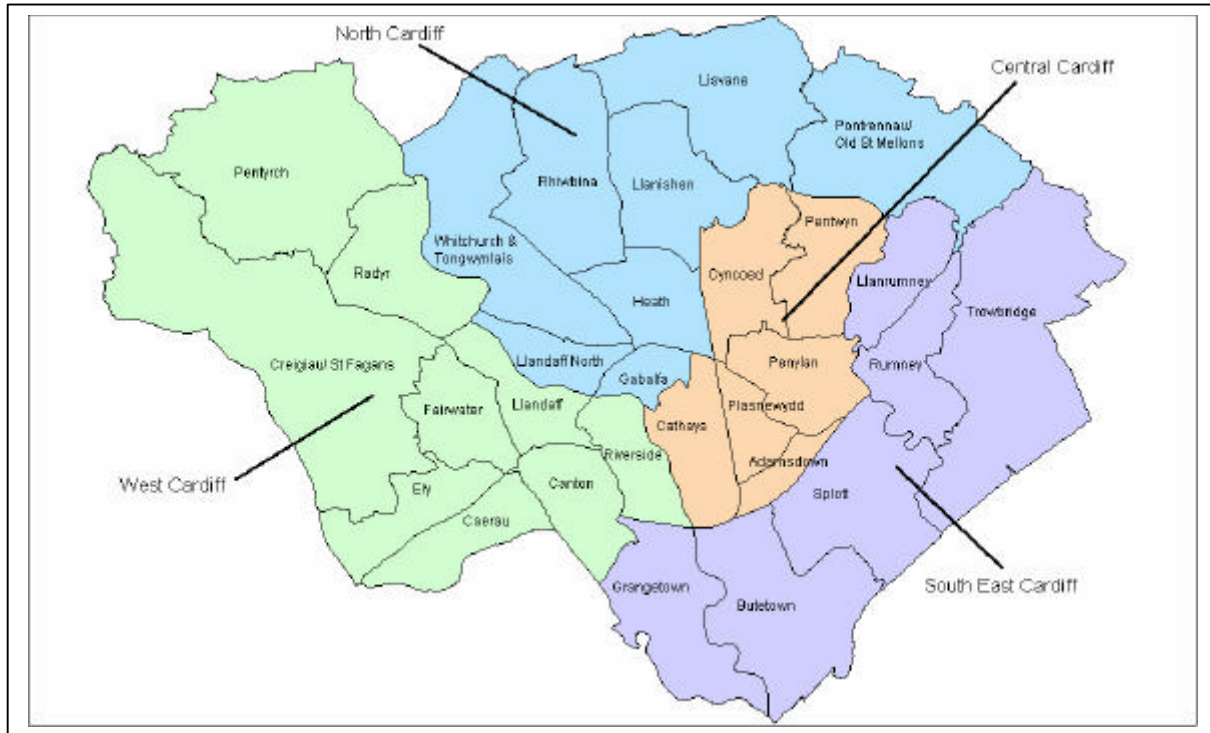


WEST CARDIFF

Locality Information

Map 1 below shows all the locality boundaries in Cardiff.

