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Health and Wellbeing Board,
Torbay Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Request for opinion from Torbay's Health and Wellbeing Board in regards to the closure of Day Lewis Pharmacy 237 Torquay Road, Paignton and the consolidation of services at Day Lewis Pembroke House Surgery, 266-276 Torquay Road, Paignton.

As a consequence of a consolidation application (reference PCC-201718-10), Torbay's Health and Wellbeing Board has been asked to consider whether the above merger would create a gap in pharmaceutical provision.

Background

Day Lewis Pharmacy operate the pharmacies at 237 Torquay Road and at Pembroke House Surgery, 266-276 Torquay Road, Paignton. Day Lewis is applying to NHS England to merge the pharmacies onto one site at Pembroke House Surgery, 266-276 Torquay Road, and so close the pharmacy at 237 Torquay Road.

Considerations

In making this comment, Torbay's Health and Wellbeing Board has considered the following factors:

- Whether opening hours offered at the continuing pharmacy are equivalent
- Whether the services being provided at the continuing pharmacy are equivalent
- Whether specific facilities are being lost
- The estimated drive times and public transport to the continuing pharmacy
- Utilisation of Day Lewis, 237 Torquay Road, Paignton
- The current prevalence of pharmaceutical services in Torbay and particularly in Paignton

Comment

Torbay Health and Wellbeing board is of the opinion that this closure does not create any gap in the provision of pharmaceutical services based on the considerations above. However the Health and Wellbeing Board does not have the expertise to consider the physical capacity of the premises nor technical or professional competence of the staff to meet any increase in demand for services at the continuing pharmacy.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jackie Stockman
Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

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