

Local Views needed for Local Pharmacies

Introduction and background

Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council are working in partnership with the NHS to understand how you use pharmacies (or chemists) and the services they provide that are most important to you.

Those based in Coventry may recall a similar survey conducted between October 2016 and February 2017 by Healthwatch that focused on pharmacy services. However, this survey focuses on your experiences in more detail.

The information that you provide is completely confidential and anonymous.

This survey closes at 8am on Monday 25th September 2017

Should you wish to speak to someone about this consultation or about the survey, please contact us on:

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HOW TO RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return this questionnaire in the freepost envelope provided. You do not need to use a stamp.

You can also fill in this survey online at: <http://tinyurl.com/CovWarPNA-Public-Survey>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey.

The data controller is NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU. The information from this survey will be used to improve Coventry and Warwickshire Pharmacy services, the information may be shared with Coventry and Warwickshire City Council partners to improve service delivery across the city. Your response will be temporarily stored on Elesurvey's secure servers based in the UK. Elesurvey undertakes not to disclose the responses to others without lawful grounds.

Section 1 – The pharmacies you use and why

1. Which of the following best describes your location?	
Coventry	
Warwickshire	

2. Please provide details of the last pharmacy you used? <i>(please include as much as you know)</i>	
Name of Pharmacy	
Road	
Town/City	
Postcode	

3. Is this the pharmacy that you normally use?	
Yes – Proceed to Q4	
No – Proceed to Q3	

4. If no, which pharmacy do you normally use? <i>(please include as much as you know)</i>	
Name of Pharmacy	
Road	
Town/City	
Postcode	

5. Thinking about the pharmacy you normally use, how do you normally travel to it? (please tick one)	
Car (driver)	
Car (passenger)	
Public transport	
Bicycle	
Taxi	
Walk	
Other (please specify)	

6. Typically, how long does it take you to get there in minutes?
Answer:

7. Again thinking about your normal pharmacy, what are your main reasons for choosing to visit this pharmacy? <i>(Please select up to 5 reasons)</i>	
Friendly and polite	
A quick service	
Can provide you with the right advice when you're unwell	
Can advise you on living a more healthy lifestyle	
A room for a private consultancy is available	
Stocks the medicine / items I require	
Provides advice and guidance about where to go for health advice and assistance	
The pharmacist takes time to talk to me	
The pharmacy delivers my prescriptions	
I have confidence in the pharmacy	
I can park the car there easily	
It is near my home	
It is near my work	
It is near/ at my local GP surgery	
It is easy to get to whilst shopping	
It has good public transport links (e.g. bus)	
Convenient opening hours	
I can visit the pharmacy in the evening and weekend	
Other (please specify)	

8. Thinking about your last visit to a pharmacy, who did you visit for? <i>(please tick one)</i>	
For yourself	
For a child under the age of 12 months	
For a child between 13 months and 5 years	
For a child between 6 years and 16 years	
For a member of your family aged 17+	
For a friend/neighbour etc. aged 17+	
Other (please specify)	

9. Why did you go to the pharmacy? <i>(please tick one)</i>	
For a prescription (to have a prescription dispensed)	
To buy an over the counter medicine (e.g. paracetamol or plasters)	
For advice (e.g. on medicines, illnesses, symptoms you were experiencing, minor ailments)	
Other (please specify)	

10. Overall, how satisfied were you with your last visit to the pharmacy? <i>(Please tick one)</i>	
Very satisfied	
Fairly satisfied	
Neither satisfied not dissatisfied	
Fairly dissatisfied	
Very dissatisfied	

11. Please explain why you were or were not satisfied with your last visit.

12. Have you used an internet pharmacy in the last year?	
Yes – Proceed to Q13	
No – Proceed to Q15	
Unsure – Proceed to Q15	

13. Why did you use the internet pharmacy? <i>(please tick all that apply)</i>	
Easier than visiting a high street pharmacy i.e. more convenient	
It's more private and I don't have to ask/pay for the items over the counter	
The items were cheaper	
I could not find them in my pharmacy or other shop	
I can buy larger amounts of the item i.e. buying in bulk	
I don't know if I can buy the item from a high street pharmacy	
Other (please specify)	

14. If you can remember please tell us the name of the website / internet pharmacy you used?

Section 2 – Pharmacy opening hours

15. To what extent are you happy with the opening hours of the pharmacy you normally use? (please tick one)	
Very happy	
Happy	
Neither happy nor unhappy	
Unhappy	
Very unhappy	

16. Did you know some pharmacies are open outside 9-5, Monday to Friday?	
Yes – Proceed to Q17	
No – Proceed to Q18	

17. Do you know which pharmacies are open at these times?	
Yes	
No	

18. When do you usually visit? (Please tick all that apply)			
Midnight – 8am		8pm to midnight	
Between 8am and 12pm		Monday to Friday	
Between 12pm and 5pm		Saturday	
Between 5pm and 8pm		Sunday	

Section 3 – Pharmacy Services

19. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statement... <i>“I am always able to access the pharmacy services I require, when I need them.”</i> (please tick one)	
Strongly agree	
Slightly agree	
Neither agree nor disagree	
Slightly disagree	
Strongly disagree	

