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Oxfordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022

Representatives from Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS England & Investment and Thames Valley Local Pharmaceutical Committee met on 14th February 2022 to discuss the final draft of the Oxfordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment document. This was with the aim of resolving any outstanding issues and agreeing the final text with a view to publication on 31st March 2022.

One point of discussion was the provision of pharmaceutical services within the Oxford City locality and, indeed, what that area looks like. This was discussed extensively and the outcome was that there is an accepted and agreed need for further pharmacy provision within the Oxford City location at the present time. There will be a little bit of work carried out to define exactly what this area looks like, geographically, and there will also be mention made within the document of what that provision will need to look like in terms of core opening hours and the hours which will need to be covered during the evenings and weekends.

We would anticipate that following the publication of the document it is likely a number of applications will be made which will result in the identified needs being met subject to meeting the normal conditions for market entry which are currently overseen by NHSE & I.

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