

## Record of Delegated Non Executive Decisions by Officers

### 1. Subject of decision

#### Delegation Reference (Refer to Meeting Minute Number or Officer Delegation Scheme):

Minute HW10/06/17 of the Health & Wellbeing Board held on 15 June 2017 states “the proposed process for dealing with applications for the merger of two pharmacies be approved, including the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, being authorised to decide on whether to make representations to NHS England;”

This decision has been delegated to one or more officer(s) under:

- (a) A specific express authorisation (provide the date, report and decision of Council, Committee or Sub-Committee etc which delegated this to the specific officer(s))
- (b) a general authorisation to take such decisions **and**, the effect of the decision is to:
- (i) grant a permission or licence;
  - (ii) affect the rights of an individual; or
  - (iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Authority’s financial position.

[Insert a cross in the appropriate box(es)]

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Wendy Burke, Director of Public Health

### 3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

#### 4. Executive Summary (To be taken from written report)

The Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board has been notified by NHS England of an application to merge two pharmacies. It is proposed that the pharmacy operated by Boots UK Ltd at 95-97 Park View, Whitley Bay be consolidated onto the site of the pharmacy at Unit 15 Park View Shopping Centre, Whitley Bay, also operated by Boots UK Ltd. A copy of the application is attached.

The Health & Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to make a statement or representation within 45 days stating whether the merger would or would not create a gap in service provision. NHS England will then convene a panel to consider the application and any representations made.

The Board has previously authorised the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair of the Board to decide whether to make a representation. It was also agreed that all members of the Board would be consulted on any applications prior to any decision. I have advised the Board members that this merger is not likely to have any impact on meeting the needs of the population.

I have consulted members and received the following comments:

I have no objection to this merger – Councillor Muriel Green

Living in W Bay i would agree that it would make no impact. There are two further Boots pharmacies still serving W Bay should this merge happen – Dean Titterton, YMCA

No issues from us as it doesn't create a gap in pharmacy services – Dawn McNally, Age UK North Tyneside

No issues from Healthwatch assuming they will talk to their regular users about this move. There is an independent pharmacy across the road too. Paul Jones , Healthwatch

I have no problem with this merger it still leaves at least four other Boots in Whitley Bay – Councillor Margaret Hall

## 5. Alternative options considered

The options available were either to:

- a) make no representation to NHS England on the basis that the merger would not create a gap in pharmacy services; or
- b) make a representation to NHS England on the basis that merger will create gap in pharmacy services.

## 6. Decision(s)

I have decided not to make a representation to NHS England.

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The proposed consolidation of the pharmacy operated by Boots UK Ltd at 95-97 Park View, Whitley Bay with the site of the pharmacy at Unit 15 Park View Shopping Centre, Whitley Bay, also operated by Boots UK Ltd merger would not create a gap in pharmacy services, it is not likely to have any impact on meeting the needs of the population. This view is shared by those members of the Board who have responded to my consultation on the matter.

## 8. Date Decision Made

24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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## 9. Date Of Publication

25 April 2019