

REF NO: CC 20 82

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF MEETING OF THE PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE

1. DATE OF MEETING - Thursday, 23 July 2009
2. MEMBERS -
 - Appointed by Tayside NHS Board**
Mr A Baillie
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

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Baynes

3. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD -
 - Miss Jane Haskett, Practitioner Services Manager
 - Mrs L Scobie, Secretarial & Admin Support Officer
4. APPLICANT -
 - Mr N Al-Alawi and Mr K Jamil
5. PROPOSED PREMISES -
 - 26B Blairs Road
LETHAM
Angus
DD8 2PE
6. PERSONS HAVING MADE REPRESENTATION -
 - Mr A S Gordon, Davidsons Chemists

7. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was called in terms of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, as amended, to consider an application from Khalil Jamil Limited 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

Prior to the meeting, the members had taken a round trip by minibus from the venue of their meeting in Arbroath to visit the site of the proposed pharmacy in Letham and also that of the existing pharmacy in the village of Friockheim.

In considering the neighbourhood to be served by the proposed pharmacy, the members noted that the applicant's definition of the neighbourhood spread beyond the village of Letham to include the surrounding communities and farmland estates. The Committee reflected on their tour of the area and after full discussion, with the exception of one member, agreed that the roads binding the neighbourhood as delineated by the applicant, did not form any natural barriers. In view of the rurality of the area, the Committee defined the neighbourhood as the village of Letham in itself.

Whilst it was accepted that there is not always an actual pharmacy in a defined neighbourhood, the Committee considered the range of pharmaceutical services provided by other contractors from outwith the location on this occasion, to be limited. The members noted that during the hearing Mr Gordon had described Davidson's Chemists as providing a pharmaceutical service "of sorts" to the village of Letham. Mr Gordon had illustrated that there was an unofficial collection and delivery service operating between Forfar and the post office located within the Spar store and that where necessary, a personal home delivery service was provided for those who were genuinely housebound. A domiciliary oxygen service was also provided by the pharmacy in Friockheim.

The Committee noted that there was no GP practice in the village. A "telehealth" link between the medical practice in Friockheim and one of the medical practices in Forfar was in operation at Jubilee Court. District Nurses and community staff also operated from these premises on a part-time basis. It was acknowledged that there is a high level of car ownership in Letham and that residents would most probably access pharmaceutical services located within the area of the GP practice with which they are registered. However, it was also recognised that, as a result of their dependency on the rural bus service which is both infrequent and often unreliable, there was a significant retirement population who were being disadvantaged from accessing the full range of pharmaceutical services available outwith the village.

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.

Taking all matters into consideration and after full and lengthy discussion, the Committee were in agreement that the current provision of pharmaceutical services in the defined neighbourhood was not wholly adequate. The members were of the view that the proposed pharmacy was not only necessary in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services, but that the benefits which services such as Chronic Medication, Minor Ailments and Acute Medication would bring to the

community in an area where there was no GP practice, also made the application highly desirable.

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 facility was both necessary and desirable in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were to be located.

The Committee granted the application.

Practitioner Services Manager
29 July 2009