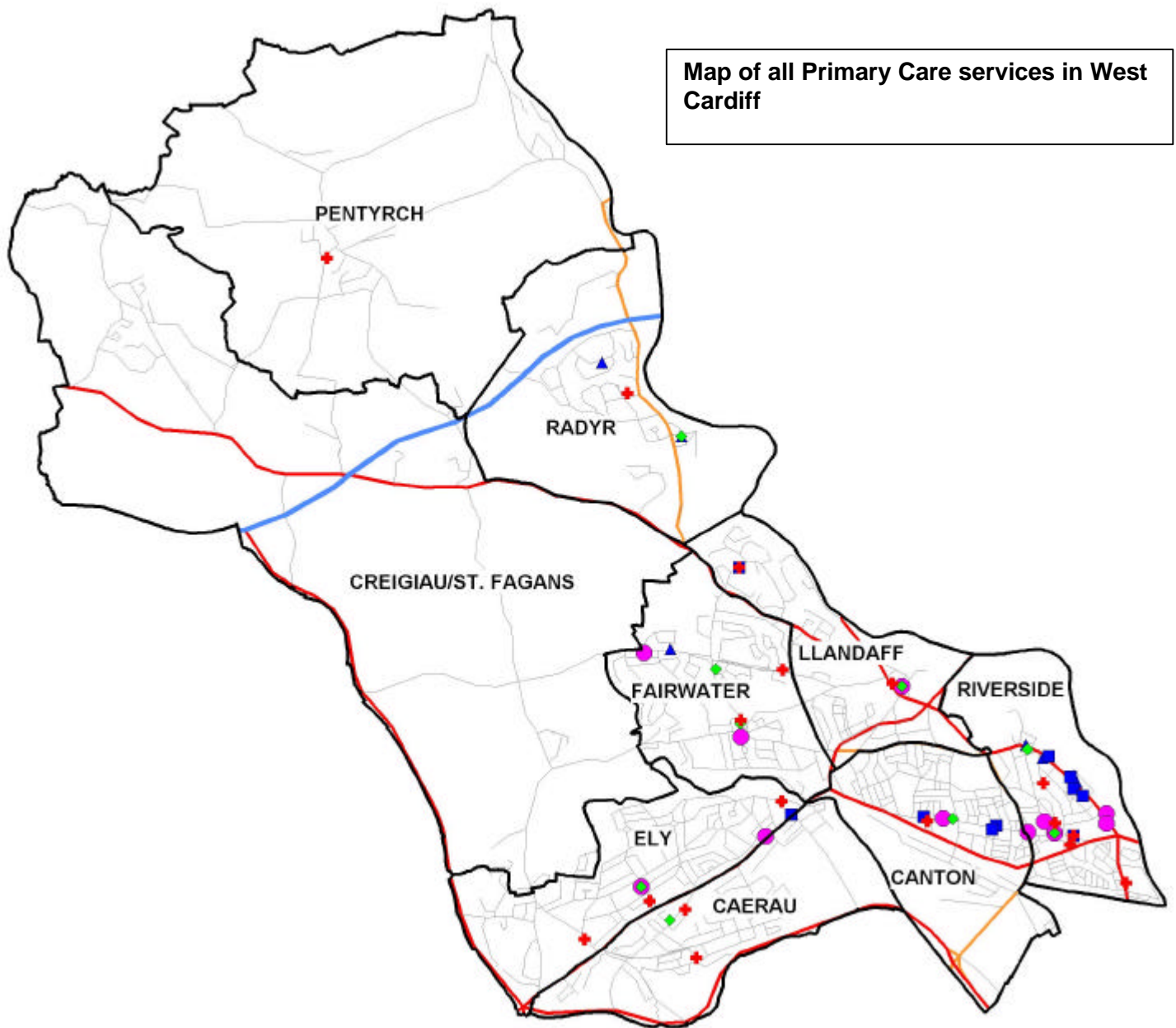


Provision of Services

West Cardiff is served by the following Primary Care services:

West	Number
General Medical Practices	18
General Dental Practices	24
Opticians/Optometrists	3
Pharmacists/Community Pharmacists	15

Map of all Primary Care services in West Cardiff



KEY	Map Symbol
General Medical Practices	⋈
General Dental Practices	4
Opticians/Optometrists	2
Pharmacists/Community Pharmacists	▽

The map above shows the distribution of all primary care services in West Cardiff. There are distinct clusters of dentists along Cathedral Road.

