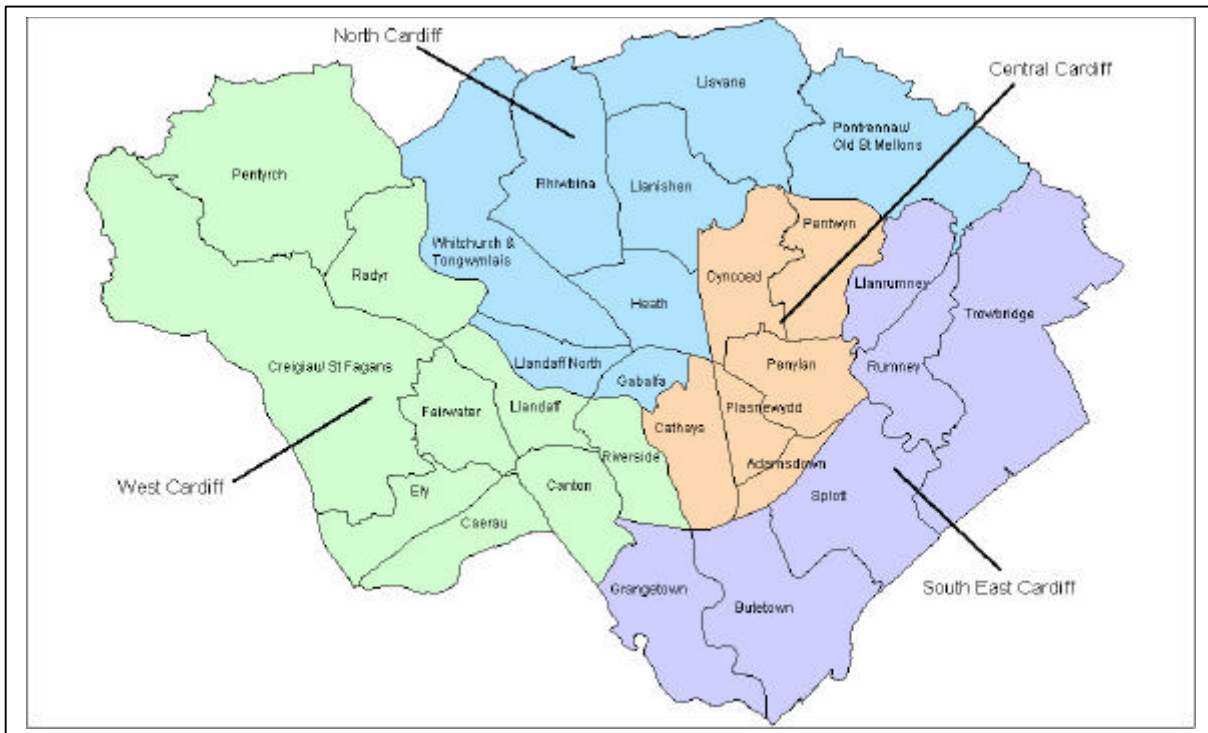


NORTH CARDIFF

Locality Information

Map 1 below shows all the locality boundaries in Cardiff.



Provision of Services

North Cardiff is served by the following Primary Care services:

North	Number
General Medical Practices	11
General Dental Practices	13
Opticians/Optometrists	14
Pharmacists/Community Pharmacists	22

