

Why are pharmacies closing?

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PCNs spend £387m on pharmacists through 'Additional roles reimbursement scheme'

The spend represents more than 46% of the total money spent through the scheme between 2019/2020 and 2021/2022.

National Minimum Wage

- Sept 2015 £6.50 ph
- April 2024 £11.00 ph

Mandatory ‘eight-week buffer stock’ requirement not met by medicine suppliers, reveals audit

Zahir Rashid, senior medicines assurance pharmacist at NHS England's Commercial Medicines Unit, said there was a “clear correlation” between what was reported as “out of stock” and when buffer stocks were not held.

DRUG DEAL NHS is facing 'severe' shortage of 13 common drugs – what to do if you're worried

Expert offers three tips if you're medication is affected by 'record' supply issues

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THE NHS is facing severe shortages of at least 13 common medications, including antibiotics, contraceptives and HRT.

A trade body representing medicine manufacturers and suppliers has raised the alarm over 'record' supply issues.

Patients struggle to find life-saving statins as pharmacies run short of the anti-cholesterol drugs as prices soar

- Eight million Britons rely on statins to lower cholesterol and prevent strokes
- Prices of atorvastatin have risen from 49p to about £5.30 in the past six weeks

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Statins are in short supply across the country with pharmacists facing a 'desperate' struggle to obtain the life-saving drugs.

Almost eight million Britons rely on statins to lower their cholesterol levels, which in turn reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

But atorvastatin, the most popular statin prescribed by the [NHS](#), is missing from many chemists nationwide.



LloydsPharmacy ceases operating 90% of branches in 18 months

Exclusive: LloydsPharmacy is running 138 pharmacies in October 2023, compared with 1,338 pharmacies in March 2022, General Pharmaceutical Council figures show.



Lloyds Pharmacy

- 1997 bought by Celesio (owned AAH)
- 2014 McKesson bought Celesio for £5.1bn
- 2015 McKesson paid £125m for 281 Sainsbury Pharmacies
- 2022 Aurelius bought Lloyds & AAH for £477m
- 2023 sold or closed 90% of the pharmacies. All ex-Sainsbury pharmacies closed.

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Chronic underfunding of the community pharmacy sector has continued to take its toll, with a net loss of 295 pharmacies across Great Britain since our previous analysis in March 2022. The number of community pharmacies in England has fallen for the fifth consecutive year.

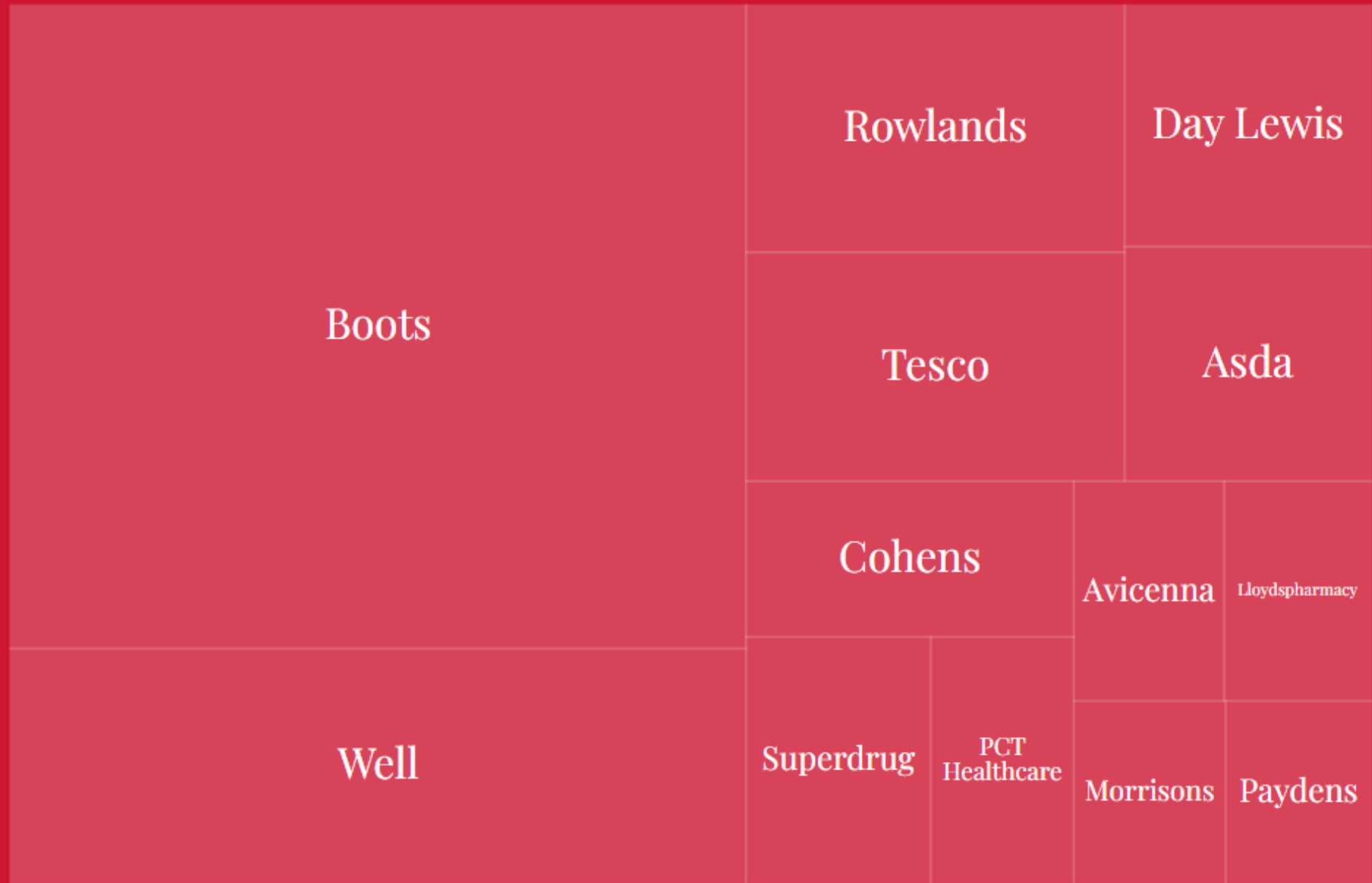
Underlying these net figures is a shift in ownership from large multiples to small multiples and independents, mainly down to the sale or closure of most LloydsPharmacy's branches.

