

Meeting:	Trust Management Team (03)
Date:	Friday, 2nd May 2003
Paper No:	2003/042 attachment
Subject:	Pharmacy Practices Committee Minutes of 17 April 2003
Presented by:	Charles Scott, Committee Chairperson

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pharmacy Practices Committee
held on Thursday 17 April 2003 at 13.30 p.m.
in Meeting Room 1, Trust Headquarters,
Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow.

PRESENT:

Charles Scott	Chairperson
Mrs Patricia Cox	Lay Member
Mrs Susan Robertson	Lay Member
Dr James Johnson	Non-contractor Pharmacist Member
Gordon Dykes	Contractor Pharmacist Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Thomson	Director of Pharmacy
Grace Watson	Family Health Services Officer (Pharmaceutical)

Prior to the consideration of business, the Chairperson asked members if they had an interest in any of the applications to be discussed.

ACTION

No declaration of interest was made.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Carol Anderson, Alan Fraser and Janine Glen.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Pharmacy Practices Committee meeting, held on Thursday 20 March 2003 PPC[M]2003/02 were approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

SECTION 1 – APPLICATIONS UNDER REGULATION 5 (10)

4. APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE TRUST’S PHARMACEUTICAL LIST

i) Case No: PPC/INCL/04/2003 – Boots the Chemists, Queen Street Station, Dundas Street, Glasgow, G1.

The Committee were asked to consider an application submitted by Boots the Chemists to provide general pharmaceutical services from premises situated at Queen Street Station, Dundas Street, Glasgow, G1 under Regulation 5(2) of the National Health Service (General Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 as amended.

The Committee had to determine whether the granting of the application was necessary or desirable to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the applicant’s proposed premises were located.

The Committee, having previously been circulated with all the papers regarding the application from Boots the Chemists, were satisfied that the application could be determined based on the written representations and that an oral hearing was not required.

The Committee members had individually made site visits to the site at Queen Street Station, Dundas Street, Glasgow, G1.

The Committee considered views and representations received from:

- a) Chemist Contractors within the vicinity of the applicant’s premises, namely;
Townhead Pharmacy Ltd, Glasgow Royal Infirmary, 16 Alexandra Parade, Glasgow, G31 2ES.
- b) The Area Medical Committee (General Practitioner Sub-Committee);

The Committee also considered:

- c) The location of the nearest existing pharmaceutical services;
- d) The location and level of general medical services in the area;
- e) Demographic information regarding post code sectors G1 and G2;
- f) Patterns of public transport;
- g) Primary Care Trust plans for future development of services.

CONCLUSION

The Committee were advised that due to an administrative error, the Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical General Practitioner Sub Committee had been omitted from the consultation exercise.

The Committee noted that the applicant had previously held a dispensing contract with the Greater Glasgow Primary Care Trust for the provision of pharmaceutical services from the premises situated at Queen Street Station, Dundas Street, Glasgow, G1, however, the contract was transferred to Boots the Chemist, Unit 3, Level 3, Buchanan Galleries, Glasgow, G1 in 1999.

The Committee also noted that there were no GPs in the immediate vicinity.

Members considered and discussed the methadone requirements in the post code area G1 and G2 and noted that the applicant indicated they would participate in the Supervised Methadone Administration Scheme if this application were granted.

Members discussed the need for an additional pharmacy providing methadone services within the city centre. It was recognised that various patient groups such as the working population, used pharmacies throughout the city centre to gain access to a pharmaceutical service.

The applicant had advised the PPC that British Rail would raise no objections to Boots the Chemists providing a methadone service.

Members also noted that, prior to the transfer of the dispensing contract to Buchanan Galleries, Boots the Chemist previously provided methadone from these premises.

The Director of Pharmacy advised that many of Boots the Chemists premises throughout Greater Glasgow provide methadone services to a maximum of 30 patients per pharmacy and that he would encourage the applicant to take on 30 patients at the proposed site. He also highlighted the recognised need for services to methadone patients within the city centre.

Members discussed whether the local residents or rail travellers would primarily utilise this pharmacy and envisaged that the large flow of commuters travelling through Dundas Street and Queen Street would utilise the pharmacy most. The PPC agreed that the location at Queen Street Station is convenient for both travellers and workers. Members also felt that the granting of this contract would not affect any other pharmacy.

The Committee noted the proposed early opening hours on the application from Boots the Chemist and the opening hours of Boots the Chemists in Buchanan Galleries, which is also open on Saturday and Sunday.

