



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

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

## **ANNEXE 1 BRIDGWATER PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AREA**

## Bridgwater

### Overview

The Bridgwater Primary Care Network area is in the centre of the county. The main settlement is Bridgwater, which has grown significantly in recent years. This is set to continue, as housing figures suggest. The locality is the site of Hinkley Point C, the nuclear reactor whose development is having a big impact on the economy and demography of the county. Much of the Hinkley Point workforce is accommodated in Bridgwater. Many of the highest scoring Lower Super Output Areas on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (2020) are in Bridgwater.

Health need is taken from the [Bridgwater 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	19%	18%
16-64	60%	58%
65+	21%	25%
Female	50%	51%
Male	50%	49%

**Table 2: Example indicators of children's health**

Health Visiting	PCN	Somerset
BF 6-8 Weeks	51%	54%
Good 2-2.5y development	27%	55%
Universal Partnership Proportion	3%	2%
Universal Plus Proportion	12%	9%
Universal Proportion	64%	66%

**Table 3: Selected Indicators of Adult Health**

Prevalence (QOF Registers)	PCN	Somerset
Any long-term condition (16+)	53%	55%
Smoking	20%	17%
Hypertension	16%	17%
Obesity	12%	12%
Diabetes	8%	7%
Asthma	7%	7%
CKD	4%	5%
Cancer	4%	4%
CHD	4%	4%
Atrial fibrillation	3%	3%
Depression	3%	2%
COPD	2%	2%
Stroke	2%	2%
Osteoporosis	1%	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%

Selected data on population structure, children's and adults' health are shown in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3. They indicate that whilst overall patterns are not very different from the county average, the area has a somewhat younger population, and

indicators suggest a rather higher level of health need, especially evident in the proportion of 2 to 2½ year-olds showing a good level of development.

