



Kent and Medway

Medway Health and Adult Social Care

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No. 1/23

- Date: 1 March 2023
- Briefing paper to: All Members of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Purpose: To provide a briefing on the closure of Lloyds Pharmacies in Sainsbury's supermarkets.

LloydsPharmacy has announced it will be closing all Lloyds Pharmacies in Sainsbury's supermarkets.

In the case of a voluntary closure of a pharmacy:

- the pharmacy contractor must give three months' notice unless the pharmacy is a 100-hour pharmacy (required to open for 100 hours a week) and in which case six months' notice must be given
- where it is impracticable to give the required notice period, the contractor must notify the commissioner as soon as possible and the commissioner can agree to a shorter notice period.

So far, LloydsPharmacy has given the relevant notice period for most of its pharmacies in Sainsbury's supermarkets in the southeast.

For a small number of the pharmacies, it has submitted applications to consolidate with another pharmacy. These applications will follow due process, which includes notifying interested parties for comment. Ultimately, the pharmacies in Sainsbury's will close.

However, the decision about the consolidation application will determine whether the closure will leave a gap that could be filled by an application for a new pharmacy.



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To date, there are also a small number of the pharmacies for which no notification of closure or application to consolidate has been received.

A summary of the information received so far for the area of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board can be seen at the end of this briefing.

LloydsPharmacy will provide patients with information about how to find alternative pharmacy services.

A dedicated search facility on the NHS website ([NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk)) or NHS App helps people find a pharmacy that is convenient to them.

Most prescriptions are now signed, sent and processed electronically. Further information about electronic prescriptions can be found on the NHS website here: [Electronic prescriptions - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

People can choose any pharmacy to have prescriptions dispensed and can change their nominated pharmacy via the NHS App or by talking to pharmacy staff; more information can be found here: [Nominating a pharmacy - NHS account help and support - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).

Health and wellbeing boards are responsible for assessing pharmaceutical need. They are required to publish a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) every three years and are being kept informed of the changes; considering whether gaps in provision result from the closures.

If a health and wellbeing board believes a closure results in a gap, it will publish a statement - called a supplementary statement - to reflect the closure and this becomes part of the PNA. Applications for new pharmacies are considered in the context of the PNA.



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Appendix A

Trading Name	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Post Code	Closure date
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	7 Priory Shopping Centre	Instone Road	Dartford	Kent	DA1 2HS	22/04/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Kingsmead Road	Northgate	Canterbury	Kent	CT1 1BW	23/04/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Dadson Way		Ramsgate	Kent	CT12 5FJ	23/04/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Quarry Wood Industrial Estate	Mills Road, Larkfield	Aylesford Maidstone	Kent	ME20 7NA	23/07/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Linden Park Road		Tunbridge Wells	Kent	TN2 5QL	24/07/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Park Farm Industrial Estate	Park Farm Road	Folkestone	Kent	CT19 5GA	24/07/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Reeves Way	Chesterfield	Whitstable	Kent	CT5 3QS	25/07/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Otford Road		Sevenoaks	Kent	TN14 5EG	30/07/2023
Lloyds Pharmacy (in Sainsbury)	Simone Weil Avenue	Bybrook	Ashford	Kent	TN24 8YN	No notice received yet