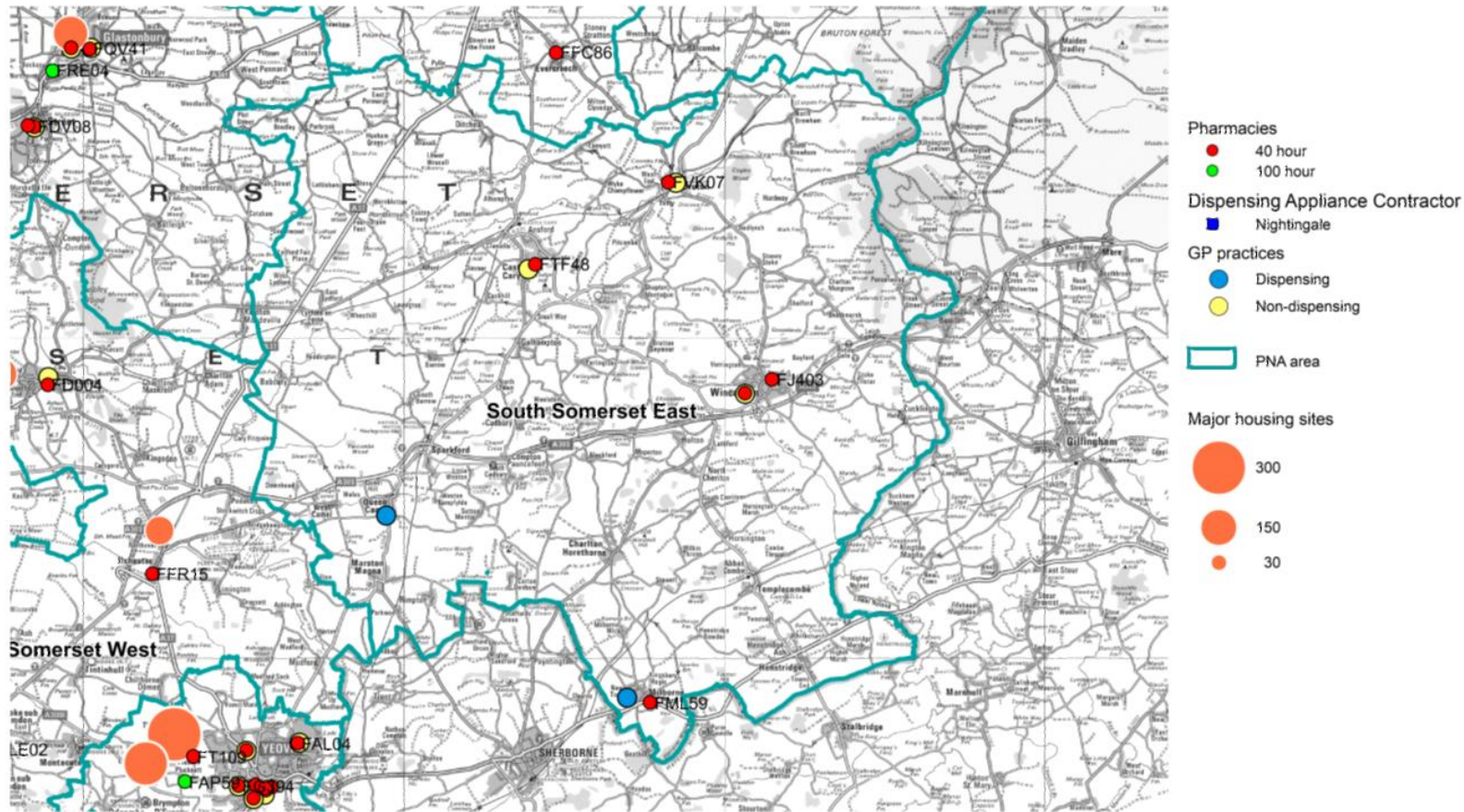


Figure 1: South Somerset East PCN Pharmacies (40 and 100 hr), dispensing doctors, GPs, housing sites

### Details of GP surgeries (Dispensing doctors in bold)

Name	Postcode	Dispensing Patients	Prescribing patients	Total
WINCANTON HEALTH CENTRE	BA9 9FQ	0	8940	8940
<b>MILBORNE PORT SURGERY</b>	<b>DT9 5FH</b>	<b>3940</b>	<b>3205</b>	<b>7145</b>
BRUTON SURGERY	BA10 0EG	0	6027	6027
MILLBROOK SURGERY, CASTLE CARY	BA7 7EE	0	5880	5880
<b>QUEEN CAMEL MEDICAL CENTRE</b>	<b>BA22 7LT</b>	<b>5329</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>6008</b>