## Location of services

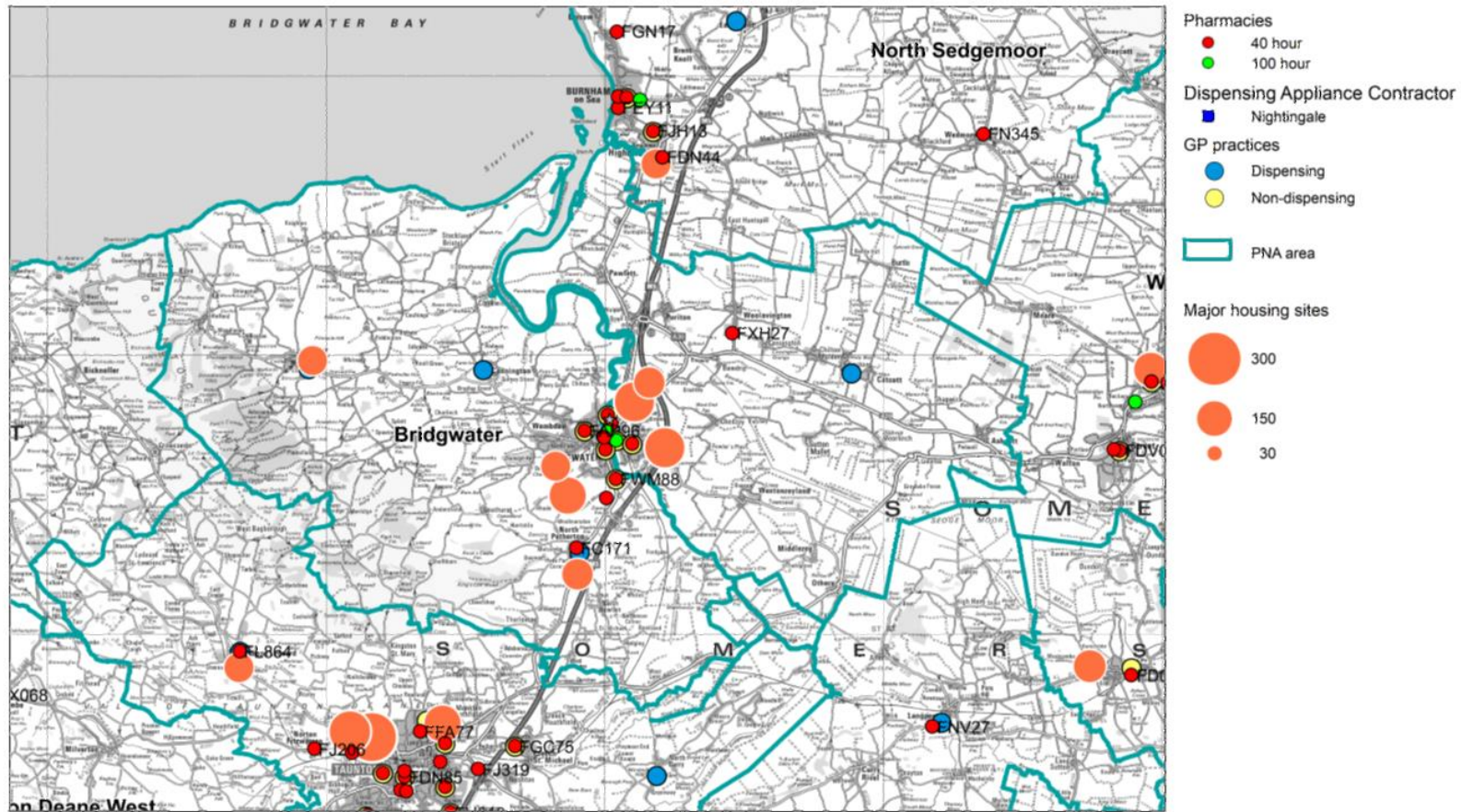


Figure 1: Bridgewater PCN Pharmacies (40 and 100 hr), dispensing doctors, GPs, housing sites

Details of GP surgeries (Dispensing doctors in bold)

**Table 4: GP surgeries**

Name	Postcode	Dispensing Patients	Prescribing patients	Total
<b>QUANTOCK MEDICAL CENTRE</b>	<b>TA5 1NW</b>	<b>3516</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>3770</b>
<b>CANNINGTON HEALTH CENTRE</b>	<b>TA5 2HB</b>	<b>4435</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>5190</b>
<b>POLDEN MEDICAL PRACTICE</b>	<b>TA7 9HA</b>	<b>6460</b>	<b>3482</b>	<b>9942</b>
CRANLEIGH GARDENS MEDICAL CENTRE	TA6 5JS	0	11467	11467
EAST QUAY MEDICAL CENTRE	TA6 4GP	0	15280	15280
TAUNTON ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE	TA6 3LS	0	13793	13793
REDGATE MEDICAL CENTRE	TA6 5BF	0	6467	6467
<b>NORTH PETHERTON SURGERY</b>	<b>TA6 6LX</b>	<b>1436</b>	<b>5125</b>	<b>6561</b>
SOMERSET BRIDGE MEDICAL CENTRE	TA6 6LD	0	4560	4560
VICTORIA PARK MEDICAL CENTRE	TA6 7AS	0	5122	5122

## Housing Development

**Table 5: Bridgwater Bay - Significant housing developments 2022-25 – expected number of dwellings**

<b>Bridgwater Primary Care Network area</b>			
Bridgwater	1500	<i>Sites &gt;100</i>	
		<i>Bower Farm</i>	<i>200</i>
		<i>Off A38</i>	<i>200</i>
		<i>Wilstock Farm</i>	<i>200</i>
		<i>Little Sydenham Farm</i>	<i>100</i>
		<i>Haygrove Road</i>	<i>100</i>
Rest of Locality	400		
		<i>Nether Stowey</i>	<i>100</i>
		<i>North Petherton</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1900</b>		

The scale of development is considerable by Somerset standards. However, the major developments are on the edges of Bridgwater and likely to be served by existing pharmacies; North Petherton has an existing pharmacy and dispensing practice. Nether Stowey is more isolated, and new development is likely to be served principally by the dispensing practice at Cannington.

The expected level of housebuilding from 2022 to 2025 in Bridgwater is 1900. The Health and Wellbeing Board expects that if this is exceeded by no more than 50% (950 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 6: Community Pharmacies