Map of all Primary Care services in North Cardiff



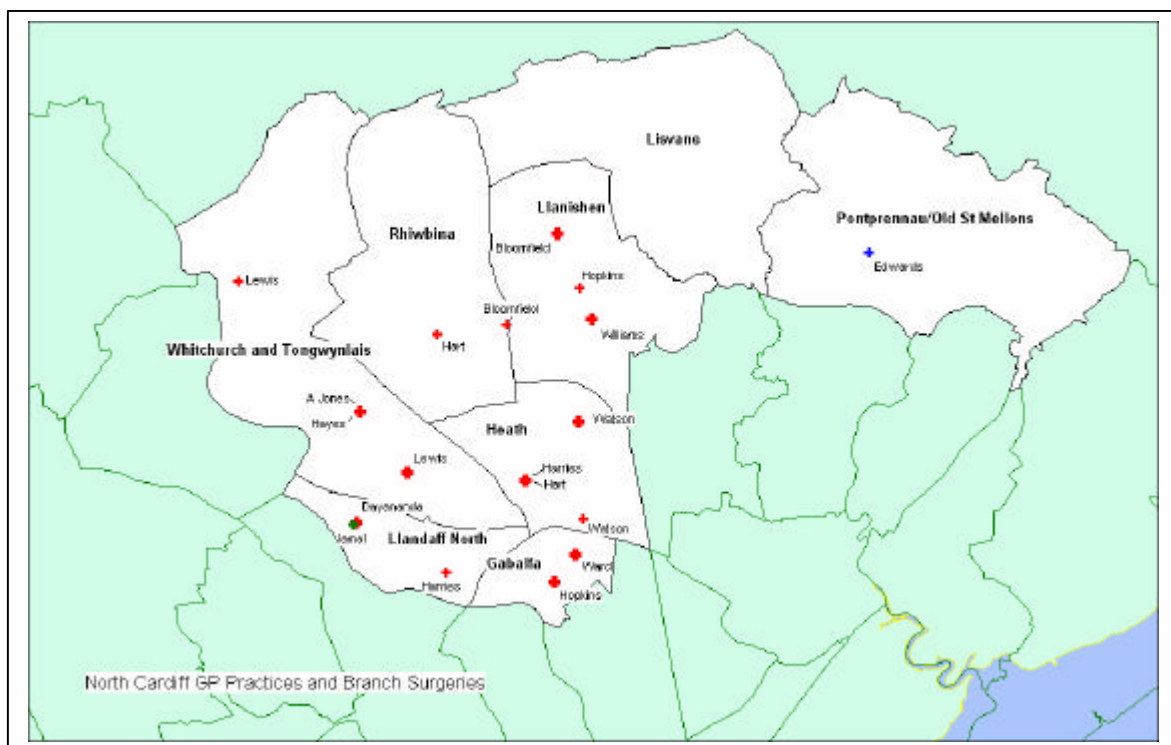
General Medical Services

Infrastructure

Many doctors have more than one surgery for delivering primary care services, some are classified as main surgeries and others are classified as branch surgeries. Main surgeries offer the full range of services provided a practice and are open for the full contracted hours, branch surgeries generally offer a more limited range of services and have limited opening hours. There are 11 General Medical Practices in North Cardiff. There are 11 main surgeries and 8 branch surgeries (the main surgery for two of the branch surgeries are from different locality areas and are highlighted with different colours. One of the branch surgeries is in Tongwynlais). Map North 1 shows the distribution of General Medical premises in North Cardiff. There are no Health Centres in North Cardiff and two practices share the same building.

Map North 1

Distribution of General Practices and branch surgeries in North Cardiff



There are 79,432 patients registered with practices in North Cardiff, the average list size is 1,874 compared to the Cardiff average of 1,797.

ICT

10/11 practices in North Cardiff have signed up to the ICT Foundation Programme. Practices signed up to the Programme are working towards becoming computerised, this involves training staff and installing up to date computer systems.