General Medical Services

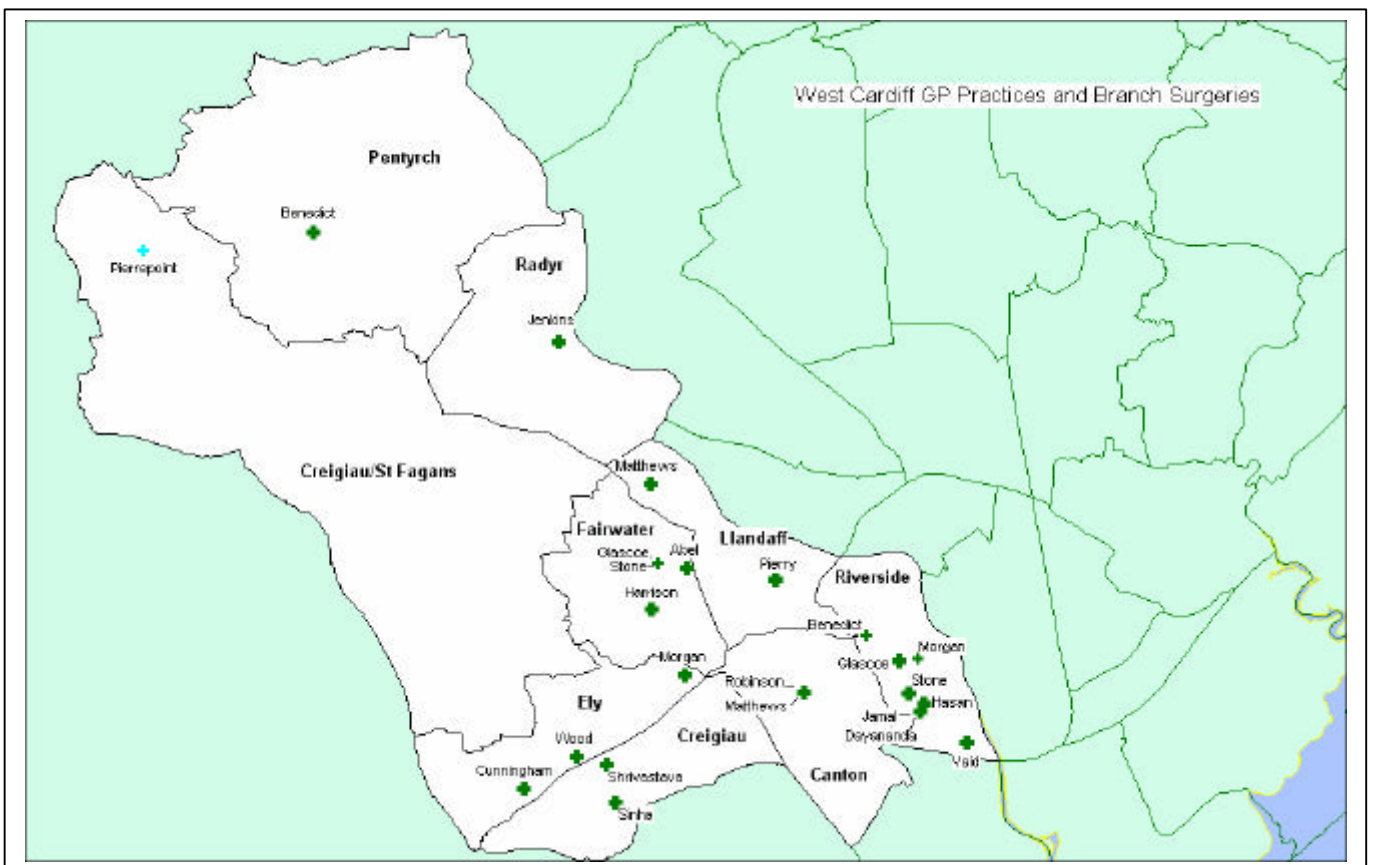
Infrastructure

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 18 General Medical Practices in West Cardiff. There are 15 main surgeries and 14 branch surgeries. Map West 1 shows the distribution of General Medical premises in West Cardiff. There are 5 Health Centres in West Cardiff. Three practices are based in Riverside Health Centre. There is a branch surgery from Dr. Pierreponts practice, which is based in the Vale of Glamorgan LHB area.

Map West 1

Distribution of General Practices and branch surgeries in West Cardiff



There are 88,281 patients registered with practices in West Cardiff, the average list size is 1,919 compared to the Cardiff average of 1,873.

ICT

17/18 practices in West 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.