ODS CODE	Contractor Name	Trading Name (if different)	Address	Town	Postcode	100 Hour Contract	Electronic Prescription Service
FXH81	Asda Stores Ltd	Asda Pharmacy	East Quay	Bridgwater	TA6 5AZ	Yes	Yes
FDG35	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	34-38 Fore Street	Bridgwater	TA6 3NG	No	Yes
FH767	Great Bear Healthcare Ltd	Nightingale Home Delivery Service	3c Robins Drive	Bridgwater	TA6 4DL	No	Yes
FAP96	Jhoots Pharmacy Ltd	Jhoots pharmacy	Victoria Park Community Centre, Victoria Park Drive	Bridgwater	TA6 7AS	No	Yes
FWV70	John Ware Ltd	Stockmoor Pharmacy	Unit R3, Local Centre, Nokoto Drive	Bridgwater	TA6 6WU	No	Yes
FJ653	L Rowland & Co (Retail) Ltd	Rowlands pharmacy	East Quay Medical Centre, East Quay	Bridgwater	TA6 4GP	No	Yes
FPY74	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloyds pharmacy	14-16 Taunton Road	Bridgwater	TA6 3LS	No	Yes
FF835*	<i>Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd</i>	<i>Lloyds pharmacy Inside Sainsbury's</i>	<i>The Clink</i>	<i>Bridgwater</i>	<i>TA6 4AB</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>
FE929	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloyds pharmacy	Redgate Health Centre, Westonzoyland Road	Bridgwater	TA6 5BF	No	Yes
FC171	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd	Lloyds pharmacy	105 Fore Street	North Petherton	TA6 6RY	No	Yes
FXH27	Magna Healthcare Ltd	Woolavington Pharmacy	4-6 Windmill Crescent, Woolavington	Bridgwater	TA7 8HP	No	Yes
FWM88	Pasab Ltd	Jhoots pharmacy	Stockmoor Park, Taunton Road	Bridgwater	TA6 6LD	No	Yes
FG551	Shavarath Ltd	Cranleigh Gardens Pharmacy	Cranleigh Gardens Medical Centre, Cranleigh Gardens	Bridgwater	TA6 5JS	Yes	Yes
FY731	Superdrug Stores Plc	Superdrug Pharmacy	19 Fore Street	Bridgwater	TA6 3NH	No	Yes

Lloyds at the Clink (FF835) is set to close on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 but operates at the

time of writing (July 2022).

## Dispensing Appliance Contractor

**Table 7: Dispensing Appliance Contractor**

Pharmacy	Contractor	Address	Postcode	Electronic Prescription Service available	Number of prescription fees paid	Of which items on electronic prescriptions	Elastic Hosiery items	Fees for Specified appliances requiring home delivery	Appliances requiring measuring and fitting	Appliance Use Reviews	Stoma Appliance Customisations
FH767	Great Bear Health care Ltd	3c Robins Drive, Bridgewater	TA6 4DL	Yes	46580	25970	0	Y	0	Y	Y

Great Bear Health Care runs the Nightingale DAC in Bridgewater. This serves a market across England, and so its activity, including AURs do not relate exclusively, or even primarily, to Somerset.

## Dispensing doctors

Table 8: Dispensing Doctors

Practice Name	Postcode	Opening Hours
<b>QUANTOCK MEDICAL CENTRE</b>	<b>TA5 1NW</b>	10am to 12 midday; 4pm to 6pm.  Monday to Friday
<b>CANNINGTON HEALTH CENTRE</b>	<b>TA5 2HB</b>	8am to 6pm  Monday to Friday
<b>POLDEN MEDICAL PRACTICE (Edington)</b>	<b>TA7 9HA</b>	8.30am to 6.30pm;  Monday to Friday
<b>NORTH PETHERTON SURGERY</b>	<b>TA6 6LX</b>	9.15am to 1pm; 2pm to 6pm  Monday to Friday

### Notable provision from outside the locality

Most provision is likely to be within the locality.

## Pharmacies and Items per head ANALYSIS OF CURRENT PROVISION – Bridgwater (Somerset)

There are currently 14 pharmacies in Bridgwater as of May 2022. Of these, ten pharmacies are owned by national pharmacy chains:

- 4 by Lloyds Pharmacy (Lloyds in Sainsbury’s at the Clink scheduled for closure on August 25 2022)
- 2 by Pasab/Jhoots Pharmacy
- 1 by Boots Pharmacy
- 1 by Superdrug Pharmacy
- 1 by Asda Pharmacy
- 1 by Rowlands Pharmacy

There are 4 other pharmacies in Bridgwater not part of national pharmacy chains. There are two 100-hour pharmacies in Bridgwater as of May 2022. These are:

- Cranleigh Gardens Pharmacy, Cranleigh Gardens Medical Centre, Bridgwater
- Asda Pharmacy, East Quay, Bridgewater

There are twelve 40-hour pharmacies. Thirteen pharmacies are Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) accredited providing a total of 922 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 is one dispensing appliance contractor in Bridgwater (Nightingale Home Delivery Service, Robins Drive, Bridgwater).