Estates

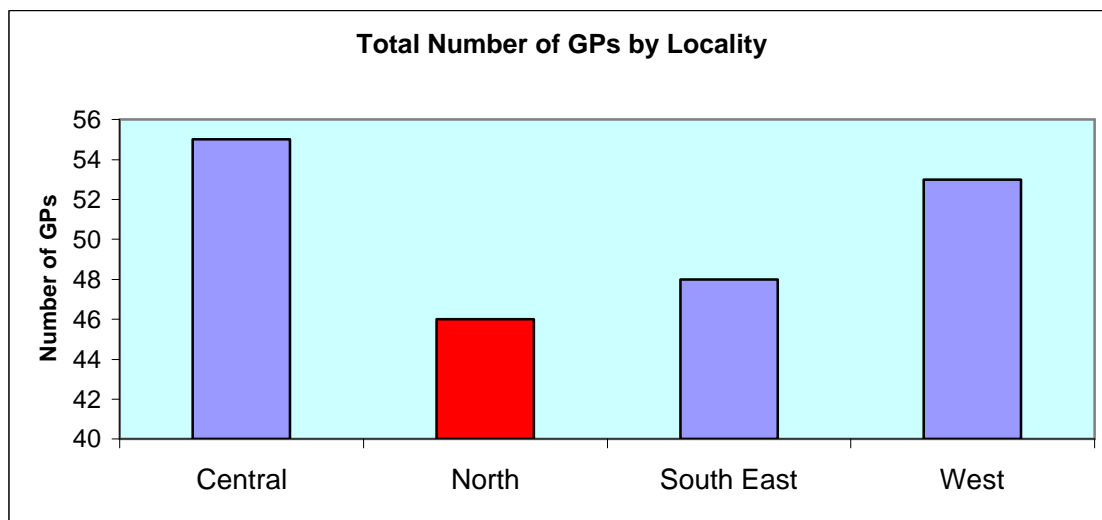
Welsh Health Estates undertook an Estates Audit of all Primary Care premises in June 2002. The results of the Disability Discrimination Act and general condition survey are presented in the table below. Compliance with the requirements of the DDA will cost £153,712, the cost for Cardiff as a whole is £664,323 and therefore North Cardiff will account for 23% of cost. The total cost of meeting DDA requirements in North Cardiff is lower than the other localities. Over all, the condition

of North Cardiff premises is above average, with two premises (built within in last 5 years) being of an excellent quality, only two premises were just acceptable and the majority were Good.

Work Force

There are 202 General Practitioners with a WTE of 180.5 operating in Cardiff, 23% (46) are based in Cardiff North (see graph below). The WTE of GPs practising in North Cardiff is 43.5

GPs by Locality



The doctor to patient ratio in North Cardiff is 1:1773 compared to a Cardiff average of 1:1606, on average there are 0.55 doctors per 1000 of the population.

Female GPs

Female GPs make up 33 % (15) of doctors in North Cardiff compared to the Cardiff average of 40%.

GPs facing retirement age

The average age of GPs is 47 years compared to a Cardiff average of 45 years. 13% (6) of the GPs in the North will be facing retirement age in the next ten years, of these none are single-handed practices.

