

REF NO: CC 20 66

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF MEETING OF THE PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE

- 1. DATE OF MEETING** - Tuesday 25 February 2003
- 2. MEMBERS**
 - **Appointed by Tayside Primary Care NHS Trust**
Mr A Baillie
Mr C McMurray
Mrs J Perry
Mr I Wightman
 - **Appointed by Area Pharmaceutical Committee**
Mr K Curran
Mr J Green
 - **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
 - Mr J Hamley
Trust's Chief Pharmacist
 - Miss W Calder
Secretary/Administration Support Officer
- 4. APPLICANT** - Mrs V Riley

5. **PROPOSED PREMISES** - The New Tesco Store
Kingsway Retail Park
DUNDEE
DD3 8RX
6. **PERSONS HAVING MADE REPRESENTATION** - Area Pharmaceutical Committee;
Tayside Health Council;
Davidsons Chemists, Dundee
Lloyds Pharmacy, Dundee
J G Miller, Chemist, Dundee
Colin Lowe Pharmacy, Dundee
Five Mile Pharmacy, Muirhead
Superdrug, Dundee
Moss Pharmacy, Dundee and Invergowrie
Joyce Morrison Pharmacy, Dundee

7. **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was called in terms of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, as amended, to consider Mrs Riley's application for inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List at the above address. The application is in respect of the dispensing of medicines and supply of drugs and listed appliances as specified in the Drug Tariff.

8. **CONSIDERATION**

The Committee noted that the site of the proposed pharmacy relocation was located within a non-residential retail park which, although provided ample parking space, was not directly served by buses and had limited pedestrian access. The Committee considered the neighbourhood of the retail park to be significantly different to that of the existing Asda Pharmacy, forming a triangular path, bound to the north by the Kingsway, to the west and south by Clepington Road and to the east by Strathmartine Road. In making this decision, the Committee recognised that the mobile population served was wider than the defined neighbourhood.

The Committee considered the adequacy of existing services and in doing so, noted in particular, that the Kirkton housing scheme, where the existing Asda pharmacy is located, is a Social Inclusion Partnership Area. The Committee was greatly concerned that, should the application to relocate be granted, the essential pharmaceutical services currently provided to the residents of this area of high deprivation would be lost, and the large gap created would result in pharmaceutical services in this part of Dundee being inadequate. The Committee concluded that, Dundee is presently well served by existing pharmacies, reasonably spread throughout the city and that there is no evidence of patient complaints for access to pharmaceutical services by the wider population.

The members noted that they should grant an application only if they were satisfied that the provision of pharmaceutical services at the premises named in the application was necessary or desirable in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were to be located by persons whose names were included in the Pharmaceutical List. The Committee felt strongly that were this application to relocate be granted, the impact would be to the major detriment of a large number of people who currently access existing services at the Asda Pharmacy. Not only would clients be greatly disadvantaged, but the inability to access services within the existing neighbourhood may put undue pressure on the pharmacy located adjacent to the Kirkton housing scheme in Strathmartine Road.

9. DECISION

The members of the Committee appointed by the Area Pharmaceutical Committee withdrew from the meeting. The remaining members, unanimously decided that the proposed pharmacy relocation 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.