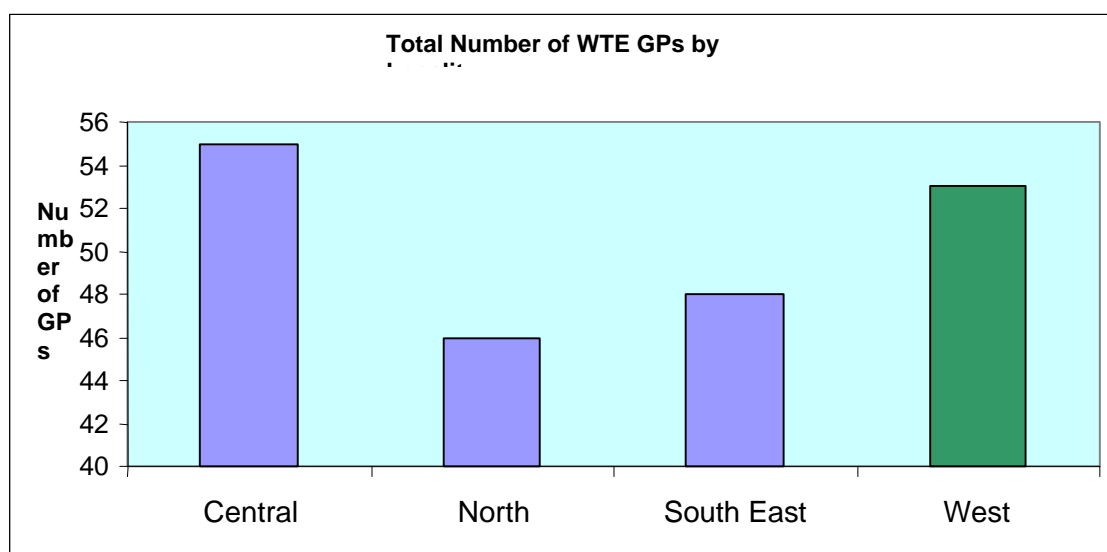
Estates

Welsh Health Estates undertook an Estates Audit of all Primary Care premises in June 2002. Compliance with the requirements of the DDA will cost £335,044, the cost for Cardiff as a whole is £664,323 and therefore West Cardiff will account for 50% of cost. Over all, the condition of West Cardiff premises is below average. No premises were defined as "Excellent" by the Welsh Health Estates surveyors. There are five health centres in West Cardiff.

Work Force

There are 202 General Practitioners with a WTE of 180.5 operating in Cardiff, 26% (53) are based in Cardiff West (see graph below).

GPs by Locality



The doctor to patient ratio in West Cardiff is 1:1942 compared to a Cardiff average of 1:1797.

Female GPs

Female GPs make up 40% (21) of doctors in West Cardiff compared to the Cardiff average of 40%

GPs facing retirement age

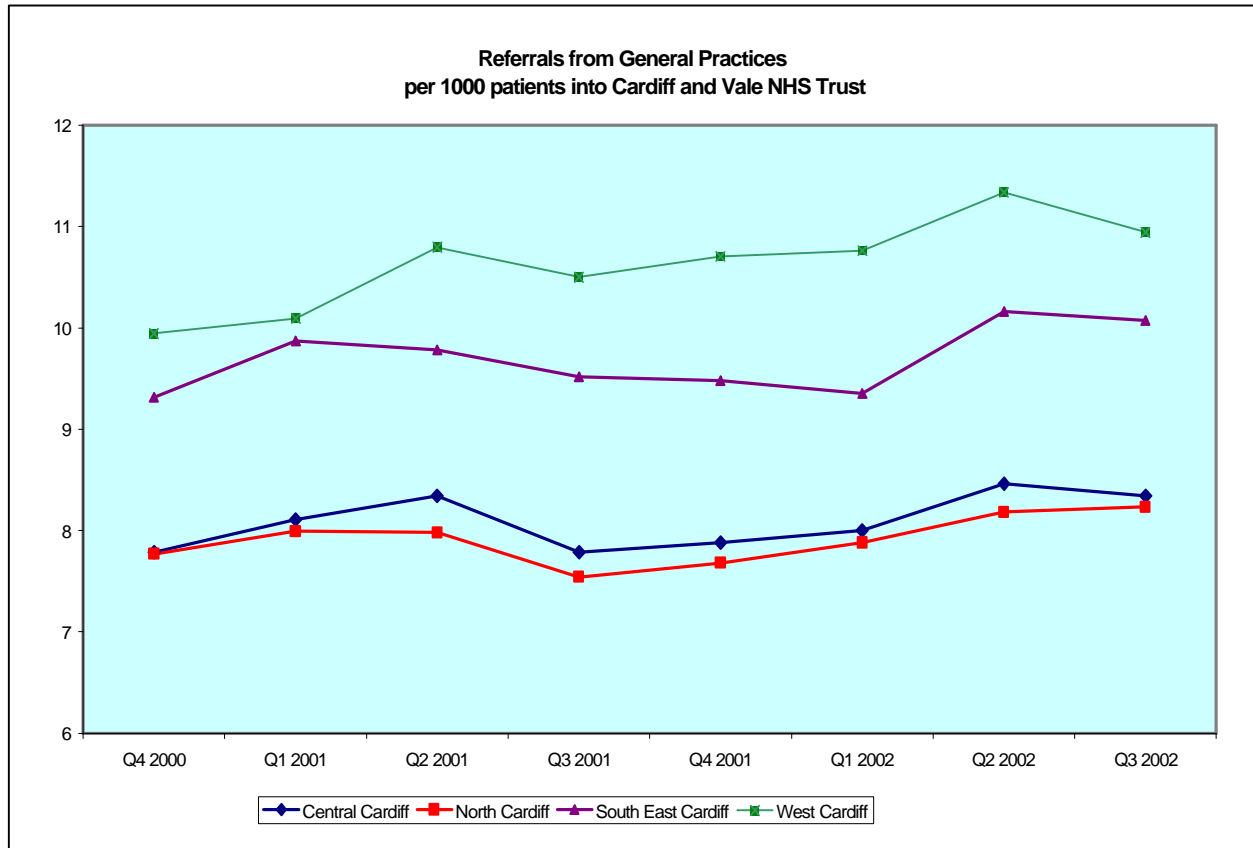
The average age of GPs is 45 years compared to a Cardiff average of 45 years. 21% (11) of the GPs in the West will be facing retirement age in the next ten years, 4 of these are from single-handed practices.

