

 <p>GREATER GLASGOW PRIMARY CARE NHSTRUST</p>	<p>Meeting: Trust Board</p> <p>Date: Thursday</p> <p>Paper No:</p> <p>Subject: PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE</p> <p>Presented by: Chairman of Committee – Mrs Marian Jacobs</p>
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Pharmacy Practice Committee
held on Thursday 15 February, 2001 at 1.30pm
in the Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Administration Building,
Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow

PRESENT:

Mrs Marian Jacobs	Chairman
Mrs Susan Robertson	Lay Member
Alan Fraser	Lay Member
Dr James Johnson	Non-contractor Pharmacist Member
Mrs Carol Anderson	Contractor Pharmacist Member
Gordon Dykes	Contractor Pharmacist Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nic Zappia	General Manager (Primary Care Support)
David Thomson	Director of Pharmacy
Mrs Janine Glen	Family Health Services Officer (Pharmaceutical/Ophthalmic)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mrs Patricia Cox – Lay member.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Pharmacy Practices Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 2000 [PPC(M)2000/06] were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Florence Street Initiative – (Minute Number 4 refers)

The Committee were advised that the Florence Street facility was equipped, and the initiative was looking for volunteers amongst methadone patients currently receiving their medication from the two community pharmacies in the Gorbals area. So far only 1 volunteer had come forward. The area was not, however, experiencing the same level of problems as it had in the past, and it was thought that this may be related to the recent

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adverse weather conditions, which was causing patients not to loiter in the area after receiving their daily dosage of methadone. Despite the improved situation, the initiative would continue to canvass for volunteers in the hope of further alleviating the remaining problems.

The Committee were also advised that there had been a slight delay in the publication of the policy on the situation. It was now hoped that this would appear as a consultative document in March/April. The Committee would be kept up to date on progress in this area.

Clinovia Ltd – (Minute Number 7 refers)

The Committee were advised that no further update had been received regarding this situation. Mrs Glen undertook to contact Clinovia with a view to updating the Committee at their next meeting.

**Family Health
Services Officer**

NOTED/-

Mrs Anderson, having declared an interest in the first two applications left the meeting room at this point.

4. APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST'S PHARMACEUTICAL LIST

Case No: PPC/INCL01/01 – Mr D F Houlihan, 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9

The Committee were asked to consider an application submitted by Mr D F Houlihan to provide general pharmaceutical services from premises situated at 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9, according to 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 Mr Houlihan, were satisfied that the application could be determined based on the written representations, and that an oral hearing was not required.

The Committee considered views and representations received from:-

- a) Chemist contractors within the vicinity of the applicant's premises;
- b) the Area Medical Committee (General Practitioner Sub-Committee);
- c) the Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical (General Practitioner Sub-Committee);

The Committee also considered:-

- d) the location of the nearest existing pharmaceutical services and the level of NHS dispensing carried out during the preceding 12 months;
- e) the location and level of general medical services in the area;
- f) demographic information regarding post-code sectors G5.9, and G41.1;
- g) patterns of public transport;

- h) Primary Care Trust plans for the future development of services;
- i) information regarding future developments in the area from the Department of Development & Regeneration, Glasgow City Council.

CONCLUSION

The Committee noted that the applicant had applied for inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List for the provision of pharmaceutical services from premises situated at 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9. The premises were already constructed although not functioning as a pharmacy. The applicant had stated at Part 2 (b) of Form A that the premises were not in his possession, although the Trust was satisfied that the applicant was actively seeking to lease.

In considering the application the Committee were required to take into account all relevant factors concerning the issues of neighbourhood and adequacy of the existing pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood particularly in the context of Regulation 5(10).

