

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT TO THE STOCKPORT PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2023

Report of the Director of Public Health

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Stockport Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to prepare and publish a **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)**¹ every three years.
- 1.2 The latest Stockport PNA was published in 2022 and is available at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-board/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment>.
- 1.3 The 2022 PNA states that any change to provision of pharmacy services in Stockport which leads to a change in need will be communicated via publication of a supplementary statement.
- 1.4 NHS England have informed Stockport Health and Wellbeing board of two pharmacy closures in May 2023 and June 2023 and as a result the Stockport PNA Project Group have undertaken a review of an impact of these closures and have drafted a supplementary statement to the 2022 PNA signalling an additional pharmacy need.
- 1.5 This document summarises the findings of this review and the contents of the supplementary statement for approval by the Stockport Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Summary of Closures

- 2.1 On 31st March 2023 NHS England wrote to Stockport Health and Wellbeing board to inform them that **Lloyds Pharmacy, Sainsbury Stores Ltd, London Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4AW** will cease to provide pharmaceutical services on 22nd April 2023 and will be removed from the pharmaceutical list on this date.
- 2.2 On 19th May 2023 NHS England wrote to Stockport Health and Wellbeing board to inform them that **Lloyds Pharmacy, Sainsbury Stores Ltd, Wilmslow Road, Cheadle SK8 3BB** will cease to provide pharmaceutical services on 1st June 2023 and will be removed from the pharmaceutical list on this date.
- 2.3 The Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Hazel Grove) pharmacy is to the south of the borough and its location is highlighted in black on the map in section 4 of the attached report. It is close to other community pharmacies, most notably Well (Hazel Grove 1) which is within 500 metres (5 minutes walk) and is located in the Asda store. Lloyds Pharmacy, Sainsbury, Hazel Grove dispenses around 95,000 prescription items each year.

¹ NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013

- 2.4 The Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Cheadle) pharmacy is to the south west of the borough and its location is highlighted in grey on the map in section 4 of the attached report. It is close to other community pharmacies, most notably Boots (Cheadle Hulme) which is within 700 metres (10 minutes walk). Lloyds Pharmacy, Sainsbury, Cheadle dispenses around 29,000 prescription items each year.

3. Impact of Closures

- 3.1 The Stockport PNA Project Group have reviewed the impact on these closures on the provision of essential pharmacy services, advanced and locally commissioned services pharmacy services and out of hours pharmacy services.
- 3.2 The analysis shows that Stockport as a locality has adequate provision of essential services to meet the needs of the population by providing a service for more than 92% of the residents within 1km of their home; and the closures of the Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Hazel Grove) and Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Cheadle) do not change this position.
- 3.3 The analysis also shows that the closure of Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Hazel Grove) and Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Cheadle) also do not affect the provision of either advanced services or locally commissioned services and does not change the conclusions of the 2022 PNA in this respect.
- 3.4 However the analysis of opening hours and trading days shows that while there is adequate provision for essential services, and on Saturdays; the closure of Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Hazel Grove) causes an additional out of hours service need in Hazel Grove / south Stockport area, in addition to the two areas of need already identified in the 2022 PNA (Brinnington and Marple, both for 18h00-20h00 on weekdays).
- 3.5 This service gap is of particular concern as the Lloyds Pharmacy (Sainsbury's Hazel Grove) site was the closest late evening and Sunday pharmacy to both Mastercall Healthcare (the out of hours primary care provider in Stockport) and Stockport NHS Foundation Trust. Patients using the Mastercall Healthcare out of hours service were usually directed to this pharmacy, and those remaining pharmacies late evening and Sunday services in Stockport are significantly further from this site.
- 3.6 Stockport Area Medicines Panel (STAMP) highlighted that the loss of extended service pharmacy provision in this area will have an impact on the wider healthcare services in Stockport and that Stockport as a whole continues to struggle with adequate pharmacy services for late evenings, weekends, and bank holiday service provision.
- 3.7 The supplementary statement therefore updated the findings of the 2022 Stockport PNA to signal an additional gap in provision in Stockport Hazel Grove / south Stockport area 18h00-22h00 on weekdays and 10h00-16h00 on a Sunday

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 A draft Supplementary Statement to the Stockport 2022 PNA, dated June 2023 is enclosed with this report. It contains detailed analysis of the closures and the impact on the provision of pharmacy services in Stockport. It signals a new gap in provision for weekday evenings and Sundays in the Hazel Grove / south Stockport area.
- 4.2 Stockport Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to approve this statement.
- 4.3 Following approval this statement will be published alongside the existing PNA at and <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-board/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment> and NHS England will be required to use these findings when assessing applications for changes in pharmacy services in Stockport.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Eleanor Banister on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 2447 or alternatively email eleanor.banister@stockport.gov.uk