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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Consolidation onto the site at 93-99 Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY1 6JN, of Whitworth Chemists Ltd already at that site and Whitworth Chemists Ltd currently at 80 Charles Street, Blackpool, FY1 3JS.**

Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB has considered the above application and I am writing to confirm that it has been granted. Please see the enclosed report for the full reasoning.

Yours sincerely

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Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB - Pharmaceutical Services Group  
Wednesday 20 December 2023

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7	<p><u>CAS-253523-W4Q4P6 – Whitworth Chemists Ltd Consolidation – 93-99 Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, FY1 6JN (Site 1 – FKG13) and 80 Charles Street, Blackpool, FY1 3JS (Site 2 – FAQ62)</u></p> <p>An application has been received to consolidate two Pharmacies, owned and run by Whitworth Chemists Ltd, onto one site. It was highlighted that the current sites are located 1.6 miles apart, which equates to around a 7 minutes' drive or 35 minutes' walk. Using the NHS website, there are 15 other pharmacy contractors within 1 mile of the continuing site and 12 within 1 mile of the closing site. There are 6 GP Practices within 1 mile of the remaining site.</p> <p><i>The panel discussion report included within the meeting papers, was discussed, regarding the requirements of Regulation 26A.</i></p> <p>The Committee agreed it was satisfied with the information presented and agreed that the application be <b>GRANTED</b>.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation 26A(1)</u></b> Regulation met as applicant is included on pharmaceutical list of relevant HWB</p> <p><b><u>Regulation 26A(2)</u></b> Does not apply as Whitworth Chemists Ltd owns both premises.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation 26A(3)(a) and (b)</u></b> This part of the regulation is met due to P1 making the application.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation 26A(4)(a) and (b)</u></b> Not relevant – same contractor.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation 26A(5)(a)</u></b> The Committee considered the comments from interested parties and noted that there were no objections raised.</p> <p>Under Regulation 26A(5)(a), the Committee agreed with the HWB representation that the consolidation would not create a gap in pharmaceutical services that could be met by a routine application (a) to meet a current or future need for pharmaceutical services, or (b) to secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services.</p>	

Regulation 26A(5)(b)

Recommendation not to refuse as S1 and S2 are not distance-selling premises or appliance contractor premises.

Regulation 26A(6)(a)

No basis to refuse as all services will be maintained and provided by Site 1.

Regulation 26A(6)(b)

No basis to refuse as no change of ownership required.

Regulation 26A(6)(c)

P1 has consented to Site 2 ceasing to be listed as chemist premises as a consequence of the application.

Regulation 26A(7)(a-e)

Not applicable as Whitworths Chemists Ltd owns both premises and all services will be maintained and provided by Site 1.

Regulation 26A(8)

Not relevant as only one application being considered.

Appeal Rights

No appeal rights were granted.