The Committee considered that the premises were situated in an area, where the neighbourhood had declined, and where there was an absence of significant residential development. The one-mile radius used for the consultation exercise held within it, four clearly defined neighbourhoods i.e., Gorbals, Kinning Park, Govanhill, and Pollokshields. These neighbourhoods were each distinct from the other, and easily identifiable from a map;

The Committee was of the view that the premises situated at Eglinton Street could be said to lie on the edge of all four neighbourhoods, although not properly part of any of them;

For the purposes of considering the application, the Committee therefore defined the neighbourhood as the area bound to the West by St Andrews Drive, to the North by the M8 Motorway, to the East by the River Clyde, and to the South by Queens Park.

Having reached that conclusion the Committee were then required to consider the adequacy of existing pharmaceutical services in that 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) Within the neighbourhood, as defined by the Committee there were several pharmacies. The area in which the applicants proposed premises were situated, lay on the edge of four distinct neighbourhoods, each of which enjoyed the adequate provision of services provided by the current network. Currently there were two community pharmacies within the neighbourhood known as Gorbals, there were three within the area of Kinning Park, six within Govanhill and three within Pollokshields;
- ii) The current pharmaceutical network provided domiciliary oxygen, supervised methadone, and extended hours.
- iii) The Committee considered that the level of existing services ensured that satisfactory access to pharmaceutical services existed, to the small level of residential homes in the identified neighbourhood. The Committee therefore considered that the existing pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood were adequate;

- iv) That there had been no significant increase to population within the neighbourhood since the Committee last considered an application for these premises in November 2000;
- v) Having considered the applicant's justification for additional pharmaceutical services in this area, the Committee did not agree that there was evidence of a sufficient need or desirability to justify the granting of an additional NHS dispensing contract.
- vi) Having regard to the overall services provided by the existing contractors within the vicinity of the proposed pharmacy, and the number of prescriptions dispensed by those contractors in the preceding 12 months, the Committee agreed that the neighbourhood was already adequately served.

In view of the above, the Committee concluded that the granting of an additional NHS Contract for the premises situated at 668 Eglinton Street was not necessary or desirable in order to secure the adequate provisions of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were situated.

In accordance with the statutory procedure, the chemist contractor member of the Committee, Mr Dykes was excluded from the decision process.

DECIDED/-

That the granting of the application was not necessary or desirable 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 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9 for the provision of general pharmaceutical services be refused.

Family Health
Services Officer

**5. APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST'S PHARMACEUTICAL LIST
RELOCATION OF EXISTING SERVICES (NOT CONSIDERED MINOR)**

Case No: PPC/INCL03/2001 – Patrick Gilbride, 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9

The Committee were asked to consider an application submitted by Patrick Gilbride to provide general pharmaceutical services from premises situated at 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9, according to Regulation 5(2) of the National Health Service (General Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 as amended as a relocation from his existing premises at 40 Paisley Road West, Glasgow G51.1

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 Mr Gilbride, were satisfied that the application could be determined based on the written representations, and that an oral hearing was not required.

The Committee considered views and representations received from:-

- a) Chemist contractors within the vicinity of the applicant's premises;
- b) the Area Medical Committee (General Practitioner Sub-Committee);
- c) the Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical (General Practitioner Sub-Committee);

The Committee also considered:-

- d) the location of the nearest existing pharmaceutical services and the level of NHS dispensing carried out during the preceding 12 months;
- e) the location and level of general medical services in the area;
- f) demographic information regarding post-code sectors G5.9, and G41.1;
- g) patterns of public transport;
- h) Primary Care Trust plans for the future development of services;
- i) information regarding future developments in the area from the Department of Development & Regeneration, Glasgow City Council.

CONCLUSION

The Committee noted that the applicant had applied for inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List for the provision of pharmaceutical services from premises situated at 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9. The premises were already constructed although not functioning as a pharmacy. The applicant had stated at Part 2 (b) of Form A that the premises were not in his possession, although the Trust was satisfied that the applicant was actively seeking to lease.

In considering the application the Committee were required to take into account all relevant factors concerning the issues of neighbourhood and adequacy of the existing pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood particularly in the context of Regulation 5(10).

