



**GREATER GLASGOW
PRIMARY CARE
NHSTRUST**

Meeting: Board Meeting (09)
Date: Thursday, 5th October 2000
Paper No: 2000/148
**Subject: PHARMACY PRACTICE
COMMITTEE**
**Presented by: Chairman of Committee –
Mrs Marian Jacobs**

PPC[M]2000/04

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pharmacy Practice Committee held in Conf Rooms 1 & 2, Dalian House,
350 St Vincent Street, Glasgow on Thursday 21 September, 2000 at 1.30pm

PRESENT:

Mrs Marian Jacobs
Mrs Patricia Cox
Mrs Susan Robertson
Alan Fraser
Dr James Johnson
Mrs Carol Anderson
Colin Fergusson

Chairman
Lay Member
Lay Member
Lay Member
Non Contractor Pharmacist Member
Contractor Pharmacist Member
Deputy Contractor Pharmacist Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Norman McGregor Edwards
David Thomson
Mrs Janine Glen

General Manager (North) – Primary Care
Director of Pharmacy
Family Health Services Officer (Pharmaceutical/Ophthalmic)

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Before the consideration of business, the Chairman invited members to declare any personal interest that they had in any application being considered.

No declaration of interest was made.

2. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Mrs Robertson and Mr Fraser to their first meeting as Lay Members.

3. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

Action

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Pharmacy Practices Committee meeting held on 15th June 2000 [PPC(M)2000/03] were approved as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Training for Pharmacy Practice Committee Members

The Committee were informed that the training package being developed by the Scottish Executive for members and administrators was now ready. It was anticipated that members would be contacted with details of the training within the next few weeks.

NOTED

6. APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE HEALTH BOARD'S PHARMACEUTICAL LIST

Case No: PPC/INCL07/00 – Mr Neeraj Salwan, 165 Milngavie Road, Glasgow G61.2

The Committee were asked to consider an application submitted by Mr Neeraj Salwan to provide general pharmaceutical services from premises situated at 165 Milngavie Road, Glasgow G61, 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 Salwan, 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 G61.2, and G61.3;
- g) patterns of public transport;
- h) Primary Care Trust plans for the future development of services; and
- i) information regarding future developments in the area from the Department of Development & Environment (Roads) & (Planning), East Dunbartonshire 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 165 Milngavie Road, Glasgow G61.2. The premises were already constructed although not functioning as a pharmacy. The applicant had demonstrated that he was actively pursuing the lease of the premises.

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).

In terms of neighbourhood, the Committee concluded that if the application were granted, the premises would serve the area generally known as Bearsden. The Committee agreed this area to be that bounded to the north by Stockiemuir Road and Drymen Road, to the east by Bearsden Golf Club, to the south by Canniesburn Road, and to the west by Douglas Park Golf Course.

In terms of adequacy the Committee noted that currently there were 3 existing pharmacies in the neighbourhood of the applicant's proposed premises. The Committee did not believe the granting of the application to be necessary, as the number of pharmacies in the area was sufficient to meet the current demands for pharmaceutical services.

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.

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.

In accordance with the statutory procedure, the chemist contractor members of the Committee, Mrs C Anderson and Mr C Fergusson were excluded from the decision process of the meeting prior to a decision on the application being made.

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 165 Milngavie Road, Glasgow G61.2 for the provision of general pharmaceutical services be refused.

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Mrs Anderson and Mr Fergusson rejoined the meeting process at this stage

7. MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE CHAIRMAN SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- i) **Case No: PPC/CO5/2000 – M & D Dispensing Chemists, T/A Melville Chemists, 38 Fernhill Road, Glasgow G73.4**

The Primary Care Trust received an application from M & D Dispensing Chemists seeking inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List at a pharmacy previously listed as Activeissue Ltd, T/A Melville Chemists, 38 Fernhill Road, Glasgow G73, with effect from 1 August 2000.

The Committee is advised that the level of service was not reduced by the new contractor and that the new contractor was suitably registered with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

ii) **Case No: PPC/CO6/2000 – A G Bannerman Ltd, T/A Bannerman's Pharmacy
171-173 Saracen Street, Glasgow G22.5**

The Primary Care Trust received an application from A G Bannerman Ltd seeking inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List at a pharmacy previously listed as Possil Pharmacy, 171-173 Saracen Street, Glasgow G22, with effect from 1 August 2000.

The Committee is advised that the level of service was not reduced by the new contractor and that the new contractor was suitably registered with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

DECIDED/-

That the Chairman's action in agreeing the above applications be homologated.

8. PROGRESS REPORT

Paper Number 2000/15 updating the Committee on applications previously considered was submitted.

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

i) Clinovia Ltd – 7 Arthur Street, Glasgow G76 (PPC/INCL01/00)

The above application seeking inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List was considered by the Committee in January 2000. The application was granted.

An appeal was lodged against the Committee's decision and the National Appeals Panel, upheld the appeals (full details of the NAP's decision are given in Paper No 2000/20).

The file concerning this application has therefore now been closed.

ii) Donald Munro Ltd – 245A Alderman Road, Glasgow G13 (PPC/SUS01/99)

The above application seeking to temporarily suspend an NHS dispensing contract was considered by the Committee in November 1999. The application was granted.

Donald Munro Ltd re-commenced the provision of services at their newly rebuilt premises at 263 Alderman Road, Glasgow G13 on 26 June 2000.

The file concerning this application has therefore now been closed.

NOTED

9. NATIONAL APPEALS PANEL

The Committee having previously been circulated with Paper 2000/20 discussed the contents which gave details of the National Appeal Panel's determination of appeals lodged against the Committee's decision to grant Clinovia Ltd's application for inclusion in the Trust's Pharmaceutical List, along with details of appeals lodged in three other cases considered by the Committee.

The committee were advised that Clinovia Ltd had written to the Scottish Executive in light of the National appeal Panel's decision to uphold the appeals.

In discussing the National Appeal Panel's decision in Clinovia's case, the Committee noted that the appeals had been upheld on the grounds that the neighbourhood served by Clinovia Ltd, defined by the Panel as being Clarkston, was adequately served by the existing pharmaceutical network.

The Committee discussed the implications of the Appeal Panel's decision, both in terms of the Committee's own decision making process in relation to pharmacy applications, and in relation to the development of pharmacy in general.

It was recognised that the current pharmacy regulations had been in existence (with little amendment) for some 14 years. The Committee learned that initiatives currently being developed in primary care in general, and pharmacy in particular, were linked to the creation of partnerships, and joined-up working arrangements in a multi-disciplinary environment. The development of such practices would, it was anticipated, enhance patient care, which would be delivered in a more effective and needs led environment. The Committee's concern was that the current regulations did not appear to benefit such developments, and could in fact serve to hinder the establishment of innovative working practices between the pharmacy profession and others.

The Committee concluded that, both in terms of fulfilling their own role in relation to the regulations, and to address the implications for pharmacy development on a wider scale, that an approach should be made to the Scottish Executive with a view to seeking a review of the Regulations.

It was recognised that for such an approach to be successful, the backing of the pharmacy profession would be crucial. The Scottish Pharmaceutical General Council was seen as being a key element in securing this backing.

DECIDED/-

- i) That an approach be made to the Scottish Pharmaceutical General Council to elicit support in the approach to the Scottish Executive.
- ii) That subsequently a letter be sent to the Scottish Executive, highlighting the Committee's concerns and requesting a review of the Pharmacy Regulations in the light of current developments.

**Family Health
Services Officer**

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting was noted as 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 19th October 2000.

The Meeting ended at 2.45pm