

Supplementary statement to Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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The Regulations state that Supplementary Statements can provide updates to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment only in relation to changes in the availability of pharmaceutical services. Supplementary Statements cannot provide updates on pharmaceutical need. This can only be achieved through a review of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The following pharmaceutical services currently contained within the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment have been identified as needing updating. This updated information supersedes some of the original information within the PNA and should be read in conjunction with that document.

The following update corrects an inaccuracy in the published Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment rather than reflecting a change in the availability of pharmaceutical services.

Correction to the dispensing status of a GP practice

The following GP practice has been identified as incorrectly included in the Suffolk 2025 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) as a dispensing practice:

Constable Country Rural Medical Practice (D83001) at Heath Road, East Bergholt, Colchester, CO7 6RT.

It is the opinion of Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board that the removal of this practice from the list of dispensing doctor practices in the PNA does not create a gap in pharmaceutical services provision that could be met by a routine application to meet a current or future need for pharmaceutical services, or to secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services, and that it does not change the conclusions of the PNA.

Please note, following the correction, the following sections and pages in the Suffolk 2025 PNA need to be read as follows:

Executive Summary (page 15)

In addition to the 127 community pharmacies, Suffolk has 41 dispensing doctor practices providing pharmaceutical services from a total of 66 sites.

Section 3.1 (page 89)

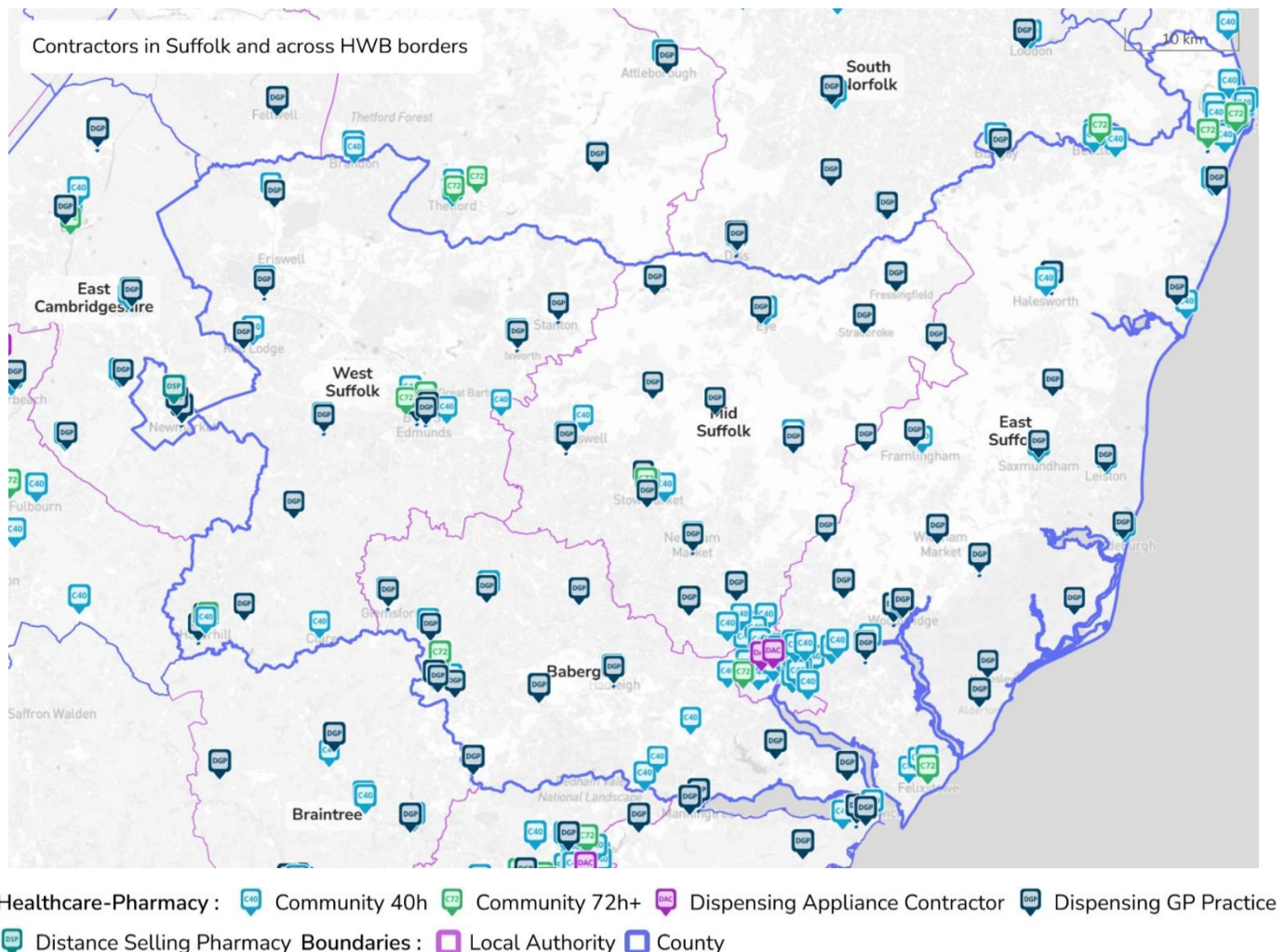
There are a total of 195 contractors in Suffolk, of which 127 are community pharmacies (including one DSP).

