

REF NO: CC 20 61

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF MEETING OF THE PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE

- 1. DATE OF MEETING** - Tuesday, 31 July 2001.

- 2. MEMBERS**
 - **Appointed by Tayside Primary Care NHS Trust**

Mr A Baillie
Mr J Rae
Mr I Wightman
Mr A Wood

 - **Appointed by Area Pharmaceutical Committee**

Mr G Innes
Mr A Ramsay

 - **Appointed by Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Scottish Division)**

Miss C Alexander

- Mr I Wightman in the Chair

- 3. OFFICERS OF THE TRUST** - Miss J Haskett, Practitioner Services Manager;
Ms A Timoney, Specialist in Pharmaceutical Public Health (attending in the capacity of deputy to the Trust's Chief Pharmacist);
Mrs M MacPhee, Administration Support Officer;
Mrs M Barclay, Previous Practitioner Contracts Manager (observing).

- 4. APPLICANT** - W Davidson & Sons Ltd

5. **PROPOSED PREMISES** - 112-114 High Street
AUCHTERARDER.
6. **PERSONS HAVING MADE REPRESENTATION** - Mr D J Boyle (James Watt Pharmacy)
7. **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was called in terms of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, as amended, to consider W Davidson & Sons Ltd's application for inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List at the above address. The application is in respect of:-

- (a) the dispensing of medicines and supply of drugs and listed appliances as specified in the Drug Tariff; and
- (b) supplying of domiciliary oxygen service.

8. **CONSIDERATION**

The Committee considered the neighbourhood to be served by the proposed pharmacy to span in a westerly direction from Auchterarder to Braco and Greenloaning, in a southerly direction to Gleneagles, and to the east as far as Dunning. The Committee noted that, although encircled on the map included in the pamphlet submitted by Mr Davidson, Muthill did not form part of the neighbourhood to be served. The circle drawn on the map had only been meant as a guide to the members.

The Committee agreed that the population figures for the defined neighbourhood presented by Mr Davidson appeared to be somewhat inflated. From the information provided by Perth and Kinross Council, the Committee estimated the population to be 5,000 – 6,000, which more closely reflected the statistical information contained within Mr Boyle's representations.

The Committee agreed that the existing pharmaceutical provision in this area was adequate to meet the needs of the local population, but were torn in their consideration over whether or not encouragement of competition and an increase in patient choice were grounds enough to test the application against whether it was necessary or desirable.

9. DECISION

The members of the Committee appointed by the Area Pharmaceutical Committee withdrew from the meeting. As it was a tied vote of the remaining members, the Chairman exercised his casting vote. Therefore, by a majority of three to two, the members decided that the proposed pharmacy was neither necessary nor desirable in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were to be located.

The Committee refused the application.

Miss Jane Haskett
Practitioner Services Manager