

READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

DATE OF MEETING:	18 JANUARY 2019	AGENDA ITEM:	12
TITLE:	Application for a new pharmacy within the proposed Reading Gateway Development, Imperial Way, RG2 0ET		
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1.0 APPLICATION DETAIL

The proposed pharmacy would be located in Whitley Wood ward. Due to the date of the application submitted by Ascent Healthcare, Reading's Health & Wellbeing Board are required to consider this against Reading's 2015 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) if they want to make comments on the application.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Letter from NHS England about Application

Appendix 2 – Application from Ascent Healthcare for a new pharmacy within the proposed Reading Gateway Development, Imperial Way, Reading RG2 0ET.

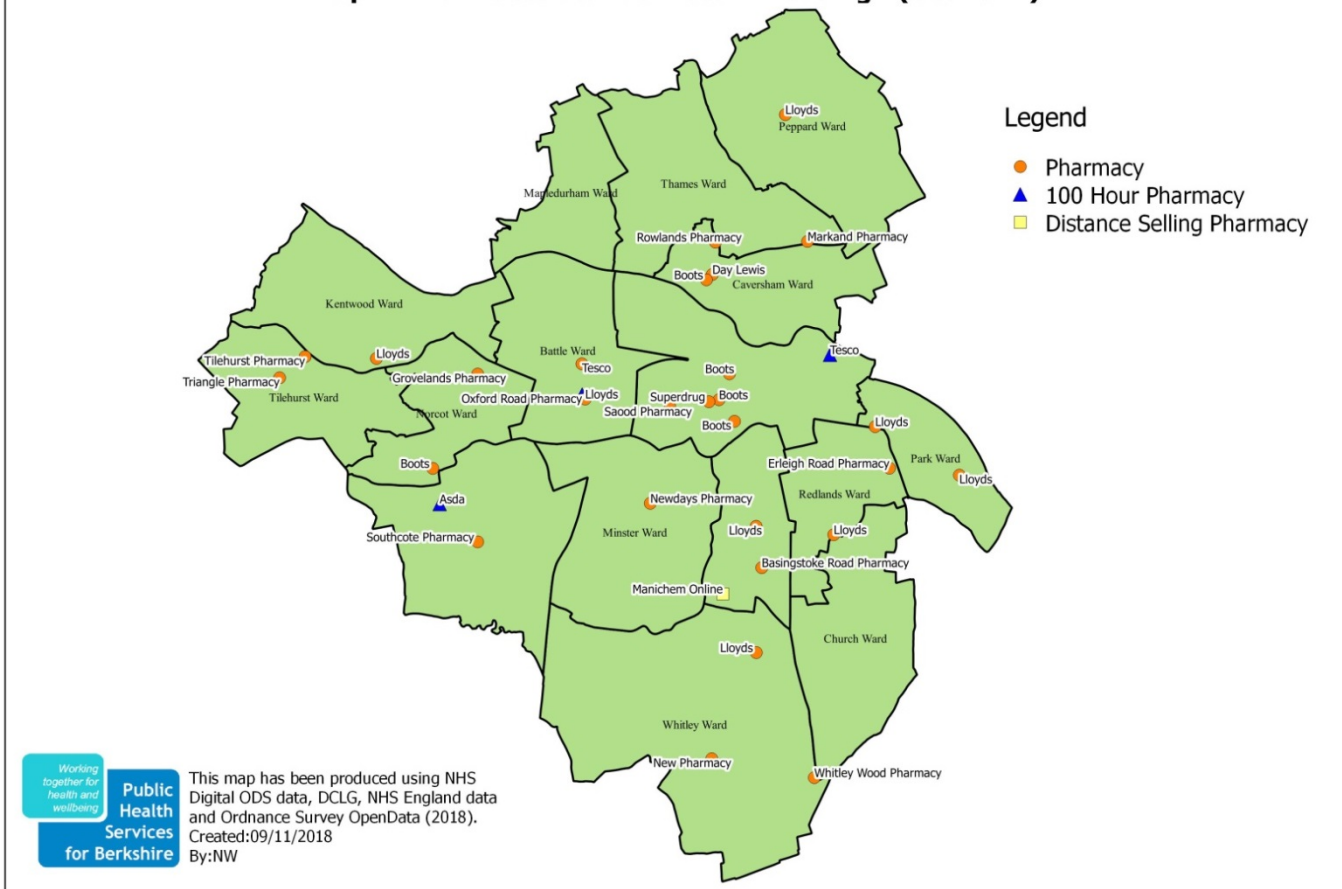
Appendix 3 – map

Appendix 4 – Response sent to NHS England

2.0 CONSIDERATION AGAINST READING'S 2015 - 2018 PNA

The 2015 - 2018 PNA shows that during core opening hours all residents in Reading can access a pharmacy within 20 minutes' drive and that Whitley residents can access a pharmacy within the more stringent measure of 20 minutes walking time – this is a key NHS standard for accessibility. In 2015 it was estimated that only 5000 people could not access a pharmacy under this much more stringent measure. The recommendation of the 2015 PNA was that the pharmacy services provided in the area were comprehensive and addressed the needs of Reading residents. Map 1 (below) shows Pharmaceutical Services in Reading (October 2017) and the proposed new pharmacy which is in an area which has provision available – there have been no changes to services in the Whitley area since the date of the map.

Map 1: Pharmaceutical Services in Reading - (Oct 2017)



3.0 CONSIDERATION AGAINST READINGS 2018-21 PNA

Reading published the final version of the 2018-2021 PNA on the 1st April 2018. Whilst the application from Ascent refers to the 2018 – 2021 PNA, NHS England have confirmed the application cannot be considered against the current version as the date of the original application was in 2017 when the 2018-21 PNA was draft.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that the Reading Health and Wellbeing Board's response is that, based on the 2015-2018 PNA, the services met the need of the local population in terms of essential pharmaceutical services and accessibility and that no additional high street pharmacies were required in this area.

As the deadline for comments is 2 December 2018, it is recommended that, subject to the Chair and Vice-Chair's approval, this response is sent to NHS England by the deadline, and the response is then formally endorsed retrospectively at the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 18 January 2019.

[The Chair and Vice-Chair approved the response to be sent to NHS England, which was sent on 18 December 2018, after discussion with NHS England about receiving the response after the deadline.]

The Health and Wellbeing Board is now asked to formally endorse the submitted response.]