

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF MEETING OF THE PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE

1. **DATE OF MEETING** - Wednesday, 26 January 2005
2. **MEMBERS**
 - **Appointed by Tayside NHS Board**
Mr Andrew Baillie
Mr Charles McMurray
Ms Julie Perry
Mr Ian Wightman
 - **Appointed by Area Pharmaceutical Committee**
Mr Iain Brown
Mr Innes Lumsden
 - **Appointed by Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Scottish Division)**
Mrs Josephine Johnston

Mr Ian Wightman in the Chair

3. **OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**
 - Miss Jane Haskett - Practitioner Services Manager
 - Mr John Hamley - Chief Pharmacist, Primary Care Division
 - Mrs Linda Scobie - Secretarial/Administration Support Officer
 - Miss Louise Sherret- Secretarial/Administration Support Officer
4. **APPLICANT** - Lothian, Borders & Angus Co-operative Society Ltd.
5. **PROPOSED PREMISES** - Unit 7A
Abbeygate Mall
ARBROATH

6. **PERSONS HAVING MADE REPRESENTATION** - GP Sub-Committee; and
Lloyds 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 Lothian, Borders & Angus Co-operative Society Ltd's application for inclusion in the Board's Pharmaceutical List in respect of the relocation of the premises from which the company is providing pharmaceutical services, i.e. from 9 Fisheracre, Arbroath, to Unit 7A, Abbeygate Mall, Arbroath.

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**

In considering the neighbourhood, the Committee was of the view that the town of Arbroath was split naturally into two very distinct neighbourhoods, the divide of which was formed by the Burnside Drive dual carriageway, following on in a northerly direction through the town along Fisheracre and the Montrose Road. The Committee agreed that the neighbourhood of the proposed pharmacy relocation to be the area to the east of the divide.

The Committee considered the adequacy of existing services and in doing so, noted in particular, the comprehensive services already offered by the three existing pharmacies closely located to one another in the area of the proposed relocation. The Committee concluded that the area was currently adequately served by existing pharmacies in the neighbourhood.

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. Having seen no evidence to suggest that the proposed relocation would provide additional or enhanced services to patients, the Committee felt there was no justification to approve the proposed relocation to the Mall.

The Committee felt strongly that were this application to relocate be granted, the impact would be to the major detriment of the population in the vicinity of the Fisheracre Pharmacy, in particular, the less able people who would be deprived of a service in the northern area of the town.

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 not necessary in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were to be relocated.

The Committee refused the application.

Practitioner Services Manager
4 February 2005