Since the last PNA was published no pharmacies have closed and 1 new pharmacy (Woolavington Pharmacy, Windmill Crescent, Woolavington) has opened in Bridgwater. Over the last three years provision in Bridgwater has been as follows:

Year	Population	Number of pharmacies	Pharmacies per 100,000 population	Number of items dispensed	Items dispensed per head
2018/19	78,871	14	17.8	1,068,526	13.5
2019/20	79,275	14	17.7	1,138,521	14.4
2020/21	79,504	14	17.6	1,077,612	13.6
2021/22 (9 month)	-	14	-	1,095,402	-
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

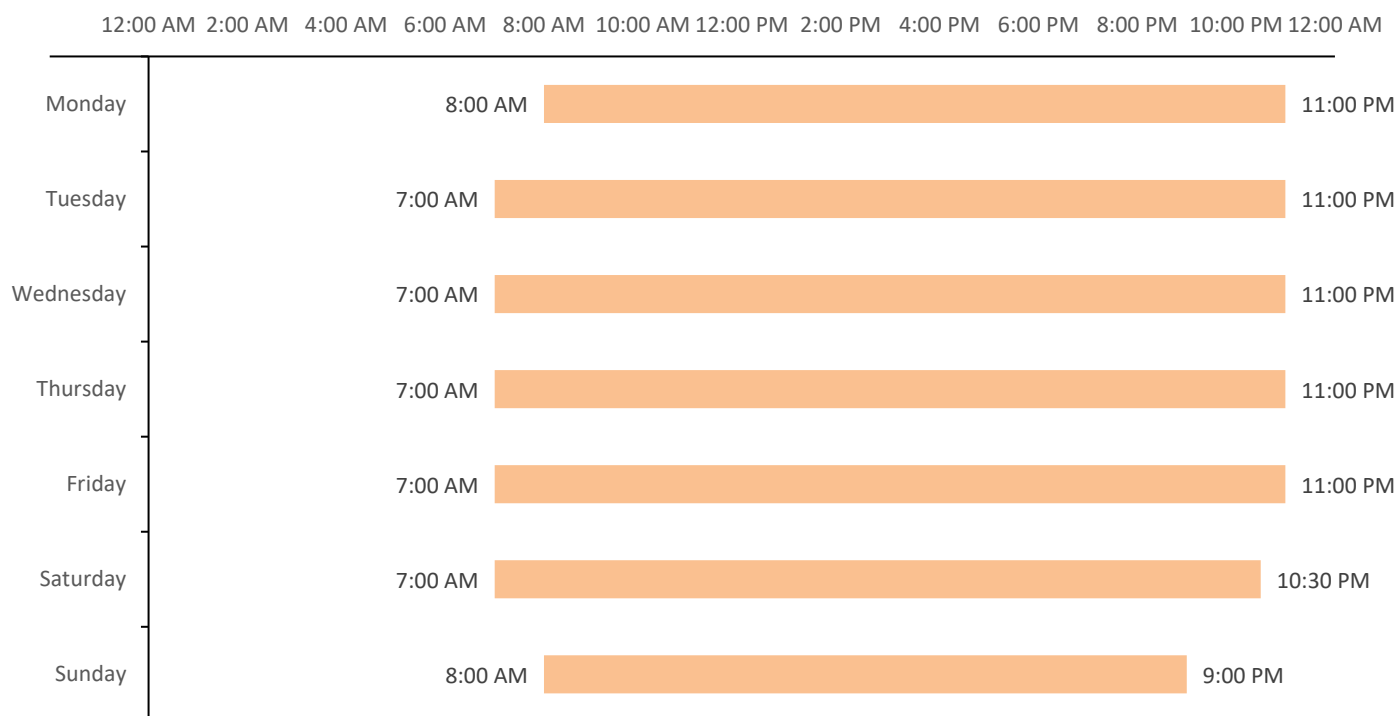
The number of items dispensed has increased overall by 0.9% between 2018/19 and 2020/21. However, the number of items dispensed fell by 5.3% between 2019/20 and 2020/21.

