

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD WHOLE SYSTEM JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
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ELY PHARMACY CONSOLIDATION (RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD)

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
<i>To:</i>	<i>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Whole System Joint Sub-Committee</i>
<i>From:</i>	<i>Iain Green, Team Manager Health in All Policies</i>
<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Whole System Joint Sub-Committee is asked to note the submitted response to the Ely Pharmacy Consolidation application approved by the Chair and the Director of Public Health on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	

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1.	BACKGROUND
1.1	The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to respond to applications for “consolidations” (consolidations are where two or more pharmacies apply to merge). The proposed merger could result in a pharmacy closing and therefore could create a gap in pharmacy provision.
1.2	Applications for consolidations are not common, usually less than 2 per year are received by each Board, however with the frequency of board meetings it is not always possible to bring a draft response to a consolidation application to the Board for approval within the prescribed response time of 45 days. Therefore at the 30th May 2019 Board meeting delegated approval was given to the Director of Public Health with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board to approve consolidation application responses on behalf of the board (should an application be received outside of the board’s meeting schedule).
1.3	An application for a consolidation was received by the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2021 for a consolidation of two pharmacies in Ely. As there was not a meeting of the Board scheduled within 45 days of the application being received a response was produced and agreed by the Chair and the Director of Public Health and submitted to NHS England in accordance with the agreed delegated authority.
2.	PURPOSE
2.1	Members of the Board are asked to note the response already submitted on the Board’s behalf. A full copy of the response can be found at Appendix A to this report.
2.2	The application was for the consolidation onto the site at 64 St Marys Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4EY of Advanced Pharmacy already at that site and St Marys Pharmacy currently at 50 St Marys Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4EY.
2.3	<p>The main conclusions submitted as part of the response are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridgeshire now (January 2022) has one pharmaceutical service provider per 4,501, compared to 1 per 4,402 residents as at January 2020, and one per 4,261 residents at the time of the 2017 PNA. A reduction of one community pharmacy as a result of this consolidation application, from 106 to 105, would result in the rate of pharmaceutical service providers per 100,000 resident population in Cambridgeshire remaining at 22/100,000. Accessibility to pharmacy services in Ely by all modes of transport remain relatively unaffected by the closure of the 50 St Marys Street site, the vast majority of Ely residents will still have access to a pharmacy within a journey time of 15 minutes by walking or 12 minutes by cycling, and all residents will have access to a pharmacy with 20 minutes by other modes of Transport. The proposed opening times for the consolidated site do lead to a reduction in opening hours compared to the current actual opening hours as the closing site is a 100 hours pharmacies, however there are two remaining 100 Hour pharmacies (Tesco and Sainsbury’s). Tesco is a 6-10 minute drive from the closing pharmacy and Sainsbury’s is 5-6 minutes away by car. There are no proposed changes to the dispensing of appliances and no change in advanced and enhanced services provided. The Health and Wellbeing Board is concerned that the consolidated site does not propose to expand its physical capacity, and therefore there may be additional

	<p>pressures resulting from increased use of the consolidated site from former customers of the closing site, in addition Ely is a high growth area.</p> <p>Therefore in conclusion, it is the opinion of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board that the proposed removal of premises from the pharmaceutical list (the consolidation of the 50 St Marys Street site and 64 St Marys Street site) would not create a gap in pharmaceutical services that could be met by a routine application (a) to meet a current or future need for pharmaceutical services, or (b) to secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services, but is concerned that the consolidated site may not be large enough to cope with the pressures put on it by the consolidation and transfer of clients and the anticipated growth in Ely.</p>
3.	CONSULTATION
3.1	<p>In accordance with the approved delegated authority the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Director of Public Health were consulted.</p> <p>In addition comments were also sought and received from the Local Members for Ely, and the Chair of the Adults and Health Committee.</p>
4.	ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT
4.1	The response to the application will be used by NHS England in making their decision as to whether the consolidation application should be approved or refused.
5.	IMPLICATIONS
	Financial Implications
5.1	None
	Legal Implications
5.2	The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to respond to applications for “consolidations”, for all other applications the board has power to respond but not a duty. Consolidations are where two or more pharmacies apply to merge, which could result in a pharmacy closing and therefore could create a gap in pharmacy provision. The submitted response fulfils the legal duty placed on the Board.
	Equalities Implications
5.3	There are no direct equality implications as a result of this report.
6.	APPENDICES
6.1	Appendix 1 – CAS-114240-Q5G0Q9 Consolidation St Marys Street Ely Cambs HWB Response Final

7.	SOURCE DOCUMENTS					
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