The Committee considered that the premises were situated in an area, where the neighbourhood had declined, and where there was an absence of significant residential development. The one-mile radius used for the consultation exercise held within it, four clearly defined neighbourhoods i.e., Gorbals, Kinning Park, Govanhill, and Pollokshields. These neighbourhoods were each distinct from the other, and easily identifiable from a map;

The Committee was of the view that the premises situated at Eglinton Street could be said to lie on the edge of all four neighbourhoods, although not properly part of any of them;

For the purposes of considering the application, the Committee therefore defined the neighbourhood as the area bound to the West by St Andrews Drive, to the North by the M8 Motorway, to the East by the River Clyde, and to the South by Queens Park.

Having reached that conclusion the Committee were then required to consider the adequacy of existing pharmaceutical services in that neighbourhood, and where of the granting of the application was necessary or desirable in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in that neighbourhood.

- i) Within the neighbourhood, as defined by the Committee there were several pharmacies. The area in which the applicants proposed premises were situated, lay on the edge of four distinct neighbourhoods, each of which enjoyed the adequate provision of services provided by the current network. Currently there were two community pharmacies within the neighbourhood known as Gorbals, there were three within the area of Kinning Park, six within Govanhill and three within Pollokshields;
- ii) The current pharmaceutical network provided domiciliary oxygen, supervised methadone, and extended hours.

- iii) The Committee considered that the level of existing services ensured that satisfactory access to pharmaceutical services existed, to the small level of residential homes in the identified neighbourhood. The Committee therefore considered that the existing pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood were adequate;
- iv) That there had been no significant increase to population within the neighbourhood since the Committee last considered an application for these premises in November 2000;
- v) Having considered the applicant's justification for the relocation of pharmaceutical services to this area, the Committee did not agree that there was evidence of a sufficient need or desirability to justify the granting of the application. The application appeared to be based on the improvements that could be made to Mr Gilbride's business and not on any perceived improvement of services to the neighbourhood population.
- vi) Having regard to the overall services provided by the existing contractors within the vicinity of the proposed pharmacy, and the number of prescriptions dispensed by those contractors in the preceding 12 months, the Committee agreed that the neighbourhood was already adequately served.

In view of the above, the Committee concluded that the granting of an additional NHS Contract for the premises situated at 668 Eglinton Street was not necessary or desirable in order to secure the adequate provisions of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were situated.

In accordance with the statutory procedure, the chemist contractor member of the Committee, Mr Dykes was excluded from the decision process.

DECIDED/-

That the granting of the application was not necessary or desirable 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 668 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5.9 for the provision of general pharmaceutical services be refused.

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Services Officer

Mrs Anderson rejoined the meeting at this stage.

Mr Dykes, having declared an interest in the next application left the meeting room during consideration of this application.

6. APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST'S PHARMACEUTICAL LIST

Case No: PPC/INCL02/01 – T S McNee Ltd, 194 Fernbank Street, Glasgow G22.6

The Committee were asked to consider an application submitted by T S McNee Ltd to provide general pharmaceutical services from premises situated at 194 Fernbank Street, Glasgow G22.6, according to 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 T S McNee Ltd, were satisfied that the application could be determined based on the written representations, and that an oral hearing was not required.

The Committee considered views and representations received from:-

- a) Chemist contractors within the vicinity of the applicant's premises;
- b) the Area Medical Committee (General Practitioner Sub-Committee);
- c) the Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical (General Practitioner Sub-Committee);

The Committee also considered:-

- d) the location of the nearest existing pharmaceutical services and the level of NHS dispensing carried out during the preceding 12 months;
- e) the location and level of general medical services in the area;
- f) demographic information regarding post-code sectors G21.1, and G22.6;
- g) patterns of public transport;
- h) Primary Care Trust plans for the future development of services;
- i) information regarding future developments in the area from the Department of Land Services, Glasgow City Council.