20. Thinking about the services provided by the pharmacies in your area, which of the following are you aware of?

	Yes	No
Collection of prescriptions from surgeries		
Collection of prescriptions from surgeries which includes putting in the repeat request slip		
Repeat Dispensing: If you are regularly being prescribed the same medicines, you may be able to get prescriptions for up to 6-12 months issued as a batch of forward dated prescription by your GP		
Disposing of Old Medicines: If you or your family have medicines that are out of date or you no longer need, you can take them to a pharmacy so they can be safely destroyed		
Healthy Living Advice: Your local pharmacy team can provide advice on a range of subjects to help you and your family live well, e.g. what food you should eat to stay healthy, healthy levels of alcohol etc.		
Information about other health services: If your pharmacy team can't help you with a particular issue, they can help you find out who you need to speak to and where to go to get the support you need		
Staying healthy and recovering from illness: Pharmacy team can help you to avoid getting ill, they can also help you to use your medicines properly so you can recover quickly if you do get ill		
Discussing your prescription medicines: You can arrange a private meeting with your pharmacist to discuss how you feel your medicines are working		
New prescription medicines: When your GP gives you a new medicine, you can meet with your pharmacist to make sure you know how to use it properly to get the best out of it		
Using Medical Devices: Some people with severe conditions or after surgery need to use devices which can be complicated. Your pharmacist can meet with you to discuss any problems you have		
Getting an emergency supply of medication from the pharmacy: This when you run out of your medicines or leave them at home while on holiday and the pharmacy provides you with a few days supply under certain circumstances		
Sexual Health Services: Some pharmacies provide a range of services to help people practice safe sex, use contraception to avoid unplanned pregnancies, and to treat sexually transmitted infections		
Tuberculosis Treatment: Pharmacies storing the treatment you need to take if you have been diagnosed with Tuberculosis and providing you with the medicine to treat the condition		
Seeing a Pharmacist instead of a GP: There are some conditions that you can get treated by your pharmacy team instead of having to wait for a GP appointment e.g. aches and pains, coughs, colds		
Stopping Smoking: Pharmacy teams can help you to quit by providing advice and treatment		
Blood test: You can go to some pharmacies to have your blood sample taken		
Flu Jabs: You can get the flu jab at pharmacies in the same way as it is provided by GP practices in that anyone eligible for a free flu jab at a GP practice is also eligible for the jab in pharmacies that offer the NHS England commissioned service.		
Travel vaccines: Some pharmacies provide injections that you need to have when travelling to some foreign countries		
Immunisations: Some pharmacies provide some of the jabs your children would normally have in a GP practice		
Health Tests: Some pharmacies test for things like high cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure, weight		
Pain Relief Medicines for Complex Illnesses (e.g. Cancer): Certain pharmacies keep regular stocks of medicines like Morphine so that people who need strong pain relief do not go without it		

21. Focussing on the services you have used, how satisfied are you with each of them?

(Please tick your level of satisfaction for the services you have used. For those you haven't used, please leave the row blank)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Collection of prescriptions from surgeries	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
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Healthy Living Advice	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
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Staying healthy and recovering from illness	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
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Pain Relief Medicines for Complex Illnesses (e.g. Cancer)	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A

22. Thinking about the services you're not aware of, which of the following services would you like to use if they were available in your local pharmacies?

(Please tick all that apply)

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Please outline any other services you'd like to use here	

Section 4 – Obtaining advice at the pharmacy

23. Have you ever been given advice on any of the services offered at the pharmacy?

Yes – Proceed to Q24

No – Proceed to Q25

24. Thinking about the last time you received advice by the pharmacist, please rate the advice you were given on the following...

(Where 5 is 'very good' and 1 is 'very poor')

	1 – very poor	2	3	4	5 – very good
The way the advice was communicated to you (e.g. spoken, written down)					
Relevance of the advice to you and your needs					
Overall usefulness of the advice					

25. Please share any further comments about pharmacy services here.

Section 4 – About you

We want to make sure we have listened to a diverse and representative group of people from across Coventry and Warwickshire. You are not obliged to answer these questions however we would greatly appreciate it if you did.

We will not be able to identify you from any of the information provided below in this questionnaire.

26. Please provide your postcode, so we can identify pharmacy provision in your area

27. How would you best describe yourself?

Employed or self-employed (working)

Student

Fulltime parent

Unemployed

Retired

Other (please specify)

28. Which age group do you fall into?	
10 - 14	
15 - 19	
20 - 24	
25 - 29	
30 - 34	
35 - 39	
40 - 44	
45 - 49	
50 - 54	
55 - 59	
60 - 64	
65 - 69	
70 - 74	
75 - 79	
80 +	

29. What is your sexual orientation?	
Heterosexual or straight	
Bisexual	
Gay man	
Gay women/ lesbian	
Prefer not to say	

30. What is your gender?	
Female	
Male	
Intersex	
Transgender	
Prefer not to say	

31. How would you describe your ethnic origin?			
ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH:		WHITE	
	Bangladeshi		British (includes English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish)
	Indian		Irish
	Pakistani		Gypsy/ Irish Traveller
	Any other Asian background (please specify)		Any other White background (please specify)
BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH		OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	
	African		Chinese
	Caribbean		Arab
	Any other Black background (please specify)		Any other Ethnic group (please specify)
MIXED			Prefer not to say
	White and Asian		
	White and Black African		
	White and Black Caribbean		
	Any other Mixed background (please specify)		

32. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?			
	Yes		No
	Prefer not to say		

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. Your views are important to us. Please now post your completed questionnaire back to us using the freepost address below.

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