



Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment **2022-25**

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

ANNEXE 7 SOUTH SOMERSET WEST PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AREA

South Somerset West

Overview

South Somerset West PCN area is in the centre of the county. The main settlements are Crewkerne, Somerton and Ilchester, and much of the population is rural. .

Health need is taken from the [South Somerset West PCN area 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	16%	18%
16-64	55%	58%
65+	28%	25%
Female	51%	51%
Male	49%	49%

Table 2: Example indicators of children's health

Health Visiting	PCN	Somerset
BF 6-8 Weeks	53%	54%
Good 2-2.5y development	69%	55%
Universal Partnership Proportion	5%	2%
Universal Plus Proportion	12%	9%
Universal Proportion	66%	66%

Table 3: Selected indicators of adult health

Prevalence (QOF Registers)	PCN	Somerset
Any long-term condition (16+)	53%	55%
Hypertension	20%	17%
Smoking	15%	17%
Obesity	12%	12%
Diabetes	8%	7%
Asthma	8%	7%
Cancer	5%	4%
CKD	5%	5%
CHD	4%	4%
Atrial fibrillation	4%	3%
Stroke	3%	2%
Depression	3%	2%
COPD	2%	2%
Heart Failure	1%	1%
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1%	1%
PAD	1%	1%
Dementia	1%	1%
Osteoporosis	1%	1%
Epilepsy	1%	1%
Mental Health	1%	1%
Learning disability	0%	1%

The population structure of South Somerset West is similar to the county as a whole, as are the health needs of the adult population. The picture for children shows a good proportion of 2 to 2½ year-olds reaching a good level of development

