

# Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

## **2022-25**

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

## **ANNEXE 9**

# **TAUNTON DEANE WEST PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AREA**

## Taunton Deane West

### **Overview**

The Taunton Deane West Primary Care Network area is in the south west of the county, bordering Devon. The largest settlement is Wellington; many services are provided from the county town of Taunton to the east. Wellington has seen, and is expected to show further, growth, in common with other towns on the M5, such as Taunton and Bridgwater.

Health need is taken from the [Taunton Deane West PCN area profile](#) 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+	20%	25%
Female	51%	51%
Male	49%	49%

Table 2: Example indicators of children's health

Health Visiting	PCN	Somerset
BF 6-8 Weeks	48%	54%
Good 2-2.5y development	62%	55%
Universal Partnership Proportion	3%	2%
Universal Plus Proportion	12%	9%
Universal Proportion	62%	66%

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

Prevalence (QOF Registers)	PCN	Somerset
Any long-term condition (16+)	51%	55%
Smoking	19%	17%
Hypertension	15%	17%
Obesity	14%	12%
Diabetes	7%	7%
Asthma	7%	7%
CKD	4%	5%
Cancer	4%	4%
CHD	3%	4%
Depression	3%	2%
Atrial fibrillation	3%	3%
COPD	2%	2%
Stroke	2%	2%
Osteoporosis	2%	1%
Heart Failure	1%	1%
Dementia	1%	1%
Mental Health	1%	1%
Epilepsy	1%	1%
PAD	1%	1%
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1%	1%
Learning disability	1%	1%

The population structure of the Taunton Deane West PCN area is somewhat younger than the county average, notably in a smaller proportion of people over 65 years of age. This is a probable explanation of the lower proportion of the population with long-term conditions. The health indicators for children and adults show patterns broadly similar to the county as a whole.

## Location of Services

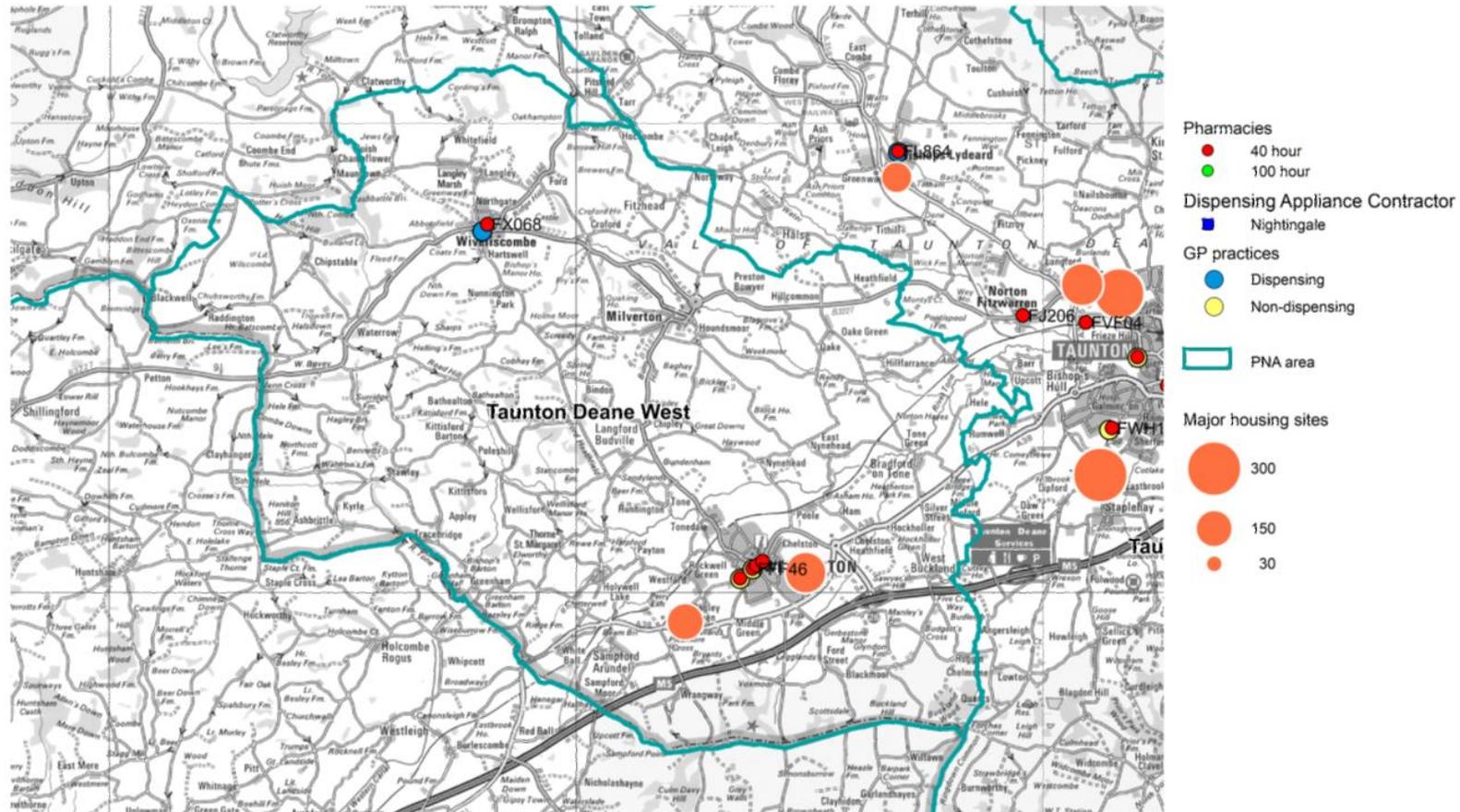


Figure 1: Taunton Deane West PCN Pharmacies (40 and 100 hr), dispensing doctors, GPs, housing sites