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 West Cardiff (July 2003) is 22 compared to a Cardiff average of 23, and an all Wales score of 11.

Referrals

The referral rates per 1000 population are higher in West 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 West Cardiff 72% (13) use CADOC and 27% (5) use Healthcall.

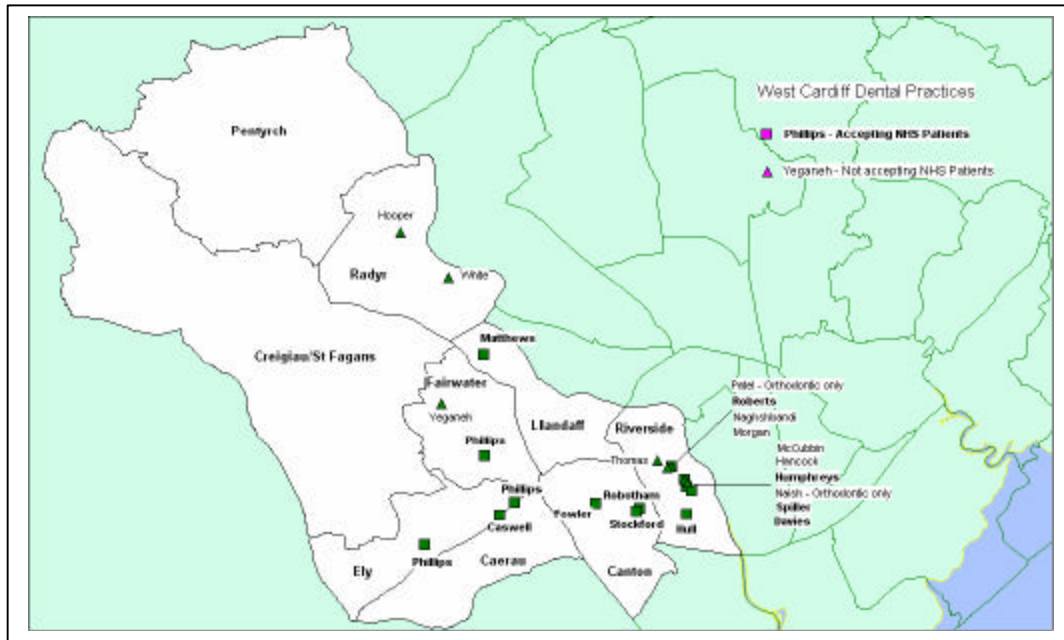
General Dental Services

Service Provision

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

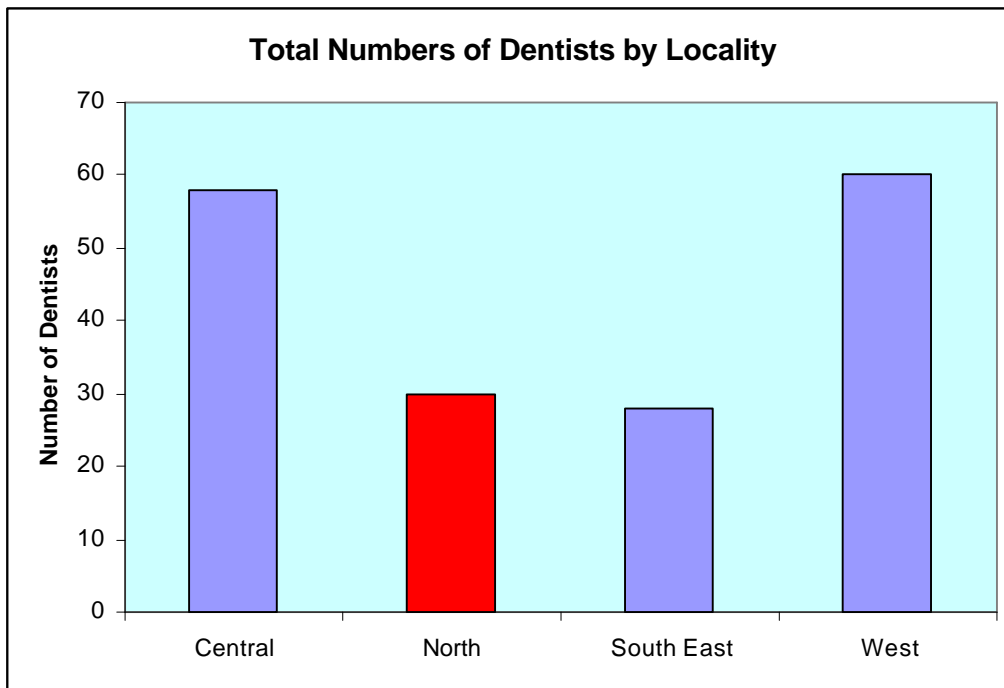
Map West 2.

Distribution of Dental Practices in West Cardiff