CONCLUSION

The Committee noted that the applicant had applied for inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List for the provision of pharmaceutical services from premises situated at 194 Fernbank Street, Glasgow G22.6. The premises were already constructed although not functioning as a pharmacy. The applicant had stated at Part 2 (b) of Form A that the premises were not in his possession.

The Committee were given a verbal report on the background to this application, and were advised that the premises from which the applicant proposed to establish a pharmacy were in fact intended to be utilised by one of the GP surgeries in the area which proposed to relocation from Springburn Health Centre into the clinic premises. The proposal to also use the facility for pharmaceutical purposes raised questions regarding the lease arrangements being entered into by the Trust and the medical practitioners involved.

The Committee concluded that the application be deferred pending further investigation being undertaken into the lease situation and how this would affect the relationship between the general medical practitioners intending to relocate into the premises, and the applicant (in the event of the application being successful).

DECIDED/-

That consideration of the application be deferred until clarification is sought regarding the leasing of the premises.

**Family Health
Services Officer**

Mr Dykes rejoined the meeting process at this stage

7. APPLICATION TO ALTER CURRENT HOURS OF SERVICE

Case No: PPC/ALT01/2001 – Mr W Wood T/A Blackwoods Pharmacy, Blackwoods Crescent, Moodiesburn, Glasgow G69.0

The Committee were asked to consider an application submitted by Mr W Wood, seeking an alteration to the hours of service recorded in the Pharmaceutical List for the pharmacy situated at Blackwoods Crescent, Moodiesburn, Glasgow G69.

In considering the application in accordance with Regulation 8(3) of the National Health Service (General Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 as amended, the Committee had to determine whether the alteration of hours would affect the adequacy of services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were located.

The application before the Committee was for authorisation to provide a level of service at variance with the minimum requirements of the Model Hours of Service Scheme. The hours of service proposed by Mr Wood was: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri – 9.00am – 6.00pm; Wed – 2.00pm – 4.00pm; Sat & Sun – closed.

The Committee noted that they had previously considered a similar application from the same applicant in October 2000. The application had been refused on the grounds that the proposed reduction would diminish pharmaceutical services in the area, and would be an unacceptable deviation from the Model Hours Scheme, leading to the pharmacy service provided to the neighbourhood being adversely affected.

The Committee noted that the applicant had provided supplementary information regarding the amount of prescriptions dispensed in the pharmacy on a Saturday morning, and also the demography of the area in which the premises were situated. While noting this, they remained concerned that the Model Hours of Service Scheme was devised to reflect the times during which members of the public would reasonable expect pharmaceutical services to be available. The Committee reasserted their view that the provision of adequate pharmaceutical services would not be, in the public's opinion, confined only to the dispensing of prescriptions.

While they remained sympathetic to the situation in which the applicant found himself, they also remained of the view that such a reduction if granted would result in a diminution of services and would have an adverse effect on the neighbourhood population.

DECIDED/-

That the application seeking an alteration to the hours of service currently provided from Blackwoods Pharmacy, Blackwoods Crescent, Moodiesburn, Glasgow G69.0 be refused.

**Family Health
Services Officer**

8. NATIONAL APPEALS PANEL

The Committee having previously been circulated with Paper 2001/5 noted the contents which gave details of the National Appeal Panel's determination of appeals lodged against the Committee's decision to:

- grant Buchanan & Campbell (Chemist) Ltd's application seeking inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List at Unit 5, West End Retail Park, Crow Road, Glasgow G11.
- refuse New Kirk Pharmacy Ltd's application seeking inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List at 1 Kirklee Road, Glasgow G12.

The Committee also noted the contents of the information booklet produced by the National Appeal Panel.

NOTED/-

9. MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE CHAIRMAN SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Committee having previously been circulated with Paper 2001/6 noted the contents, which gave details of applications, considered by the Chairman outwith the meeting since Tuesday 28th November 2000.