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

Name	Postcode	Dispensing Patients	Prescribing patients	Total
WELLINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE	TA21 8BD	0	15298	15298
<b>LISTER HOUSE PARTNERSHIP</b>	<b>TA4 2BF</b>	<b>3472</b>	<b>3229</b>	<b>6701</b>
LUSON	TA21 8AG	0	6643	6643

## Housing Development

**Table 4: Taunton Deane West - Significant housing developments 2022-25 – expected number of dwellings**

<b>Taunton Deane West Primary Care Network Area</b>			
Wellington	300	<i>Sites &gt;100</i>	
		<i>Wellington – Jurston Farm</i>	<i>200</i>
		<i>Wellington – Bagley Road</i>	<i>100</i>
Rest of Locality	200		
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>		
	*Apportioned by population from sub-district total.		

The scale of development is larger than many other parts of the county. The bulk of the new development, though, is on the outskirts of Wellington, where existing pharmacies may be expected to serve the increased population. The expected level of housebuilding from 2022 to 2025 in Taunton Deane West PCN area is 500. 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
FQ035	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	Wellington Medical Centre, Mantle Street	Wellington	TA21 8BD	No	Yes
FJG01	Boots UK Ltd	Boots Pharmacy	6 High Street	Wellington	TA21 8RA	No	Yes
FX068	Day Lewis PLC	Day Lewis Pharmacy	1 The Square	Wiveliscombe	TA4 2JT	No	Yes
FRD81	Jhoots Pharmacy Ltd	Jhoots Pharmacy	Luson surgery, Fore Street	Wellington	TA21 8AG	No	Yes
FHG93	Superdrug Stores Plc	Superdrug Pharmacy	5 Fore Street	Wellington	TA21 8AA	No	Yes

### Dispensing doctors

Practice Name	Postcode	Opening Hours
<b>LISTER HOUSE PARTNERSHIP, WIVELISCOMBE</b>	<b>TA4 2BF</b>	8am to 6.15pm Monday to Friday

### Notable provision from outside the locality

Most provision is likely to be within the locality or nearby Taunton. The far south west of the area may use pharmacies in Tiverton (Devon).

## Pharmacies and Items per head

There are currently 5 pharmacies in Taunton Deane West as of May 2022. All pharmacies are owned by national pharmacy chains:

- 2 by Boots Pharmacy
- 1 by Pasab/Jhoots pharmacy
- 1 by Day Lewis pharmacy
- 1 by Superdrug pharmacy

There are no 100-hour pharmacies in Taunton Deane West as of May 2022 and five 40-hour pharmacies.

All pharmacies are Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) accredited providing a total of 102 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 Taunton Deane West.

Since the last PNA was published no pharmacies have closed and no new pharmacies have opened in Taunton Deane West. Over the last three years provision in Taunton Deane 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	25,902	5	19.3	384,921	14.9
2019/20	26,035	5	19.2	393,492	15.1
2020/21	26,110	5	19.1	385,377	14.8
2021/22 (9 month)	-	5	-	297,849	-
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