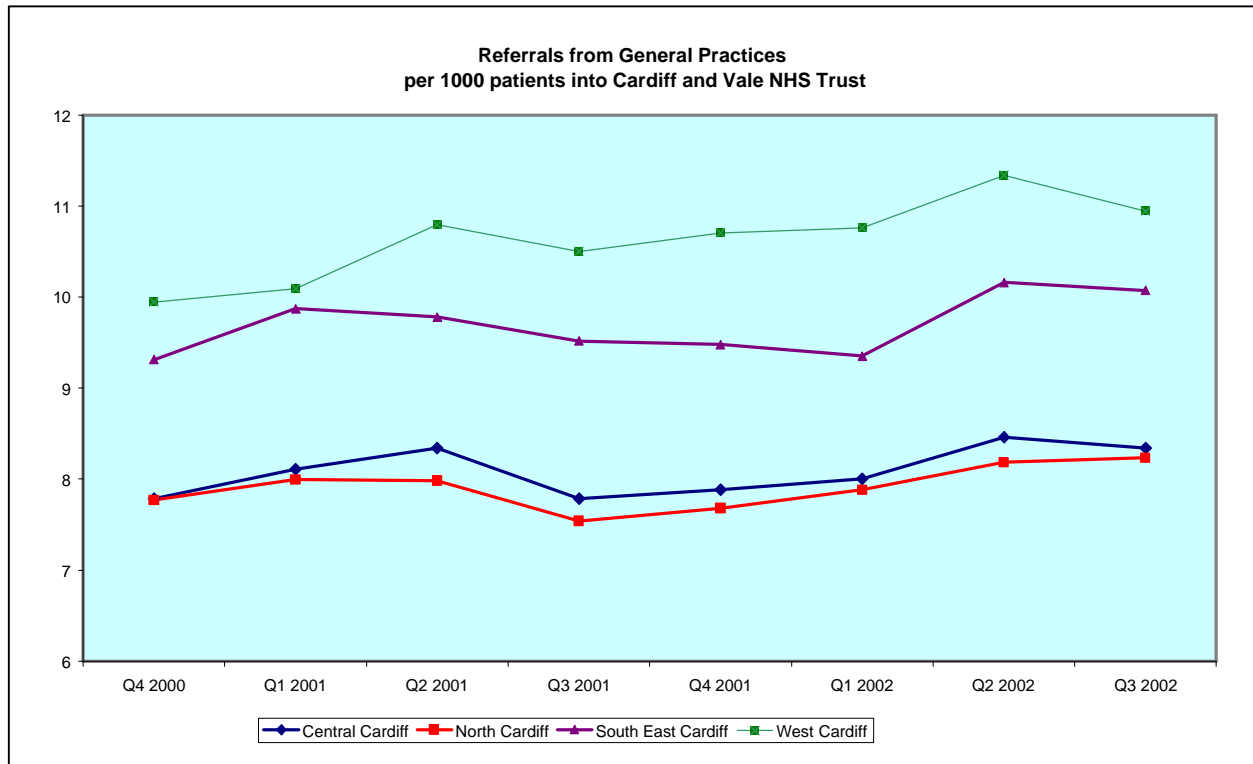
Activity

Prescribing Indicator Score

Prescribing Indicators are measurements that are used to show how prescribing performance for a Local Health Board or practice might compare with other bodies, national averages or themselves over time. Prescribing indicators should not be seen as definitive or be used in isolation but rather as a starting point for reviewing progress. The average prescribing indicator score for North Cardiff (December 2002) is 25 compared to a Cardiff average of 23, and an all Wales score of 11.

Referrals

The referral rates per 1000 population are lower in North Cardiff than the rest of Cardiff and are presented in the graph below.



Out of Hours

There are two main out of hours providers in Cardiff, CADOC and Healthcall. In North Cardiff 73% (8/11) of practices use CADOC.

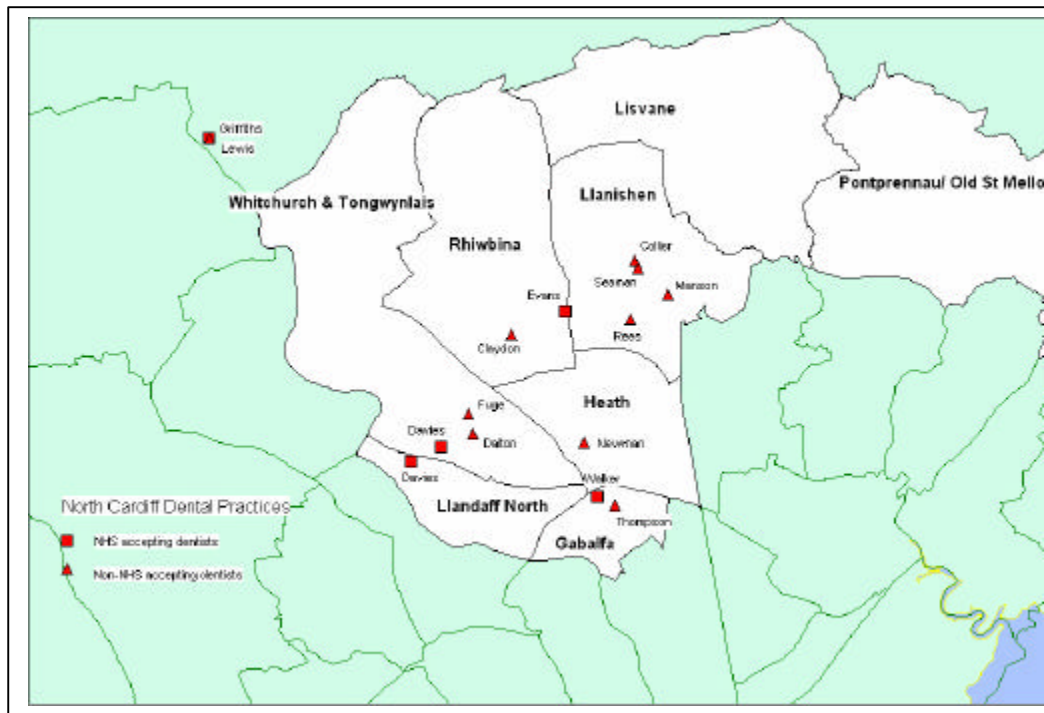
General Dental Services

Service Provision

There are 67 dental practices in Cardiff, of these, 22% (13) are in North Cardiff. Map North 2 shows the distribution of NHS and Non NHS dental practices in North Cardiff. 69% (9) practices do not accept NHS patients, this is compared to 42% of dental practices in the rest of Cardiff.