Location of Services

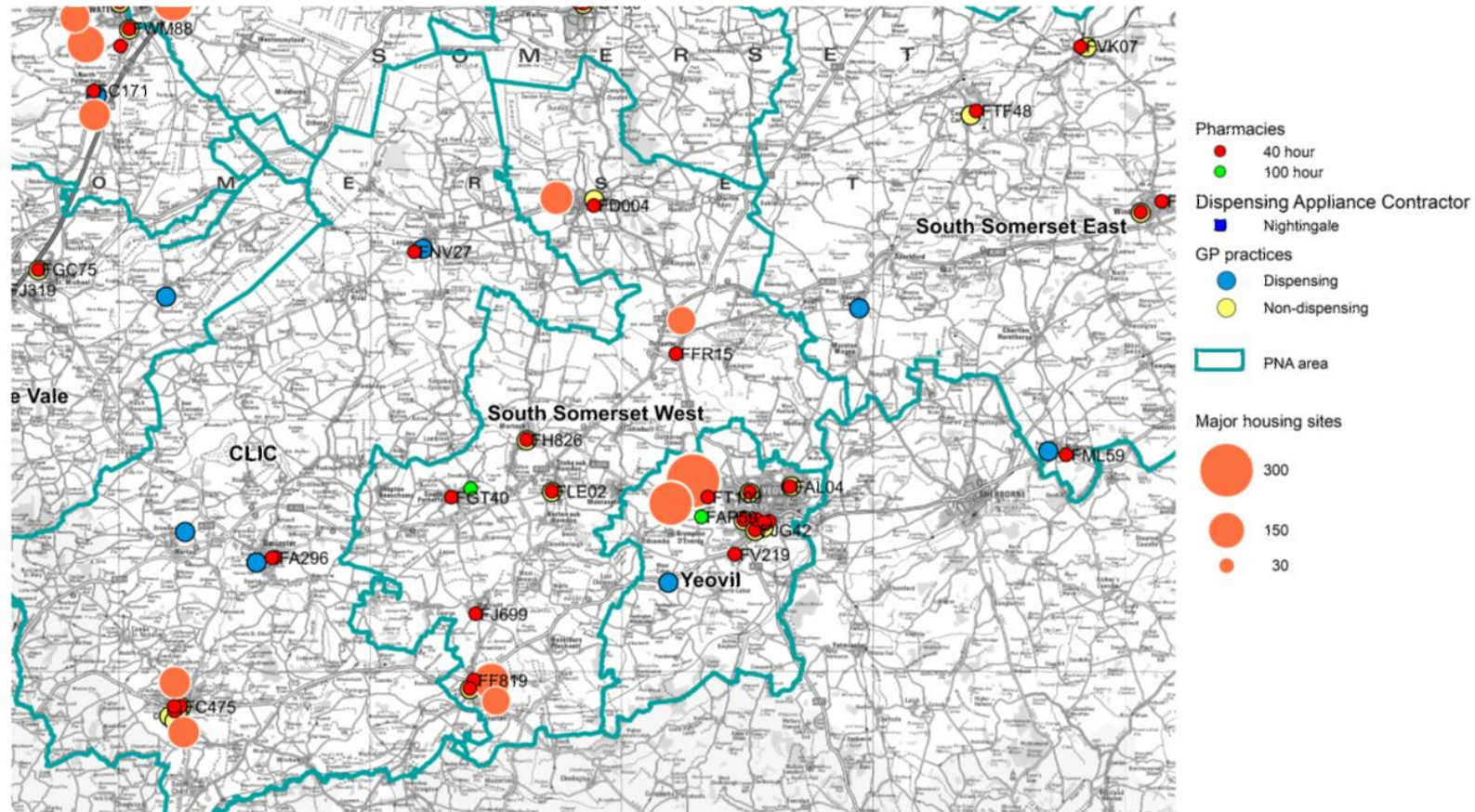


Figure 1: South Somerset West PCN Pharmacies (40 and 100 hr), dispensing doctors, GPs, housing sites

Details of GP surgeries (Dispensing doctors in bold)

Name	Postcode	Dispensing Patients	Prescribing patients	Total
CREWKERNE HEALTH CENTRE, CREWKERNE	TA18 8BX	0	12901	12901
CHURCH STREET SURGERY, MARTOCK	TA12 6JL	0	10648	10648
HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE, STOKE-SUB- HAMDON	TA14 6QE	0	5710	5710
BUTTERCROSS HEALTH CENTRE	TA11 7PB	0	7306	7306

Housing Development

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

South Somerset West Primary Care Network Area			
Crewkerne	250	<i>Sites >100</i>	
		<i>Crewkerne – A356/A30</i>	<i>150</i>
		<i>Crewkerne – Station Road</i>	<i>100</i>
Somerton	100		
		<i>Somerton – Bancombe Road</i>	<i>100</i>
Ilchester	100		
		<i>Ilchester – Dragonfly Chase</i>	<i>100</i>
Rest of Locality	<i>500</i>		
Total	1000		
	*Allocated to PCN for major settlements (c75% of total); rest apportioned by population from District total		

The scale of development is higher than for other rural areas, but is concentrated in Crewkerne (especially), Somerton and Ilchester, which have existing pharmacies that we expect to cater for the increase. The expected level of housebuilding from 2022 to 2025 in South Somerset West PCN area is 1000. 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
FH826	Bestway National Chemists Ltd	Well Pharmacy	The Chantry, Church Street	Martock	TA12 6JL	No	Yes
FD004	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	West Street	Somerton	TA11 7PR	No	Yes
FGT40	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	6 Market Square	South Petherton	TA13 5BT	No	Yes
FF819	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	8-10 Market Street	Crewkerne	TA18 7LA	No	Yes
FFR15	Day Lewis PLC	Day Lewis Pharmacy	31 High Street	Ilchester	BA22 8NH	No	Yes
FLE02	Day Lewis PLC	Day Lewis Pharmacy	Hamdon Medical Centre	Stoke Sub Hamdon	TA14 6QE	No	Yes
FGT85	Day Lewis PLC	Crewkerne Pharmacy	Crewkerne Health Centre, Middle Path	Crewkerne	TA18 8BX	No	Yes
FME12	John Ware Ltd	South Petherton Pharmacy	South Petherton Health Centre, Bernard Way	South Petherton	TA13 5EF	Yes	Yes
FJ699	John Ware Ltd	Merriott Pharmacy	2 Broadway	Merriott	TA16 5QG	No	Yes

Dispensing doctors

None.

Notable provision from outside the locality

Most provision is likely to be within the locality, although some on the periphery may use pharmacies in Chard (west), Yeovil (east) or Street and Glastonbury (north).