Table 1: Contractor type and number in Suffolk

Type of contractor	Number
40-hour community pharmacies (including 32 PhAS)	113
72 hour plus community pharmacies	13
Distance Selling Pharmacies	1
Local Pharmaceutical Service providers	0
Dispensing Appliance Contractors	2
Dispensing doctor practices	41 main practices (66 including all satellite sites)
Total	170 (195 including all sites)

Section 3.1 (page 90)

Figure 1: Pharmaceutical providers in Suffolk and across borders



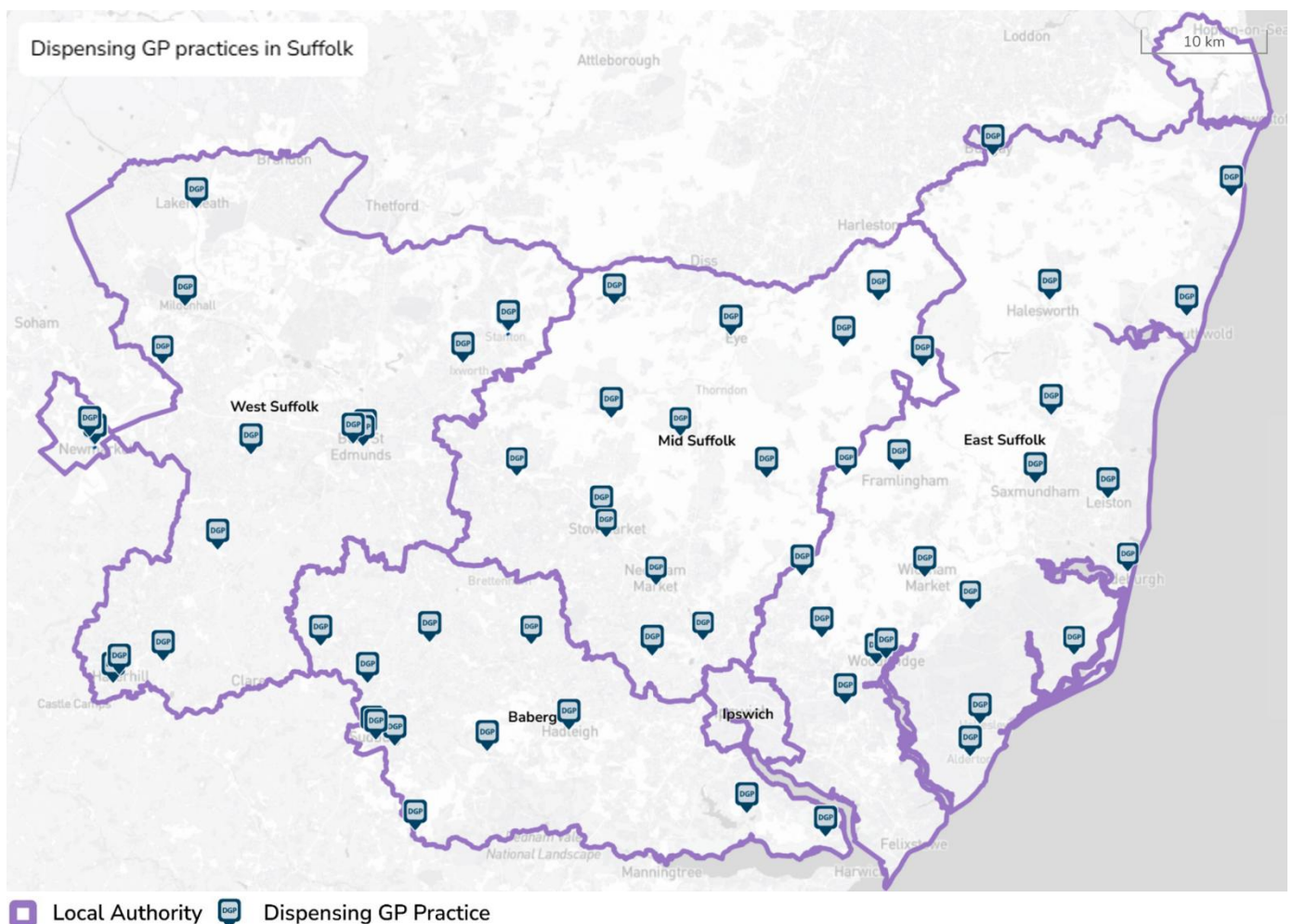
Section 3.3 (page 93)

In addition to the 127 community pharmacies (including one DSP), Suffolk has 41 dispensing doctor practices providing pharmaceutical services. These 41 practices dispense prescriptions from a total of 66 dispensing sites. However, it should be noted that dispensing practices can only dispense to a defined list of residents within a controlled locality. Figure 2 shows a map of these practices and Table 2 gives a breakdown of the number in each locality.

Table 2: Number of dispensing doctor practices sites per locality

Locality	Number of dispensing practices (all sites)
Babergh	12
East Suffolk	14
Ipswich	0
Mid Suffolk	20
West Suffolk	20

Figure 2: Dispensing doctor practices in Suffolk



Section 6.2 (page 118)

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Section 6.2.1.1 (page 121)

Essential services must be provided by all community pharmacies. There are 13 community pharmacies in Babergh. The estimated average number of community pharmacies per 100,000 population is 13.6, which is lower than the Suffolk average of 16.4 per 100,000 population. Access to pharmaceutical service provision is then supplemented in the more rural areas where residents live at least 1.6 kilometres away from a pharmacy with the addition of six dispensing doctor practices across Babergh.

Appendix A – Babergh (page 153)

Removal of the third row with details of Constable Country Rural Medical Practice.

Supplementary Statement prepared by Soar Beyond Ltd and issued by the Director of Public Health, on behalf of Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board.

Information correct as of July 2026.