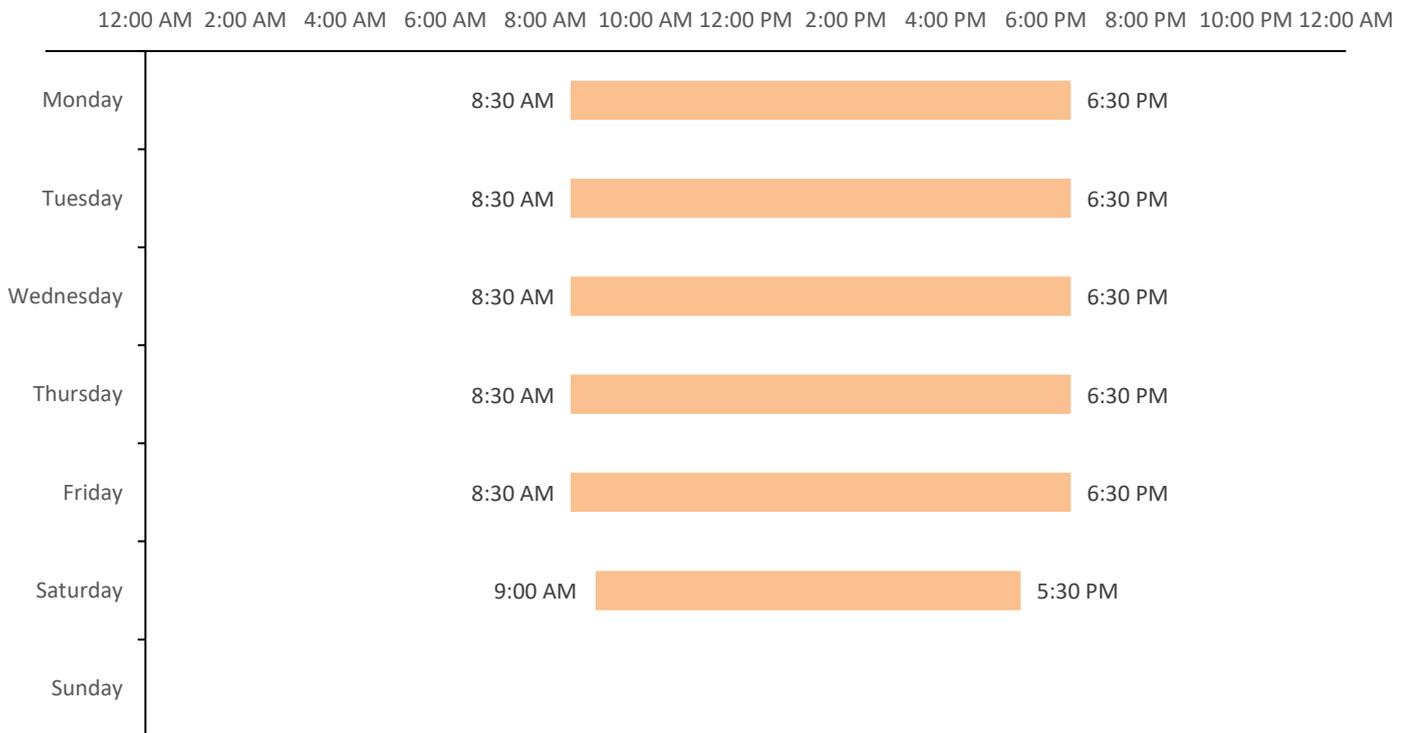
The number of items dispensed has remained broadly similar between 2018/19 to 2020/21.

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 remains above the 2020/21 South West average but below the 2020/21 England average.

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

- No pharmacies are open 7 days a week
- 4 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
- No 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 Taunton Deane 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 Taunton Deane West as the service has been decommissioned. This is compared to 2020/21 where

510 reviews were performed, 2018/19 where 1,882 reviews were performed.

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

All pharmacies in Taunton Deane West had NMS accreditation as of May 2022. Over the first 9-month period of 2021/22, there were 586 NMSs undertaken. This is compared to the whole of 2020/21 where a total of 667 NMSs were undertaken.

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

As of May 2022, no pharmacy in Taunton Deane West provides the specialist medicines enhanced service.

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

No data provided on pharmacy appliance dispensing.

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

4 pharmacies in Taunton Deane West delivered the influenza vaccination advanced service as of May 2022. A total of 1,641 vaccinations were given according to the NHSBSAs Advanced Flu Vaccination Service report dataset during the 2021/22 flu season in Taunton Deane West locality pharmacies matched with the Somerset STP influenza report pharmacies.

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

No pharmacies in Taunton Deane West provide the Stoma customisation advanced service as of May 2022

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

No pharmacies in Taunton Deane West provide this service as of May 2022. According to the national dataset, 4 customisations were reported in 2019/20 and 1 customisation in 2020/21 however none were reported in 2018/19 and 2021/22.

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

- One pharmacy provides the Hepatitis-C Antibody Testing Service
  - Jhoots Pharmacy, Fore Street, Wellington
- Two pharmacies provide the Hypertension Case-Finding Service
  - Day Lewis Pharmacy, The Square, Wiveliscombe
  - Jhoots Pharmacy, Fore Street, Wellington
- No pharmacies deliver the Urgent Repeat Medicines Service
- Two pharmacies provide the Stop Smoking Service
  - Day Lewis Pharmacy, The Square, Wiveliscombe
  - Jhoots Pharmacy, Fore Street, Wellington



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

There is a community hospital in Wellington.

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

The health needs of people in Taunton Deane 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 and Saturdays in accordance with the criteria set out in the main document. No pharmacies are open on Sundays, but there are four open in neighbouring Taunton Central and Tone Vale, and we would expect them to continue to provide services at this time for the PCN area.

**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 Taunton Deane West PCN area.**

The level of expected housebuilding is higher than many other areas of the county. It is focused on Wellington, which is the largest settlement and the location of four existing pharmacies, which we would expect to meet the growth in 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 Taunton Deane West takes place then there will be no gap in provision of necessary services.**

### **Improvements or better access: gaps in provision**

We note that all advanced services, apart from Appliance Use Reviews and Stoma Customization, are provided from pharmacies in the locality. We note that both are available from Distance Appliance Contractors. The Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service is not available in Taunton Deane West, although it is available in Taunton Central and Tone Vale, which may be adequate; the potential need for the service in Taunton Deane West should be monitored.

**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 if provision in Taunton Central and Tone Vale is not sufficient.**

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 Taunton Deane West, beyond the current potential improvement identified.**