I) Transfer of National Health Service Dispensing Contract Where a Change of Ownership has Taken Place

Case No: PPC/CO1/2001 – Mr J Gilbride, 35 Glenmore Avenue, Glasgow G42.0

The Committee considered the action taken by the Chairman on an application for a transfer of the NHS Dispensing contract held by Mr H & Mrs C Sawers T/A Sawers Pharmacy, 35 Glenmore Avenue, Glasgow G42.

The Committee noted that the Chairman had granted the application with effect from 1 February 2001, having been satisfied that the application fulfilled the requirements laid down in the Pharmaceutical Regulations.

DECIDED/-

That the Chairman's action in granting the above application in accordance with Regulation 5(3) of the National Health Service (General Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 as amended be homologated.

II) Minor Relocation of Existing Pharmaceutical Services

Case No: PPC/MRELOC1/2001 – Buchanan & Campbell (Chemists) Ltd, West End Retail Park, Crow Road, Glasgow G11

The Committee considered the action taken by the Chairman on an application for a minor relocation of a general practice pharmacy from 364A Dumbarton Road, Glasgow G11 to Unit 5 West End Retail Park, Crow Road, Glasgow G11.

The Committee noted that in accordance with the Regulations, the Trust had consulted the Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical GP sub-committee and the Director of Pharmacy who both considered that the application did not satisfy the criteria for a minor relocation.

DECIDED/-

That the Chairman's action in refusing the above application in accordance with Regulation 5(6) of the National Health Service (General Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 as amended be homologated.

Case No: PPC/MRELOC2/2001 – Mr J Dickson, 1024 Tollcross Road, Glasgow G32.8

The Committee considered the action taken by the Chairman on an application for a minor relocation of a general practice pharmacy from 1024 Tollcross Road, Glasgow G32 to 1024 Tollcross Road, Glasgow G32.

The Committee noted that in accordance with the Regulations, the Trust had consulted the Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical GP sub-committee and the Director of Pharmacy who both considered that the application satisfied the criteria for a minor relocation.

DECIDED/-

That the Chairman's action in granting the above application in accordance with Regulation 5(6) of the National Health Service (General Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 as amended be homologated.

10. PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee having previously been circulated with Paper 2001/7 noted the contents, which contained details of applications that had already been considered.

I) Applications Which Were Granted by the Committee and the Files are now Closed

- i) **Donald Munro Ltd – New Development, off Crookston Road, Glasgow G53 (PPC/INCL11/99)**
- ii) **Buchanan & Campbell (Chemists) Ltd – Unit 5, West End Retail Park, Crow Road, Glasgow G11 (PPC/INCL05/2000)**

II) Applications Which Were Refused by the Committee and the Files are now Closed

- i) **New Kirk Pharmacy Ltd – 1 Kirklee Road, Glasgow G12 (PPC/INCL06/2000)**
- ii) **Ms T K Sandhu T/A Synerzi Ltd, Unit 12, 42-44 New City Road, Glasgow G4 (PPC/INCL08/2000)**
- iii) **Mr Neeraj Salwan – 156 Dorchester Avenue, Glasgow G12 (PPC/INCL09/2000)**
- iv) **Mrs C F Anderson T/A L B Dunn Chemists, 590/592 Eglinton Street, Glasgow G5 (PPC/INCL10/2000)**

The files concerning these applications have therefore now closed.

NOTED/-

11. MODEL HOURS OF SERVICE – DISCUSSION PAPER

The Committee concluded that in order for the Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical General Practitioner Sub-committee to be given the opportunity to comment on the above subject, the item should be deferred until the next meeting. At that time the Director of Pharmacy would give a verbal report on the Model Hours of Service Scheme, and full consideration of the subject could be undertaken.

NOTED/-

12. NEXT MEETING

PHARMACY PRACTICE COMMITTEE: 15 February 2001

Action

The next Meeting was noted as 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 19 April 2001.

The Meeting ended at 3.00pm