

REF NO: CC 20 81

**SUMMARY OF REPORT OF MEETING OF THE PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

1. **DATE OF MEETING** - Thursday, 28 May 2009
2. **MEMBERS** - **Appointed by Tayside NHS Board**  
Mr A Baillie  
Mrs E Baynes  
Mr C McMurray  
Mr I Wightman  
  
- **Appointed by Area Pharmaceutical Committee**  
Mr E Jenkin  
Mr K McPherson  
  
- **Appointed by Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Scottish Division)**  
Mr M Carson  
  
Mr I Wightman in the Chair
3. **OFFICERS OF THE BOARD** - Miss J Haskett, Practitioner Services Manager  
Mr D Gill, Head of Pharmacy, Angus CHP  
Mrs L Scobie, Admin & Secretarial Support Officer
4. **APPLICANT** - Mr M Doherty
5. **PROPOSED PREMISES** - 2 Rossie Place  
AUCHTERARDER
6. **PERSONS HAVING MADE REPRESENTATION** - Mr M Cox and Ms C Hamilton  
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 Mr Doherty's application for inclusion in the Board'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 considered the neighbourhood to be served by the proposed pharmacy to be the town of Auchterarder in its entirety, bounded to the north by fields, to the south by the A9 dual carriageway, to the east by and including the village of Aberuthven and to the west slightly beyond the village of Gleneagles to include the Muirton area.

The members noted Blackford and Dunning to be incorporated in the catchment area of the medical practice in Auchterarder but were of the view that these areas did not form part of the defined neighbourhood. In making this decision the members agreed that whilst the people who lived in these surrounding areas may pass in and out of the neighbourhood to access services, this would be of their own volition if and when convenient.

In considering the adequacy of existing pharmaceutical services and having visited the pharmacy and been given the opportunity to talk to the staff prior to the hearing, the members were impressed by the efficient and effective organisational operations demonstrated. The Committee acknowledged the changes and increase in staffing levels which Lloyds had introduced in the past two to three months and were pleased to note that the service was now supported by a full-time permanent Pharmacy Manager, second Pharmacist - 2 days per week, an Accredited Checking Technician and 3 Dispensers. Whilst suggested that they may have previously been understaffed, the Committee were satisfied that these changes, together with the carefully planned layout and configuration of the pharmacy, enabled Lloyds to comfortably meet the capacity demand. The Committee agreed that no evidence of inadequacy had been demonstrated and that whilst it may be an attractive option to have an independent pharmacist offering a different approach and choice in pharmacy as opposed to one of the multiples, this was not grounds to support the application as being either necessary or desirable under the legal test.

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 person whose names were included in the Pharmaceutical List.

The Committee deemed the existing pharmaceutical provision to be adequate to meet the needs of the local population at the present time.

## **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 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.

**Practitioner Services Manager**  
**12 June 2009**