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Dear Liam

Thank you for reaching out to ask whether it is possible under the current regulations for local GPs to become dispensing practices.

Any GP practice is able to apply under the NHS Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013 (as amended) for premises approval and outline consent to dispense, however having reviewed the location of the GP practices and the community pharmacies in the Portishead area, if an application was made by either practice it would have to be refused without any further consideration as the premises are within 1.6km of a community pharmacy (which is one of the regulatory tests).

If there are specific concerns you or the GP practices wish to raise in connection with the community pharmacies, please direct them to [england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net) so that we can address these with the contractors.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via our Customer Services team.

Yours sincerely



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