### Housing Development

**Table 4: South Somerset East - Significant housing developments 2022-25 – expected number of dwellings**

South Somerset East Primary Care Network Area			
			<i>Sites &gt;100</i>
		<i>none</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>		
	*Allocated to PCN for major settlements (c75% of total); rest apportioned by population from District total		

The scale of development is lower than the county average, with no developments of more than 100 dwellings expected in the PNA period. The expected level of housebuilding from 2022 to 2025 in South Somerset East 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
FTF48	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	Fore Street	Castle Cary	BA7 7BG	No	Yes
FWQ87	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	Wincanton Health Centre, Dykes Way	Wincanton	BA9 9FQ	No	Yes
FJ403	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	29-31 High Street	Wincanton	BA9 9JU	No	Yes
FVK07	Bruton Pharmacy Ltd	Bruton Pharmacy	19 High Street	Bruton	BA10 0AH	No	Yes
FML59	Milborne Port Pharmacy Ltd	Milborne Port pharmacy	10 High Street	Milborne Port	DT9 5AG	No	Yes

#### Dispensing doctors

Practice Name	Postcode	Opening Hours
<b>MILBORNE PORT SURGERY</b>	<b>DT9 5FH</b>	8.30am to -6.30pm; Monday-Friday.
<b>QUEEN CAMEL MEDICAL CENTRE</b>	<b>BA22 7LT</b>	8.45am to 1pm; 3.30pm to 6.25pm Monday-Friday

**Notable provision from outside the locality**

Most provision is likely to be within the locality, but some on the borders may use pharmacies in Mere (Wiltshire) or Sherborne (Dorset) .

## Pharmacies and Items per head South Somerset East (Somerset)

There are currently 5 pharmacies in South Somerset East as of May 2022. Of these, three pharmacies are owned by national pharmacy chains:

- 3 by Boots Pharmacy

There are 2 other pharmacies in South Somerset East not part of national pharmacy chains. There are no 100-hour pharmacy in South Somerset East as of May 2022 and five 40-hour pharmacies.

All pharmacies are Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) accredited providing a total of 134 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 South Somerset East.

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

Year	Population	Number of pharmacies	Pharmacies per 100,000 population	Number of items dispensed	Items dispensed per head
2018/19	30,439	5	16.4	336,510	11.1
2019/20	30,595	5	16.3	352,325	11.5
2020/21	30,683	5	16.3	344,649	11.2
2021/22 (9 month)	-	5	-	264,512	-
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

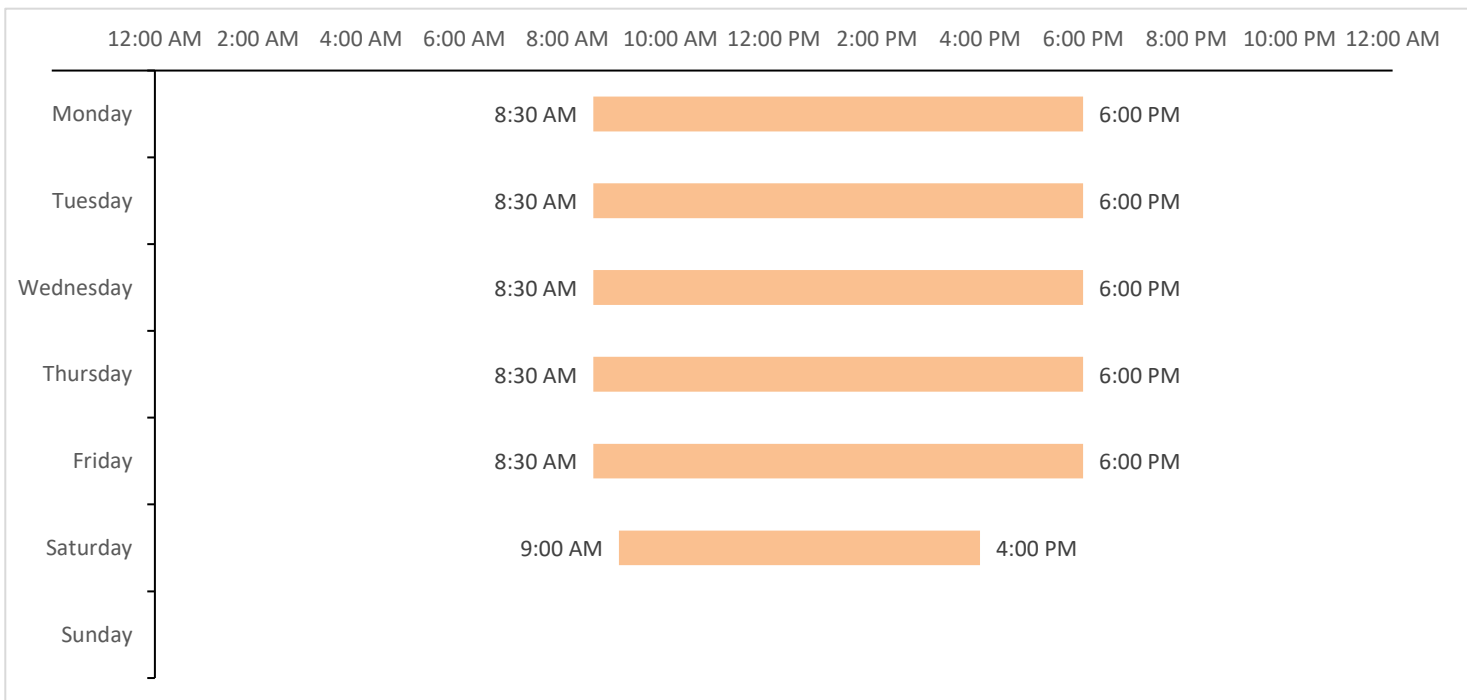
The number of items dispensed has increased overall by 2.4% between 2018/19 and 2020/21.