Between March 2022 and October 2023, there was a net fall of 1,058 pharmacies among the large multiples, whereas small multiples have gained 195 pharmacies and independents have gained 568 pharmacies (see Figure 1). Small multiples have seen the largest shift in market share, from 13.2% in March 2022 to 17.0% in October 2023.

Figure 1: Large multiples now make up only 38% of the market
Count of pharmacies by category, October 2023.

<https://pharmaceutical-journal.com/article/feature/community-pharmacy-in-britain-a-changing-market>

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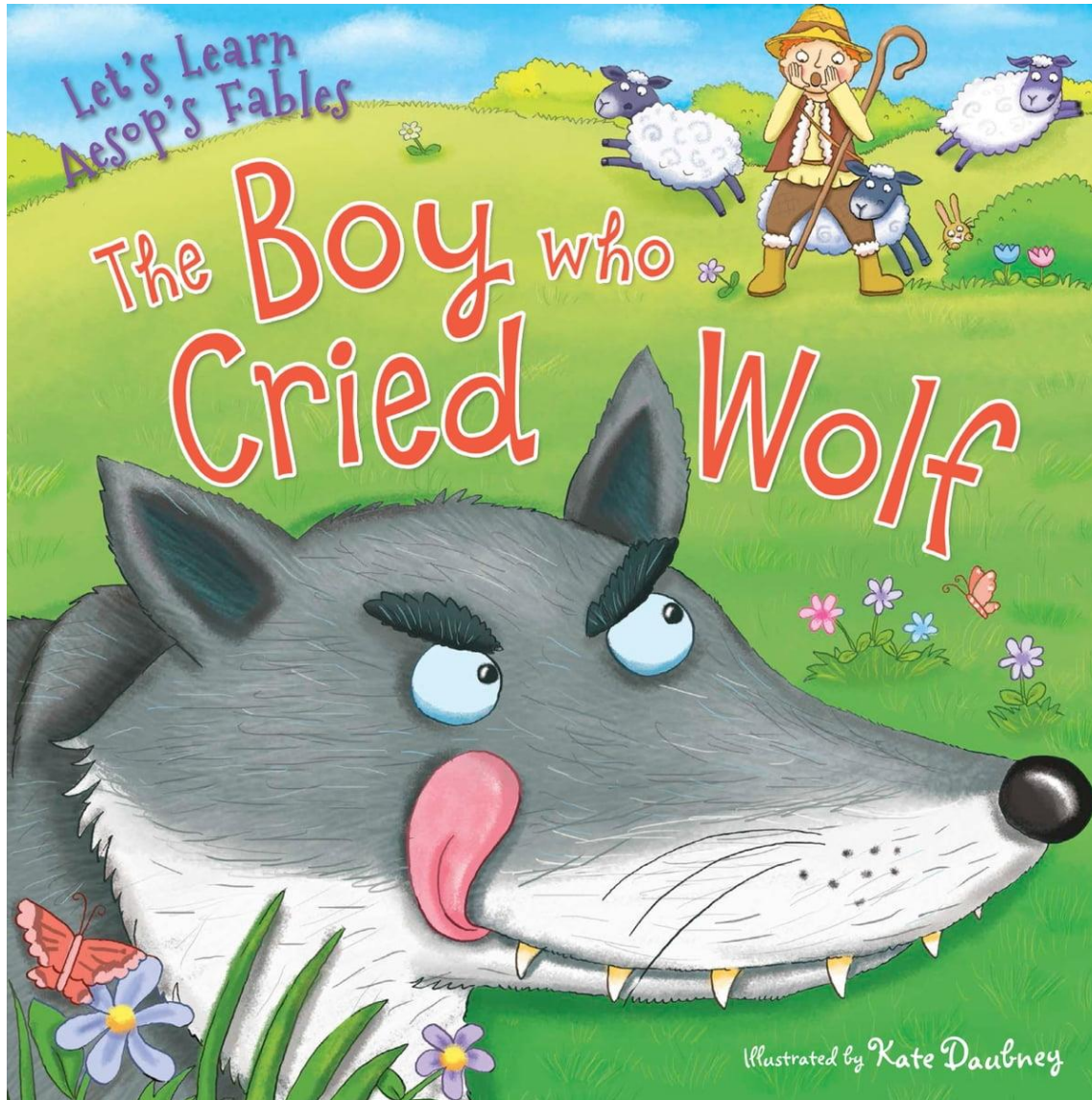
Single independent pharmacy

