

North Coast Area Committee
18 June 2015

Largs, 18 June 2015 - At a Special Meeting of North Coast Area Committee at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Alex Gallagher, Alan Hill, Grace McLean and Tom Marshall.

In Attendance

D. Rowland, Head of Service (Health and Community Care (North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership); M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and M. Anderson, Acting Committee Services Manager (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

A. Shaw, Primary Care Manager - Pharmacy and Optometry (Primary Care Management Team) (East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership) and A. Thomas, Lead Pharmacist - Community and Public Health (NHS Ayrshire and Arran).

Chair

Councillor Gallagher in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

2. Presentation on Consultation: Proposed New Pharmacy for Cumbrae

The Committee received a presentation from Anne Shaw, Primary Care Manager - Pharmacy and Optometry (Primary Care Management Team) (East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership) on the background to the consultation process for proposed new pharmacies. The presentation highlighted the following matters:-

- the 'Control of Entry' process, which controls entry onto the pharmacy list;
- the NHS Pharmaceutical Services (Scotland) Regulations 2009, as amended, which determine how applications to provide NHS pharmacy services are considered and which include the requirement for public consultation;
- the factors taken into account in applying the controlled locality and prejudice tests;
- the various elements of the application process, including the stages of public consultation associated with applications;

- the purpose and conduct of the Pharmacy Practice Committee Hearing, which considers applications;
- the appeal process for refused applications; and
- current applications, including a proposed new pharmacy in Millport, Cumbrae.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- whether the existing pharmacy on Cumbrae is an NHS service;
- whether the issue of financial viability is taken into account in the application process;
- the rationale for the current regulations over allowing market forces to determine the number of pharmacies in an area;
- the elements which make up the cost of the consultation process, which is split 50-50 between the Health Board and the applicant;
- how the Pharmacy Practice Committee determines whether an existing service is adequate;
- the level of pharmacy provision on Cumbrae as measured against its population size;
- the current stage of the Cumbrae pharmacy proposals;
- whether the community representative referred to in the hearing process is in every case a community councillor and how the matter of community representation is determined;
- whether all applications are processed, notwithstanding that they might be deemed frivolous; and
- if consultation responses would be accepted from permanent residents of Cumbrae only, or if second home owners are also eligible to respond.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Acting Committee Services Manager arrange to circulate to its Members a copy of (i) the presentation slides, (ii) the consultation document for the proposed new Cumbrae pharmacy; and a summary of the process for considering pharmacy applications; and (b) otherwise, to note the information provided.

The Meeting ended at 3.05 p.m.