Pharmacies and Items per head

South Somerset West (Somerset)

There are currently 9 pharmacies in South Somerset West as of May 2022. Of these, six pharmacies are owned by national pharmacy chains:

- 3 by Boots Pharmacy
- 2 by Day Lewis Pharmacy
- 1 by Bestway Pharmacy

There are 3 other pharmacies in South Somerset West not owned by national pharmacy chains. There is one 100-hour pharmacy in South Somerset West (South Petherton Pharmacy, South Petherton Health Centre, South Petherton) as of May 2022 and eight 40-hour pharmacies.

All pharmacies are Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) accredited providing a total of 418 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 West.

Since the last PNA was published 1 pharmacy with a 100hr contract closed and reopened at as a 40hr pharmacy at an existing site (Crewkerne Pharmacy replaced existing Well Pharmacy at Postcode TA18 8BG). No other new pharmacies have opened in South Somerset West. Over the last three years provision in South Somerset West has been as follows:

Year	Population	Number of pharmacies	Pharmacies per 100,000 population	Number of items dispensed	Items dispensed per head
2018/19	39,769	10	25.1	767,661	19.3
2019/20	39,973	10	25.0	730,924	18.2
2020/21	40,089	9	22.5	700,244	17.5
2021/22 (9 month)	-	9	-	529,615	-
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

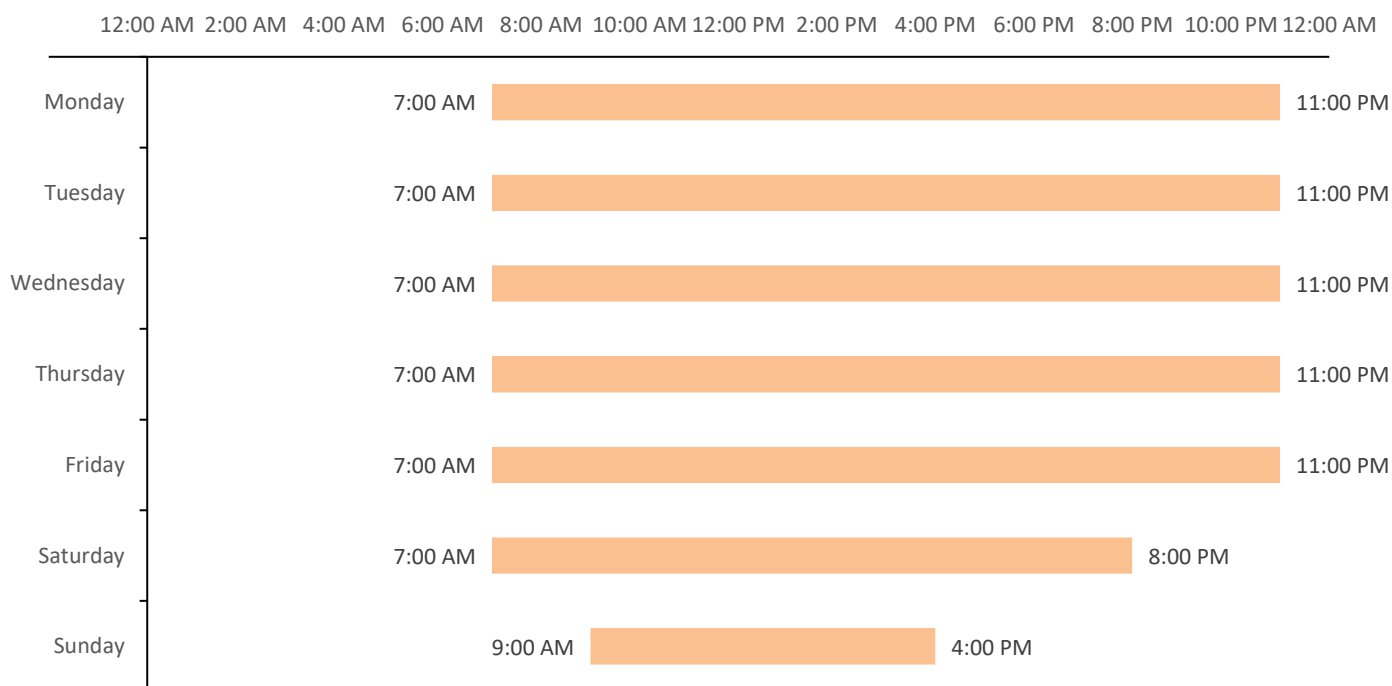
The number of items dispensed has decreased by 8.8% between 2018/19 and 2020/21.