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 was lower than the 2020/21 South West and England averages.

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

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

The following chart shows the earliest opening hours and the latest closing hours for the South Somerset East 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 South Somerset East as the service has been decommissioned. This is compared to 2020/21 where 496 reviews were performed, 2018/19 where 1,279 reviews were performed.

### **7.3.4 Access to New Medicines Service (NMS)**

All pharmacies in South Somerset East had NMS accreditation as of May 2022. Over the first 9-month period of 2021/22, there were 482 NMSs undertaken. This is compared to the whole of 2020/21 where a total of 390 NMSs were undertaken.

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

As of May 2022, no pharmacies in South Somerset East provide the specialist medicines enhanced service.

### **7.3.6 Access to dispensing of appliances**

No data provided for pharmacy appliance dispensing.

### **8.2.1 Influenza vaccination advanced service**

All pharmacies in South Somerset East delivered the influenza vaccination advanced service as of May 2022. A total of 3,183 vaccinations were given according to the NHSBSAs Advanced Flu Vaccination Service report dataset during the 2021/22 flu season in South Somerset East locality pharmacies matched with the Somerset STP influenza report pharmacies.

### **8.2.2 Stoma appliance customisation advanced service**

No pharmacies in South Somerset East provide the Stoma appliance customisation advanced service as of May 2022. There was no activity for this service between 2018/19 and 2021/22.

### **8.2.3 Appliance use review (AUR) advanced service**

No pharmacies in South Somerset East 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
  - Milbourne Port Pharmacy, High Street, Milbourne Port
  - Bruton Pharmacy, High Street, Bruton
  - Boots Pharmacy, Wincanton Health Centre, Wincanton
- No pharmacies delivers the Urgent Repeat Medicines Service
- Two pharmacies provide the Stop Smoking Service
  - Milbourne Port Pharmacy, High Street, Milbourne Port

- Bruton Pharmacy, High Street, Bruton





## **Hospital pharmacies, walk-in centres, private pharmacies**

There is a community hospital at Wincanton.

### **Necessary services: gaps in provision**

The health needs of adults in South Somerset East vary little from the county average and do not suggest pharmaceutical needs fundamentally different for the area. Pharmacies are located in the market towns, and some rural areas are served by the two dispensing practices. The maps of travel times (see main report) suggest that while they are greater for this PCN area than many others, there is still 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 approximately equivalent locality. Although there has been some growth since 2018 it has not been at a level or location that has created a gap in provision.

Opening hours for pharmacies cover weekdays and Saturdays in accordance with the criteria set out in the main document. There is no Sunday opening, but pharmacies are open in Yeovil, which is accessible to most in the area within the criteria; some in the east of the area may also be served by Sunday opening in Warminster (Wiltshire). 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 South Somerset East PCN area.**

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 South Somerset East 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; however, they are available from Distance Appliance Contractors. The Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service is not available in South Somerset East, nor currently in neighbouring areas. However, we note that there are plans to commission this service in nearby Yeovil and Frome, and that if this happens then provision for South Somerset East 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 the area, or in the neighbouring areas of Frome or Yeovil, 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 South Somerset East, beyond the current potential improvement identified.**