There are 23,151 patients registered with dental practices in West Cardiff, this accounts for 14% of the total registered population in Cardiff, in contrast 40% of the population are registered in West Cardiff. Research undertaken in 1999 indicated that approximately 53% of people in the former Bro Taf Health Authority (Bro Taf Health Authority, August 1999) attend a dentist in the same postal district in which they reside. 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 West (see graph below). There is a higher density of dentists in West Cardiff.



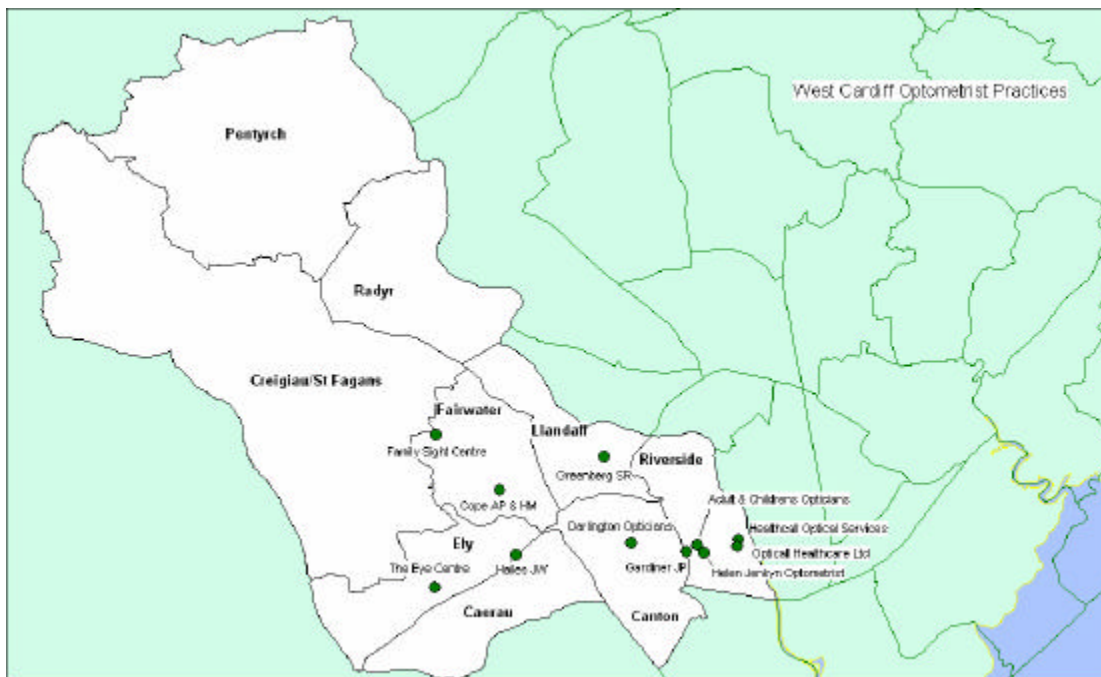
On average there are 2.3 Dentists per dental practice in West Cardiff, compared to the Cardiff average of 2.8.

