

**Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/209**

**Subject: Pharmacy Applications**

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE																				
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5. The total number of pharmacy applications received	7, 3 have gone to appeal so far																				
6. The reasons for rejecting pharmacy applications where a need was identified	The reason for rejecting an application will be that it did not meet the regulatory test associated with the specific application type. This would be either the need the applicant claimed was in the PNA was not there or the application did not meet the need identified.																				

7. The reasons for granting pharmacy applications where a need was not identified

They would have been approved as they met the regulatory test associated with the specific application type. For unforeseen benefits this would be around Choice, services for people sharing protected characteristics or innovation.

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***