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9<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Copy to: Sue Taylor, Devon LPC

Dear Ms Lovell

### **Closure of Lloyds Pharmacy in Caen Street, Braunton**

We are in receipt of a copy of your letter dated 15 July 2019 addressed to Devon Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC). By way of clarification, the LPC is the representative body for community pharmacies in Devon, while NHS England is the commissioner of pharmaceutical services.

Responsibility for assessing whether the current provision of pharmaceutical services is adequate to meet the needs of local people rests with Devon Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB), which is hosted by Devon County Council. As required by law, the HWB publishes a comprehensive Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every three years; the last PNA was published in April 2018 (and is available at [www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/board/pharmaceutical-need-assessment](http://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/board/pharmaceutical-need-assessment)).

When changes to the provision of pharmaceutical services occur, the HWB has a duty to consider whether those changes require it to change its assessment of provision. In appropriate cases, the PNA can declare a gap in provision which providers of pharmaceutical services could then apply to fill by opening a new pharmacy. NHS England has notified Devon HWB of the forthcoming closure of Lloyds Pharmacy, Caen Street, Braunton so that the HWB can consider the implications for the adequacy of provision in Braunton. If you wish, you can contact the HWB via the Public Health team at Devon County Council, by emailing [publichealthintelligence-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:publichealthintelligence-mailbox@devon.gov.uk).

There is also the possibility for potential providers to apply to open a new pharmacy even if no gap in provision is formally declared by the HWB, in which case NHS England would consider whether the application fulfils the statutory criteria for such an application: the main criterion is that granting the application would confer 'significant benefits' in terms of access to providers of pharmaceutical services. Please note that NHS England does not actively invite such applications; it is for potential providers to decide to make an application which we would then consider.



Finally, for your information, the Lloyds Pharmacy at Caen Medical Centre will be increasing its opening hours with effect from 17 August by opening on Saturdays from 8.30am to 1.30pm.

We hope this information is helpful in addressing your queries, and please do not hesitate to contact us further.

Yours sincerely

*Rachel Pearce*

**Rachel Pearce**  
**Regional Director of Commissioning**  
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16<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Dear Tracey

Thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 on behalf of the Braunton Parish Council expressing concerns about the closure of Lloyds Pharmacy in Caen Street.

As you rightly point out Lloyds Pharmacy will have made the decision to close the Caen Street branch for commercial reasons which are likely to be related to the pharmacy funding cuts. In March 2019 our national negotiating committee, the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC), announced that some 233 community pharmacies have closed in England since the funding cuts were introduced and we are likely to see more closures in the coming months.

You may already be aware that NHS England is the commissioner of national pharmaceutical services and there is a regulatory process for new pharmacy applications that is managed through control of entry. Every three years there is a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) published which is linked to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The Devon PNA is produced in partnership with Devon County Council, Health and Wellbeing Board, NHSE, the Devon LPC and is sent out for public consultation prior to publication. The PNA will identify any gaps in pharmaceutical services and potential new pharmacy contractors can apply to open a new pharmacy based on the population needs described in the document, if they believe it is a viable proposition. The current PNA is valid until April 2021.

The Parish Council has asked what plans the Devon LPC has in place to meet the ever growing demand for health care in our community. The LPC is a representative committee and we do not have any powers to provide community pharmacy services. There are in Devon a limited number of local services that are commissioned by Devon County Council (Sexual Health, Harm Reduction and Stop Smoking) and by the NHS Devon CCG (Pharmacy First Minor Ailments).

We are working closely with NHS Devon CCG to incorporate a community pharmacy strategy within the Devon Primary Care Strategy and starting to identify ways in which community pharmacies could support the emerging Primary Care Networks.

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There has recently been an announcement that the English Community Pharmacy funding settlement for the next five years has been announced, the first time that a multi-year settlement has been agreed for Community Pharmacy. The agreement aims to build on the clinical skills of community pharmacists and their teams which must be seen as a positive step forward. One of the services that has been announced as part of the settlement is a Community Pharmacist Consultation Service which will support patients in being able to access urgent care services in their local pharmacy; and every pharmacy will have to be accredited as a Healthy Living Pharmacy to meet the requirements of their essential services. The latter will mean that there is a recognized HLP Leader and Health Champion in every pharmacy to support the prevention agenda.