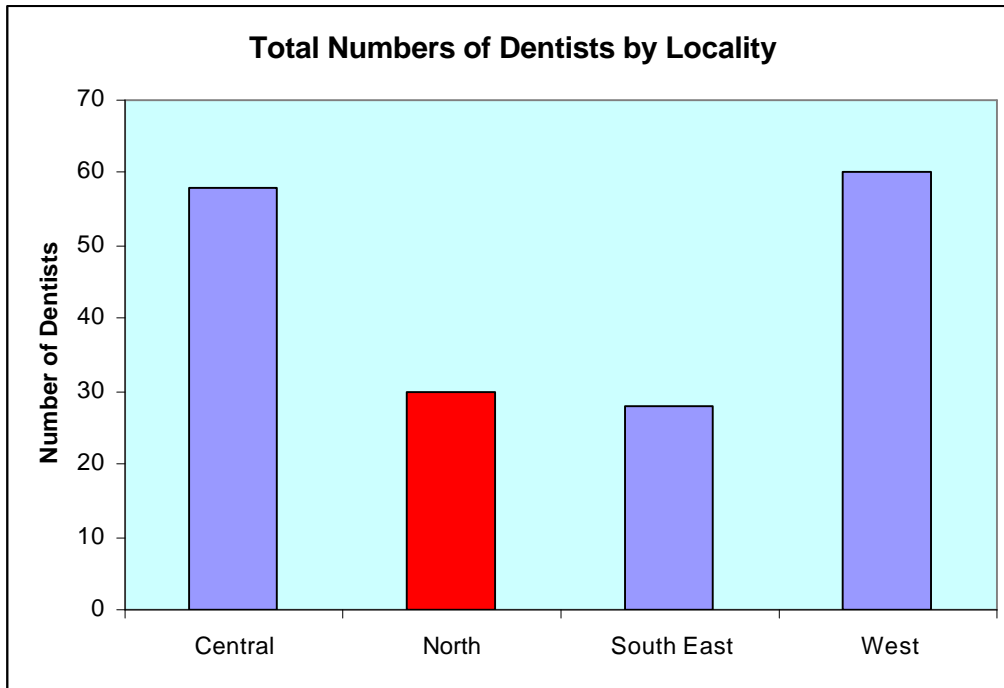
Map North 2.

Distribution of Dental Practices in North Cardiff



There are 23,151 patients registered with dental practices in North Cardiff, this accounts for 14% of the total registered population in Cardiff, in contrast 40% of the population are registered in Central Cardiff. Research undertaken in 1999 indicated that approximately 53% of people in the former Bro Taf Health Authority attend a dentist in the same postal district in which they reside (Bro Taf Health Authority, August 1999). The average list size/patients per dental practice is 1,781 compared to the Cardiff average of 2,435.

There are 176 dentists operating in Cardiff, 17% (30) are based in Cardiff North (see graph below).