Part of 2 pharmacy group

Part of 3
pharmacy
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Part of 4
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Part of 5
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2015/16 funding

£2.8 bn

£2bn fees & allowances

£0.8bn retained margin

2015/16 funding £2.8 bn

2016/17 funding £2.687 bn

2017/18 onwards funding £2.592 bn

....and every year since



You can't ask a supermarket shelf what it recommends for family health problems.

Ask your pharmacist.  You'll be taking good advice.

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- New Medicine Service (NMS)
- Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS)
- Discharge Medicines Service (DMS)
- Flu Vaccination Service
- Hypertension Case-Finding service
- Smoking Cessation Service (SCS)
- Pharmacy Contraception Service

Government treated pharmacists with ‘double standards’ during COVID-19 pandemic, RPS tells inquiry

Community pharmacists were initially not included in a life assurance scheme for healthcare staff, excluded from a national PPE ordering system, and not included in a visa extension scheme.



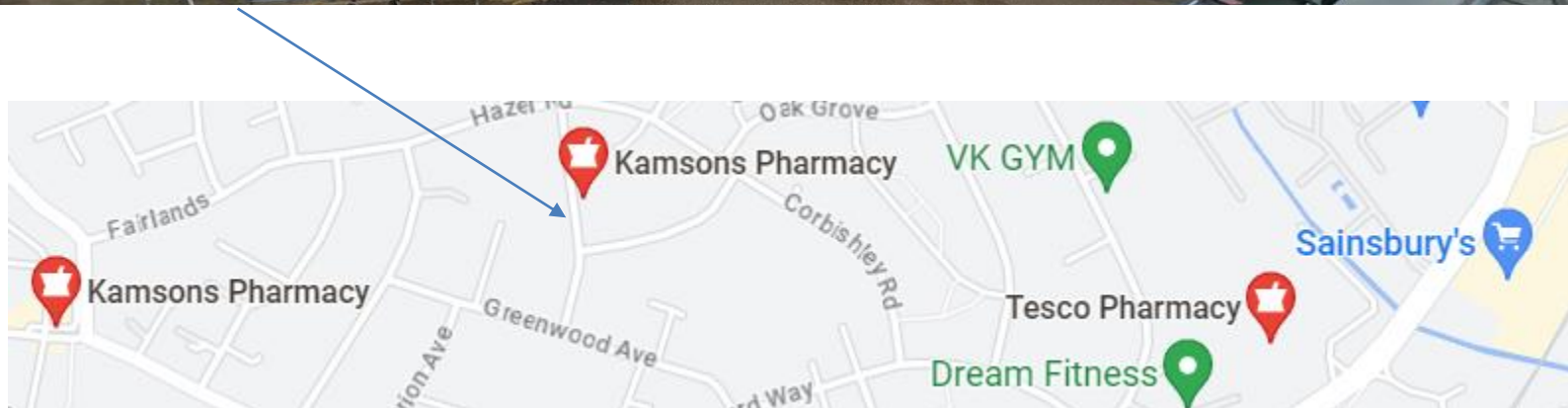


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- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments
- Unforeseen benefits application
 - granting the application would confer **significant** benefits
- Consolidation (merger) protection



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