

Background

1. The number of pharmacy closures has increased year on year.
2. This could be attributed to a number of issues such as depleted workforce, staff sickness and increased costs leading to premises being no longer commercially viable.
3. The NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 came into force 25 May 2023. These were introduced in response to the increased temporary suspensions in the provision of pharmaceutical services, related pressures and to protect existing service provision.
4. One amendment included that 100hr contractors can apply under paragraph 26(1)(a), Schedule 4 to reduce the total number of core opening hours from 100 to 72 and above. The aim being that this will give contractors greater control and flexibility over their opening hours and reduce the impact of rising business costs.

Purpose

5. The purpose of this information is to build on the information for 2023-24 and provide a summary of the contractors that have submitted a notification to close their premises in 2024/25 and have applied successfully to reduce their 100hrs.
6. To continue to support Health and Wellbeing Boards in the sharing of this information so that they can understand the impact of all closures on the recently published Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments.
7. To provide assurance that closures and amended Regulations applications are dealt with in accordance with the Regulations ensuring that patients are kept informed of the provision of pharmaceutical services.

Summary

8. To date, 5 pharmacies have notified WYICB of their intention to close their premises between April-March 2024/25
9. Of the 5 closures, 4 100hr pharmacies and 1 is a 40hr closure which is part of a consolidation application
10. This is broken down by place;

Leeds	1 (x1 40hr)
Kirklees	
Bradford	3 (x3 100hr)
Calderdale	1 (x1 100hr)
Wakefield	

11. To date, 56 pharmacy contractors have notified NHS England of their intention to reduce their hours.
12. This is broken down by place as follows and is correct as at 20.02.2024

Place	number of 100hr contractors	number of applications	percentage
Bradford	21	19	90%
Leeds	17	16	94%
Calderdale	7	7	100%
Kirklees	10	9	90%
Wakefield	6	5	83%
Total	61	56	92%

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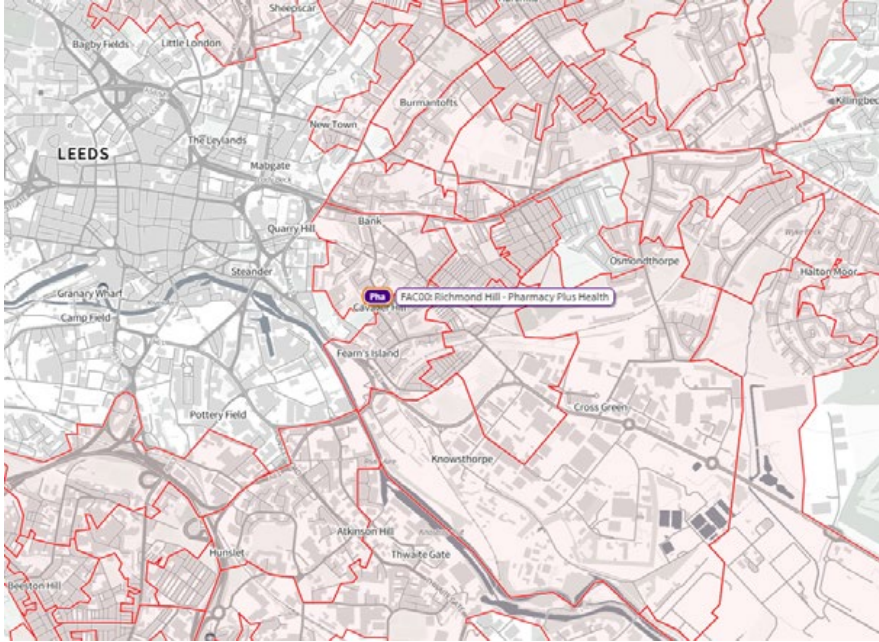
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5. Leeds HWB currently have 165 pharmacy contractors broken down into:
 - 136 Community Pharmacies
 - 10 Distance Selling Pharmacies
 - 17 100hr Pharmacies of which 16(94%) have reduced their hours to 72 or above
 - 2 located in a 15,000sq meter retail development
6. To date, 1 pharmacy contractor has notified the WY ICB of their intention to close their premises between April-March 2024/25.
7. The one closure is a 40hr pharmacy which is part of a consolidation application.

2024-25 Pharmacy closures - 20.02.2024

Pharmacy Name	Address	Postcode	Ward	City	Region	Notes
FACOD (Living Care Pharmacy East Leeds) Ltd	159 BR	LS9 8RZ	RICHMOND HILL - PHARMACY PLUS HEALTH	LEEDS	WEST YORKSHIRE	part of a consolidation application
			LS11 2DQ/LS18			
			11 UPPER ACCOMMODATION RD	LEEDS		



red area indicates deprivation in top 10%

