



Dear Colleague

## COMMUNITY PHARMACIST PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS

### Summary

1. This Circular informs NHS Boards and community pharmacy contractors of the intention to continue funding for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions in 2017-18.

### Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2016-17 for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2017.
3. The allocations to Boards for 2017-18 are based on NRAC share and are set out in the attached Annex.

### Details

4. The original role and remit of the Practitioner Champions was set out in NHS Circular PCA (P) (2005)20. During 2017-18 they are expected to target their support on the following areas:
  - Supporting community pharmacists and the **whole pharmacy team** to in the implementation of Care Bundles. The focus for 2017/18 will be Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID) Interventions, as outlined in NHS Circular PCA(P)(2017) 13. All community pharmacies will be use structured intervention tools and supporting materials to support and counsel patients either being dispensed or purchasing NSAID. Details of the tools and supporting material will be issued under a separate circular to community pharmacies in the coming weeks;

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#### Addresses

##### For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

##### For information

NHS Directors of Finance  
NHS Directors of Pharmacy

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- Supporting community pharmacists and the whole pharmacy team to continue to develop and embed the learning outputs from Scottish Patients Safety Climate Survey as per Circular PCA(P)(2016)15, issued on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

NHS Circular PCA(P)(2017) 13 highlighted that pharmacy teams felt they needed support in identifying the contributing factors and underlying causes which lead to near misses or patient safety incidents. Champions are asked to support the pharmacy team in the use of learning materials and templates to aid in quality improvements driven by near misses and patient safety incidents when learning's from the SPSP surveys undertaken in 2016/17 are applied. It is anticipated that the Champions will support this both in terms of learning from the activity and preparing for future SPSP in 2018/19.

Details of the tools and supporting material will be issued under a separate circular to community pharmacies in the coming weeks; and

- Assisting NHS Education for Scotland (NES) to undertake a community pharmacy workforce survey in early 2018 by collecting data from the independent community pharmacies within their specific Board area.
5. Practitioner Champions should work with and be responsible to their NHS Board for the programme of work to be undertaken.
  6. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

### **Action**

7. NHS Boards are asked to note the contents of this Circular and to copy to community pharmacy contractors and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee for information.

Yours sincerely



Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and  
Deputy Director, Pharmacy & