

Minutes of the meeting of the Pharmacy Practices Committee (PPC) held on Tuesday 20th of August 2024 at 0900 hrs via MS Teams

The composition of the PPC at this Hearing was.

Chair: Mr Martin Connor

Present: **Lay Members Appointed by NHS Lothian**
Mr Mike Ash
Mr John Niven

Pharmacist Members Nominated by the Area Pharmaceutical Committee

Mr Vinny Bilon, included in Pharmaceutical list

Mr John Connelly, included in Pharmaceutical list

Ms Hazel Garven, not included in Pharmaceutical list

1. NAP Chairman's Appeal decision on application by Mr Mohammed Yaseen Yousef

1.2 The NAP Chairman ruled in the applicant's favour in terms of Grounds of Appeal 1 in relation to the fact that the Appeal Hearing on the 6th of May 2024 had not been quorate due to no pharmacist members being present. He therefore remitted it back for a quorate panel to reconsider the original valid appeal grounds of the consideration of the NHS Lothian Pharmaceutical Care Services Plan.

2. Meeting of PPC

2.1 The Chair established that the hearing was quorate and asked the panel to reconsider the issue of the Area Pharmaceutical Plan. The panel members all stated that they always referenced the plan in their pre-hearing considerations as this was part of their normal routine in preparing for a hearing. The minutes from the original hearing illustrate that many aspects of the NHS Lothian Pharmaceutical Care Services Plan were considered.

2.2 A discussion then took place on the plan in relation to the applicant's proposed neighbourhood. The panel noted that the applicant made some good points about "20-minute neighbourhoods" but overall, the panel felt that the plan did not point to any issues of inadequacy in the proposed neighbourhood. There was a discussion around the services available in the area and general agreement that these met the requirements of the plan.

2.3 Having concluded the deliberations the three professional pharmacists were thanked for their contribution and asked to leave the meeting. The Lay Panel then went on to confirm their decision.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The committee concluded that after reconsideration of the NHS Lothian Pharmaceutical Care Services Plan there was no evidence provided to demonstrate any inadequacy of the existing pharmaceutical services to the defined Neighbourhood.**
- 3.2 Accordingly, the decision of the committee was unanimous that the original decision to reject the application was correct.**

Signed by Martin Connor, PPC Chair

Date 20 August 2024