The number of items dispensed per head in 2020/21 was above the South West average and below the England average. In 2018/19, dispensing per head was higher than both the South West and England averages. The number of pharmacies per 100,000 population remains higher than the 2020/21 South West and England averages despite falling between 2019/20 and 2020/21.

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

- 1 pharmacy is open 7 days a week
- 6 pharmacies are open on Monday to Saturday only
- 2 pharmacies are open Monday to Friday only
- 1 pharmacy is open before 8am from Monday to Friday
- 1 pharmacy 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 West 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 West as the service has been decommissioned. This is compared to 2020/21 where 909 reviews were performed, 2018/19 where 3,246 reviews were performed.

7.3.4 Access to New Medicines Service (NMS)

8 pharmacies in South Somerset West had NMS accreditation as of May 2022. Over the first 9-month period of 2021/22, there were 1,063 NMSs undertaken. This is compared to the whole of 2020/21 where a total of 866 NMSs were undertaken.

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

As of May 2022, one pharmacy in South Somerset West provided the specialist medicines enhanced service (South Petherton Pharmacy, South Petherton Health Centre, South Petherton).

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 South Somerset West delivered the influenza vaccination advanced service as of May 2022. A total of 6,056 vaccinations were given according to the NHSBSAs Advanced Flu Vaccination Service report dataset during the 2021/22 flu season in South Somerset West locality pharmacies matched with the Somerset STP influenza report pharmacies.

8.2.2 Stoma appliance customisation advanced service

No pharmacies in South Somerset West provide the Stoma customisation advanced service as of May 2022.

8.2.3 Appliance use review (AUR) advanced service

No pharmacies in South Somerset West provided this service as of 2021/22. 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
- Six pharmacies provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service
 - Day Lewis Pharmacy, High Street, Ilchester
 - Crewkerne Pharmacy, Crewkerne Health Centre, Crewkerne
 - Well (Bestway) Pharmacy, The Chantry, Martock
 - Merriot Pharmacy, Broadway, Merriot
 - Day Lewis Pharmacy, Hamdon Medical Centre, Stoke Sub Hamdon
 - South Petherton Pharmacy, South Petherton Health Centre, South Petherton
- No pharmacies deliver the Urgent Repeat Medicines Service
- Two pharmacies provide the Stop Smoking Service
 - Crewkerne Pharmacy, Crewkerne Health Centre, Crewkerne
 - Well (Bestway) Pharmacy, The Chantry, Martock

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
FH826	Well Pharmacy	The Chantry, Church Street Martock		Y	Y	Y	Y					Y			Y	Y	Y	Y				
FD004	Boots Pharmacy	West Street Somerton		Y	Y	Y						Y					Y	Y				
FGT40	Boots Pharmacy	6 Market Square South Petherton		Y	Y	Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y

FF819	Boots Pharmacy	8-10 Market Street Crewkerne	Y	Y	Y						Y			Y	Y	Y	Y				
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FME12	South Petherton Pharmacy	South Petherton Health Centre, Bernard Way	South Petherton	Y		Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
FJ699	Merriott Pharmacy	2 Broadway Merriott	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 Crewkerne..

Necessary services: gaps in provision

The health needs of adults in South Somerset West vary little from the county average and do not suggest pharmaceutical needs fundamentally different for the area. The maps of travel times (see main report) suggest that there is 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. In practice, the northern part of the area may be better served on Sundays by Glastonbury (in West Mendip) than by Crewkerne (within the PCN area). All necessary services are available.

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.

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 South Somerset West PCN area.

Although the level of housebuilding is higher in this PCN area than in many other rural parts of Somerset, the main sites are adjacent to existing settlements with pharmacies. Because this development is close to existing provision, we expect current pharmacies to meet the growing demand. An additional 1000 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 West 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 West Mendip, and that if this happens then provision for South Somerset West 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 West Mendip 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 West, beyond the current potential improvement identified.