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

Opticians

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

Map West 3



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

The PEARS (Primary Eyecare Acute Referral Scheme) scheme was piloted in West Cardiff then rolled out to rest of Cardiff. Of the 14 practices in West Cardiff 10 of the practices are accredited for the PEARS referral scheme. The PEARS scheme allows optometrists to work at the higher end of the their skills range. Many 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 West Cardiff

Optician	Staff Number
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

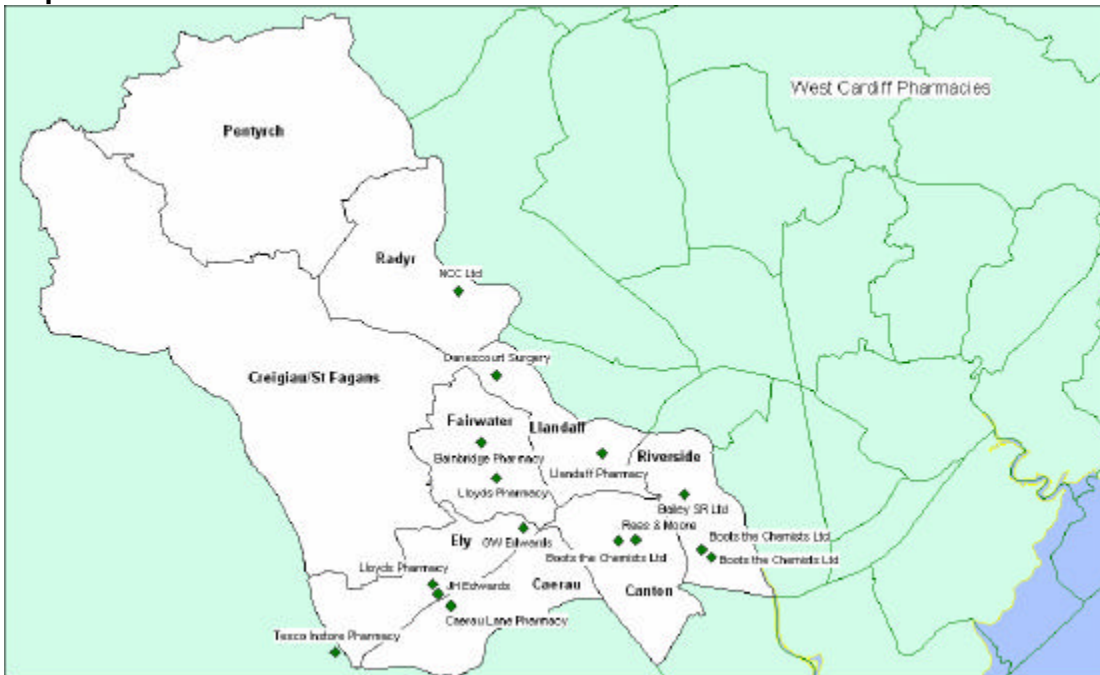
ASDA STORE LTD T/A ASDA OPTICIANS	7
GREENBERG S R	7
ROBERTS R N OPTOMETRIST	7
VISION EXPRESS UK LTD	9
Total	55

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

Pharmacies

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

Map West 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 West 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 West Cardiff provide advice to residential and nursing homes
- 6 participate in the Medicines Administration Project piloted in West Cardiff.