

Arona pharmacies

Nine new chemists for Arona

▲ **By the end of 2008**, a total of nine new chemists or pharmacies will be created within the district of Arona.

This was confirmed recently when the mayor, José Alberto González Reverón and Arona's councillor for health Clara María Pérez met with the Canarian government's minister for health Mercedes Roldós and the director general of pharmacies Vicente Olmo. Both José Alberto and Clara María agreed on the importance of this move which would, "address the problem of the changing needs which have been generated by the increase in Arona's population".

Vicente Olmo explained that, "there is actually a tender under way for transfers (a process through which existing pharmacists can opt to transfer to managing a new pharmacy), and when this is completed we will start a free tender in which any pharmacists can participate". He continued,



"once all the legal processes have been completed, the question of who manages the new pharmacies could be dealt with by the end of 2008. The objective of this department is, during this current term of office, to create 150 new pharmacies in the whole of the Canary Islands, of which nine will be located in Arona". At the

request of the department for health, the Arona council supplied a report to the pharmacies department regarding areas in the district where new facilities are needed, the idea being that the new ones would be distributed in a manner which would be most helpful for the population. In accordance with this report,

they will be located in Cho, Guargacho, Guaza, Parque La Reina, Cabo Blanco, Valle San Lorenzo, Palm Mar, La Florida and Los Cristianos (near to the football ground). During the same meeting, the problem of the closure of the pharmacy in Guaza and the area's consequent lack of coverage were discussed. José Alberto and Clara Pérez

The Arona mayor and health councillor met with the regional minister for health and the pharmacies director general

informed those present that the council are in the process of compiling documentation to be sent to the regional department requesting the urgent reopening of this pharmacy as a temporary measure, until the new one is operational, so that the people of Guaza are not left without a pharmaceutical service.

Southern raids

Hold-ups linked?

▲ **Two recent hold-ups** in south Tenerife may be the work of the same pair of raiders, police believe.

The first robbery in a shop in the Granadilla area was followed several hours later by a similar raid on the Diplo cash and carry on an industrial estate in Adeje.

A man, believed to be foreign, dressed entirely in black entered the premises as the five members of staff were about to close at 8pm. He produced a gun and ordered the manager to open the safe, which contained the afternoon's 12,000 euros in takings. Staff said he ran outside to a waiting car driven by a second man, which sped off immediately.

The town's Civil Guard unit is checking similarities with other recent raids in the south, including several on banks two months ago.

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