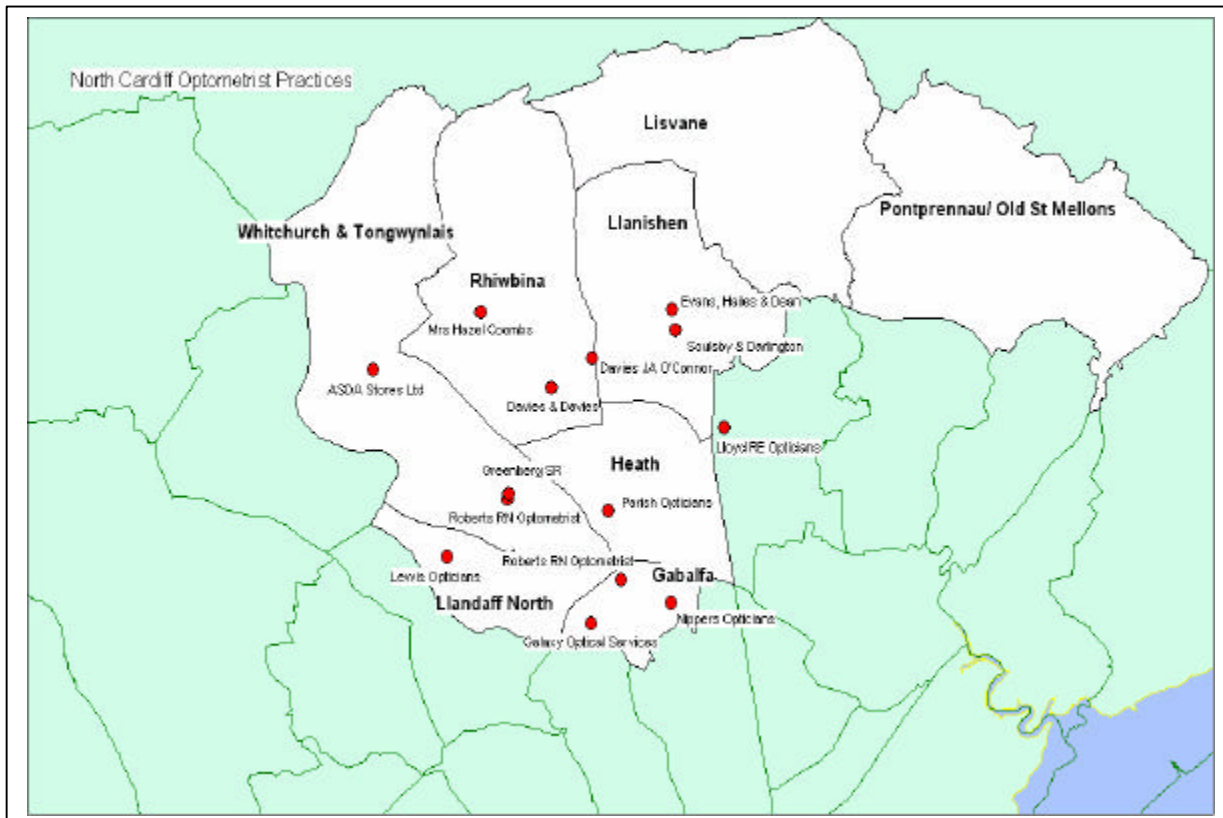
On average there are 2.3 Dentists per dental practice in North Cardiff, compared to the Cardiff average of 2.8.

There are 5 training practices in Cardiff, none of which are in North Cardiff.

Opticians

There are 46 optometrist practices in Cardiff, 30% (14) are in North Cardiff. Map North 3 shows the distribution of Optometrists in North Cardiff.

Map North 3



55 Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians based in the 14 Optical practices in North Cardiff.

The PEARS referral scheme was piloted in North Cardiff then rolled out to rest of Cardiff. Of the 14 practices in North Cardiff 10 of the practices are accredited for the PEARS referral scheme. patients with eye problems present at their GP first, however most GP surgeries are not equipped to undertake detailed eye examinations, however the majority of optometrists have a range of equipment to facilitate detailed examination of the eye as well as the specialist skills and knowledge. The PEARS scheme allows GPs to refer patients directly to optometrists where optometrists then take over their care.

There are three singled handed Optometrists based in North Cardiff

Optician	Number of staff
DAVIES & DAVIES	1
LEWIS OPTICIANS	1
MRS HAZEL COOMBS	1
GALAXY OPTICAL SERVICES LTD	2
EVANS, HAILES & DEAN	3
LLOYD R E OPTOMETRISTS	3
DAVIES J A & DAVIES M	4

DAVIES J A O'CONNOR	4
PARISH OPTICIANS	6
ASDA STORE LTD T/A ASDA OPTICIANS	7
GREENBERG S R	7
ROBERTS R N OPTOMETRIST	7
VISION EXPRESS UK LTD	9
Total	55