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)

- 4 pharmacies are open 7 days a week
- 6 pharmacies are open on Monday to Saturday only
- 4 pharmacies are open Monday to Friday only
- No pharmacy is open before 8am from Monday to Friday.
- 1 pharmacy is open before 8am Tuesday to Saturday.
- 3 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 Bridgwater 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 Bridgwater as the service has been decommissioned. This is compared to 2020/21 where 1,266 reviews were performed, 2018/19 where 4,346 reviews were performed.

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

13 pharmacies in Bridgwater had NMS accreditation as of May 2022. Over the first 9-month period of 2021/22, there were 1,082 NMSs undertaken. This is compared to the whole of 2020/21 where a total of 937 NMSs undertaken.

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

As of May 2022, one pharmacy in Bridgwater provided the specialist medicines enhanced service (Asda Pharmacy, East Quay, Bridgewater).

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

No data provided on pharmacy device dispensing.

## **8.2.1 Influenza vaccination advanced service**

13 pharmacies in Bridgwater delivered the influenza vaccination advanced service as of May 2022. A total of 4,615 vaccinations were given according to the NHSBSAs Advanced Flu Vaccination Service report dataset during the 2021/22 flu season in Bridgwater locality pharmacies matched with the Somerset STP influenza report pharmacies.

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

Five pharmacies in Bridgwater provided Stoma customisation as of May 2022 with a total of 1,303 stoma customisations.

- Lloyds Pharmacy, Fore Street, North Petherton
- Lloyds Pharmacy, Redgate Health Centre, Bridgewater
- Nightingale Home Deliver Service, Robins Drive, Bridgewater
- Rowlands Pharmacy, East Quay Medical Centre, Bridgewater
- Lloyds Pharmacy, Taunton Road, Bridgewater

In 2018/19 a total of 599 stoma customisations were performed.

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

Two pharmacies in Bridgwater provide this service with 2,797 AURs in the first 9 months of 2021/22. These were:

- Nightingale Home Deliver Service, Robins Drive, Bridgewater

- Lloyds Pharmacy, Taunton Road, Bridgwater

This is compared with 867 AURs in 2018/19.

**Other services (as of May 2022)**

- Three pharmacies provide the Hepatitis-C Antibody Testing Service
  - Jhoots Pharmacy, Victoria Park Community Centre, Bridgwater
  - Cranleigh Gardens Pharmacy, Cranleigh Gardens Medical Centre, Bridgwater
  - Jhoots Pharmacy, Taunton Road, Bridgwater
- Nine pharmacies provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service
- No pharmacies deliver the Urgent Repeat Medicines Service
- Three pharmacies provide the Stop Smoking Service
  - Jhoots Pharmacy, Victoria Park Community Centre, Bridgwater
  - Cranleigh Gardens Pharmacy, Cranleigh Gardens Medical Centre, Bridgwater
  - Jhoots Pharmacy, Taunton Road, Bridgwater





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FJ653	Rowlands pharmacy	East Quay Medical Centre, East Quay Bridgwater	Y	Y	Y				Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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FY731	Superdrug Pharmacy	19 Fore Street Bridgwater	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 Bridgwater. Workers on the construction site at Hinkley Point are provided for privately by EDF.

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

Although the health needs of Bridgwater are somewhat greater than the average for the county, the main types of ill health are similar, and pharmacies are concentrated in the urban area of Bridgwater town and so close to the main areas of deprivation. The rural areas are served by four dispensing GP practices and a branch. 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 (broadly equivalent) locality, and we have not found evidence of changes since then that would lead to the creation of a gap..

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 Bridgwater Primary Care Network area.**

The level of housebuilding expected in the next three years is higher than the county as a whole, with a concentration in Bridgwater, which is well-served by pharmacies. Development at Nether Stowey is geographically further from existing services, but our evidence suggests that this will not exceed other Somerset settlements which do not have community pharmacies within the period of this PNA, and the village will continue to be served by the dispensing GP at Cannington and pharmacies in Williton and Bridgwater. An additional 1900 dwellings are expected over the PNA period; unless that number is exceeded by more than 950 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 Bridgwater 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 all current advanced services, and services commissioned locally by Somerset CCG and Somerset Public Health are provided from pharmacies in the locality. We note that AURs are available in Bridgwater PCN area from Distance Appliance Contractors, including one based in the area.

**On the basis of the information we have, we do not assess there to be a current gap in other relevant services in Bridgwater PCN area.**

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 Bridgwater PCN area.**