

**Wirral's Health & Wellbeing Board response to local provision of pharmaceutical services in relation to Wirral's Pharmaceutical Need Assessment****Date Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment published: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022****Date of Issue of Supplementary Statement: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025****Supplementary Statement Number: 114****Issue: Reduction in access to essential services on Sundays between 4.00pm and 10.00pm**

This supplementary statement has been prepared and issued by the Director of Public Health on behalf of the Wirral's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) and forms part of the Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025).

**Please note:** The Health and Wellbeing Board is currently producing the next Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Wirral which is due to be published by 1st October 2025.

**Since the publication of Wirral's current PNA the following change(s) in pharmaceutical services have occurred:**

- The number of community pharmacies has reduced due to closures,
- There have been a number of changes of ownership applications,
- There have been a number of reductions in supplementary opening hours
- There has been changes to services offered in some pharmacies, and in some cases, pharmacies have removed (additional) services that are not covered or funded by the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF).

Further details of the changes noted above can be found within the individual [Supplementary Statements](#) on [Wirral Health and Wellbeing Knowledge Hub](#).

- A recent change that the HWBB has been made aware of is a change in opening hours that relates to provision on Sundays. ([Allied Pharmacy sited at Arrowe Park Hospital](#)).
- This change means that there is no provision of essential, advanced or enhanced pharmacy services after 4.30pm on a Sunday at any community pharmacy venue across Wirral.
- It is the opinion of Wirral's HWBB that access to pharmaceutical services has been adversely affected by this reduction in opening hours.
- **The view of the HWBB is that this is having a negative impact on Wirral residents and that provision of essential pharmaceutical services, at a site situated within Metropolitan Borough of Wirral boundary, on Sundays, between the hours of 4pm and 10pm, would improve access for residents and address the current need for essential pharmaceutical services in Wirral at the times stated.**
- The Health and Wellbeing Board will continue to produce the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2025-2028) which will include detailed analysis of all pharmacy services provision in Wirral.
- This supplementary statement is an update of the current pharmaceutical needs assessment in terms of the availability of pharmaceutical services for the area of Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board.

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