In considering this application, the Committee was required to take into account all relevant factors concerning the definition of the neighbourhood served and adequacy of the existing pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in the context of Regulation 5(10).

The neighbourhood was agreed to constitute the area bound to the North and West by the M8, the A8 to the East and the River Clyde to the South. The PPC recognised the natural boundaries, but also took into account that the site was easily accessible through rail and bus links.

In addition, members considered that the applicant's premises would be convenient for commuters, overseas visitors and the mobile population.

Members recognised the existence of a significant elderly and student population within the neighbourhood of the premises and that many students were registered with GP's in Townhead Health Centre at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. The Director of Pharmacy brought to the attention of members, that Townhead Health Centre Pharmacy would be relocating within the next two years and was closed on Saturdays. In addition, members considered that the applicant's premises would be convenient for commuters, overseas visitors and the mobile population.

The members also considered the new housing near the Theatre Royal which would increase the resident population within this area.

The Committee then considered the adequacy of existing pharmaceutical services in the defined neighbourhood and whether the granting of the application was necessary or desirable in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in that neighbourhood.

The Committee noted that:

- i.) Six pharmacies were located within postcode areas G1 and G2.
- ii.) The Director of Pharmacy intimated that Pharmacy services should be developed and provided to meet the pharmaceutical care needs of that local population.

In summary, the Committee concluded that the application was not necessary as there existed several pharmacies within the neighbourhood. The Committee, however, felt that the application was desirable because of the under provision of certain services to the general population, taking into consideration the pharmaceutical care needs of the locality.

In accordance with the statutory procedure the Chemist Contractor member of the Committee Gordon Dykes was excluded from the decision process.

DECIDED/-

That the granting of the application was desirable, though not necessary, to secure the adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood of the proposed premises and accordingly that the application seeking inclusion in the Primary Care Trust's Pharmaceutical List at Queen Street Station, Dundas Street, Glasgow, G1 for the provision of general pharmaceutical services be granted.

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Services Officer**

The chemist contractor members of the Committee rejoined the meeting at this stage.

SECTION 2 – OTHER MATTERS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION

5. RESPONSE TO NAP DECISION – ELIZABETH RODDICK, 10 MACLAREN PLACE, GLASGOW.

Following on from the last meeting, the Chairman had written to the National Appeals Panel regarding their decision on the above case. The Chairman notified members that the National Appeals Panel had acknowledged receipt of his letter and had advised that a response would be sent in the near future.

6. NATIONAL APPEALS PANEL – JOHN GILBRIDE, 668 EGLINTON STREET, GLASGOW, G5.9.

The National Appeals Panel had advised the Trust in a letter dated 9 April 2003, that no valid ground of appeal had been made by the appellant and accordingly in terms of paragraph 4 (5) of Schedule 3 to the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 the appeal had been dismissed without hearing.

A copy of the Appeal Panel's determination in this case was issued to members.

7. DOCUMENTATION

i) Paper Flow

The Chairman discussed the packaging of the sometimes bulky papers sent to PPC members and discussed ways in which the paperwork could be reduced. The PPC papers should be as secure as possible, ensuring they are contained in an appropriate envelope. The Family Health Services Officer undertook to ensure that paperwork was packaged appropriately.

Family Health Services Officer

The Committee also decided that they no longer required the extract from the pharmaceutical regulations with the PPC papers and agenda. This would assist in keeping paperwork to a minimum.

Family Health Services Officer

ii) Maps

The Chairman requested that the maps provided to the PPC be in colour format, with clearly identified pharmacies and GP surgery locations highlighted. The Family Health Services Officer undertook to investigate if there are facilities within the Trust to provide this.

Family Health Services Officer

iii) Statistics

The Chairman had received statistics from sources such as the Education Department and Economic Development Agencies and asked the PPC to consider whether this information could be used when considering applications.

The Chairman felt that more up to date information was required for decision making and part of the information received at present was irrelevant, such as GP Practice lists which were not active or local. Members discussed options.

The Family Health Services Officer undertook to investigate the possible sources of information.

Family Health Services Officer

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be devoted to the application made by Carol Anderson seeking inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical list at Unit 1 or 2, Pollokshaws Road, (Corner of Maxwell Road), Glasgow, G41. The meeting would be in the form of an oral hearing and be held in Meeting Room 2, Trust HQ, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, 22 May 2002, with a sandwich buffet lunch and preparations at Noon.