

Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Title:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Pharmacy Consolidation Application
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Executive Summary:

The Nottingham City Health & Wellbeing Board has been notified of an application to consolidate onto the site at 61 Ilkeston Road, Nottingham, NG7 3GR (Site 1), Canning Ltd (already at that site) and Paul Applegate Ltd (currently at 132 Alferton Road, Nottingham, NG7 3GS) (Site 2).

The notification letter is dated 28/09/2023, however due to administration errors, Nottingham City HWB only became aware on 20/11/2023, after the closing date for representations (28/10/2023). A request has been made to the Pharmacy Market Administration Services to allow additional consultation time due to this error.

The applicant submits that the consolidation request would not create a gap in pharmaceutical services provision that could be met by a routine application to meet a current or future need, or to secure improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services.

The supporting information as provided by the applicant is summarised below:

- Opening hours - There are no proposed changes to the core or total hours at the consolidated site (Site 1). The closing site (Site 2) currently provides a total of 45 hours. There will be no reduction in the availability of pharmaceutical services during the core hours provided at Site 2 due to the consolidation. There is a choice of contractors within a short distance who open extended hours.
- All NHS pharmaceutical services that are currently provided at either Site 1 or site 2 will be provided at Site 1 following consolidation. A consultation room is identified at Site 1 where these services can be offered.
- Premises facilities (e.g. parking, access, translation service) will remain largely unchanged, with the exception of step free access, which is not

provided at Site 1. A portable ramp is available for wheelchair users and those unable to access steps, therefore accessibility for patients with protected characteristics will be maintained at Site 1, which is in close proximity to Site 2.

- Location and Choice - There are 12 other pharmacies within a 1 mile radius of Site 2, including Site 1 (0.2 miles), offering alternative provision of services for patients. There are four GP surgeries between 0.2 - 0.6 miles from Site 2. As there are several other pharmacies in close proximity to these surgeries, and to Site 2, it is assessed that patients attending will not have difficulty accessing alternative pharmaceutical services.
- Transport links/Journey time - Site 1 is 50m from a bus stop servicing routes 77, 77c and 78. Routes that serve Site 2 also serve the city centre where a number of other pharmacies are located. Car parking is available in the vicinity of Site 1. Current patients of Site 2 will have an additional journey time of no more than 2 minutes by car or 4 minutes on foot to reach alternative pharmacies.
- NHS website and Google ratings for Site 1 are 4/5 and 4.4/5 respectively, showing high level of patient satisfaction, and there is no evidence of any improvements required across any of the pharmacies in the area.

Full details of the application and supporting information are provided as additional documentation to accompany this report.

Recommendation(s): The Board is asked to:

- 1) Consider the information in support of the application for pharmacy consolidation at 61 Ilkeston Road, Nottingham NG7 3GR
- 2) Support the proposed consolidation, noting the suitable alternative local access and raising a concern on the reduced accessibility to Site 1.
- 3) Delegate to the Senior Public Health Intelligence Manager to provide representation to the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB.

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy




Aims and Priorities

How the recommendation(s) contribute to meeting the Aims and Priorities:

Aim 1: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham through addressing the wider determinants of health and enabling people to make healthy decisions

In considering this application and making its recommendations to the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB, the Health & Wellbeing Board ensures the continued accessibility of

Aim 2: To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed	<p>pharmaceutical services for the communities of Nottingham City. (Aim 1)</p> <p>The Board's decision making will also contribute to a reduction in health inequalities via provision of suitable and accessible services in areas where patients live, work and play. (Aim 2)</p>
Priority 1: Smoking and Tobacco Control	
Priority 2: Eating and Moving for Good Health	
Priority 3: Severe Multiple Disadvantage	
Priority 4: Financial Wellbeing	
<p>How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health: N/A</p>	

<p>List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)</p>	<p> 30 Day Notification to HWB.pdf</p> <p>Notification of application for pharmacy consolidation</p> <p> Application Form-anon.pdf</p> <p>Application form for pharmacy consolidation</p> <p> Supporting info .pdf</p> <p>Supporting information</p>
<p>Published documents referred to in this report</p>	