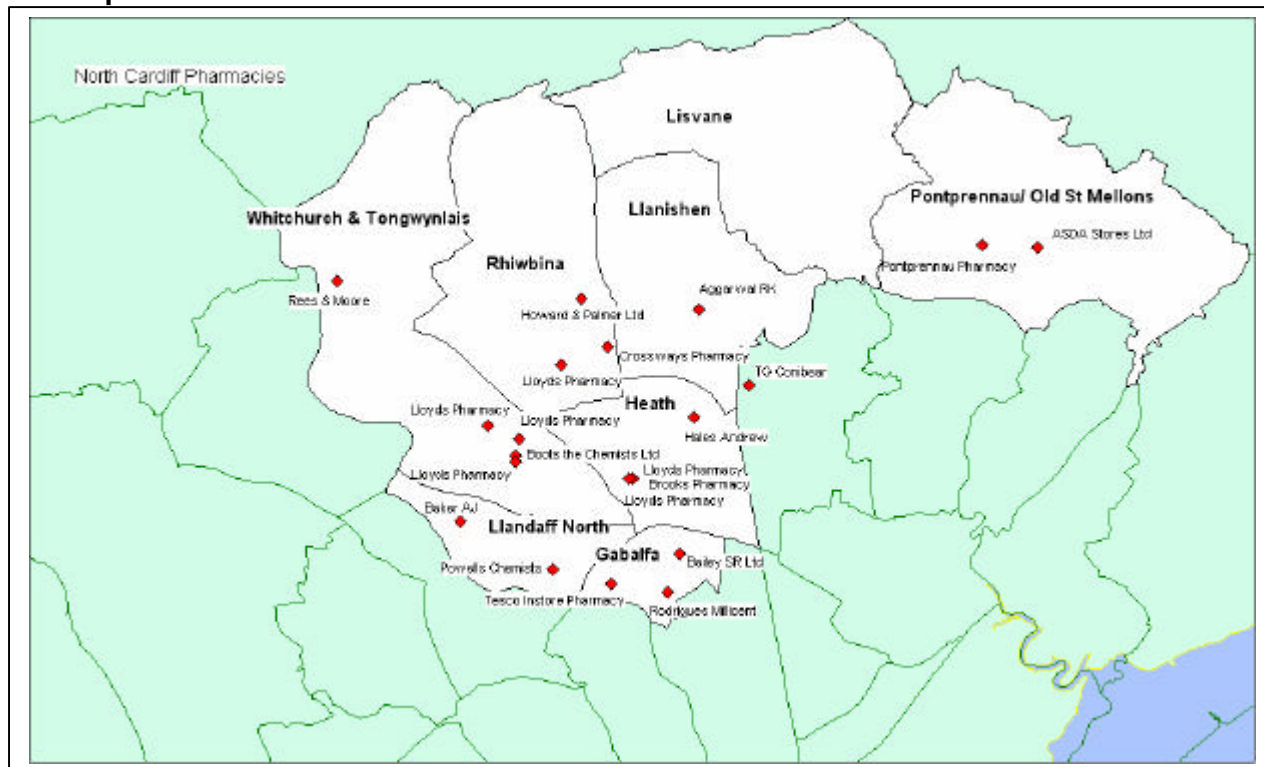
Patients do not register with optometry practices and therefore there are no list sizes. Of the 14 opticians in North Cardiff 71% (10) are certified to refer patients via the PEARS referral scheme.

One of the opticians is based in a Supermarket, all others are smaller locally based opticians. There are three single handed optometry practices in Cardiff.

Pharmacies

There are 21 pharmacies in North Cardiff, accounting for 28% of all pharmacies in Cardiff. The map below outlines the pharmacies in North Cardiff, the pharmacies are far more evenly spread than the other contractors and correspond to local shopping areas including Supermarkets.

Map North 4



All pharmacies in Cardiff maintain computerised patient medication records of the drugs that they regularly dispense to patients. Community pharmacists are involved in dispensing NHS prescriptions as well as additional services which in North Cardiff include:

- Out of hours pharmacy for the whole of Cardiff is provided by the in store pharmacy at Tesco Extra on Western Avenue.
- 1 pharmacy provides needle exchange and syringe exchange schemes
- 4 practices supply methadone on behalf of the LHB (Business Service Centre)
- 8 pharmacies supply Oxygen
- No pharmacists based in North Cardiff provide advice to residential and nursing homes
- 6 participate in the Medicines Administration Project piloted in North Cardiff.