We are also working to ensure that all LPC members and local community pharmacists understand the NHS Long Term Plan and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) through local communication and engagement events including one scheduled in North Devon in early October. Currently we are identifying ways to support PCNs to improve access and quality of care and hoping to be able to co-develop proposals with PCN leaders to meet the healthcare needs of the local population.

I hope that this information will allay some of the concerns that the Parish Council has about access to pharmacy based healthcare. I have included some links below to the documents I have referred to in my letter, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Taylor', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Sue Taylor  
Chief Officer

#### **Devon Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

<https://devonlpc.org/pharmacy-resources/document-library/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments/>

#### **The new Five Year Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/819601/cpcf-2019-to-2024.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/819601/cpcf-2019-to-2024.pdf)



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24 September 2019

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Dear Angela,

Thank you for your letter dated 18 September 2019.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for producing a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), which assesses the current and future pharmaceutical needs of the local population. The 2018 to 2021 assessment was published in March 2018.

When the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board is notified of changes in pharmaceutical provision in Devon, we assess what implication the change would have on the population of the given area and the service provision available and respond accordingly in relation to the purpose of the PNA.

The process involves

- Reviewing other pharmaceutical services in the area
- Contacting planning offices to obtain the numbers of new dwellings and possible residential numbers
- Consulting with NHS England to obtain prescription distribution numbers

This allows us to understand any increase in demand of service, understand what capacity is available to deliver the services, as detailed in the PNA, within the area and subsequently identify any gap in provision.

Having considered the above, the close proximity of the remaining Lloyds Pharmacy at Caen Medical Centre, the prescription distribution figures and the number of new dwellings including the housing developments in Braunton, the parish of Heanton Punchardon (including Chivenor/Wrafton), we concluded that no current gap in pharmaceutical provision was identified following the closure of the Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd in Caen Street, Braunton.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments are reviewed every three years. Work will begin at the beginning of next year to assess the current and future needs of pharmaceutical provision across Devon for 2021 to 2024.

Kind regards

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter  
Chair of Devon Health and Wellbeing Board

**Chief Executive** Phil Norrey





# Training Session



## Working With Yellow Rattle to Create Wildflower Verges



**Braunton**  
**Thursday 17th October 2019**  
**11am to 3.30pm**



Aimed at those wishing to improve their wildflower verges, this is an opportunity to learn about the use of yellow rattle and its management requirements. Led by Devon Wildlife Trust experts, we'll be learning how to get this plant established, from seed germination to cutting regimes that ensure this flower remains year after year.

The training session will consist of an informal indoor session followed by a 2 hour practical session.

Places are free but there is limited availability, to book email:  
Jo Pullin at [verges@tarkacountrytrust.org.uk](mailto:verges@tarkacountrytrust.org.uk)  
Further details on booking.

[www.tarkacountrytrust.org.uk](http://www.tarkacountrytrust.org.uk)

@LifeOnTheVergeBiosphere





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23-9-19

20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Tracey

**Crocus Corm Planting**

As you are aware The Rotary club of Braunton Caen are keen supporters of the End Polio Now Campaign to eradicate polio from the world.

To help in this campaign, Rotary International has given Clubs the opportunity to purchase some crocus corms; you may remember we planted some last year in the village. Braunton Caen Rotary would like to plant a further 4,000 bulbs on the bank along the road opposite Wensleys on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, which will provide a good display of purple flowers in February and will provide our Club with the opportunity of highlighting the need within the village of continuing to support the Polio End Now Campaign. Roger is willing to show you or Gary where exactly we mean prior to the Council meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you and should be grateful to receive confirmation by email please.

[paulabyrom@rpbfunerals.co.uk](mailto:paulabyrom@rpbfunerals.co.uk)

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

*Paula*

Paula Byrom  
Secretary - Braunton Caen Rotary Club







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As you are aware The Rotary club of Braunton Caen are keen supporters of the End Polio Now Campaign to eradicate polio from the world.

As last year, Braunton Caen Rotary Club would like to raise money for End Polio Now by selling crocus buttonholes on the Green by the car park on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. This will coincide with World Polio Day on 24<sup>th</sup> October. I am therefore writing to request permission to do this please.

I look forward to hearing from you and should be grateful to receive confirmation by email please.

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Many thanks

Yours sincerely

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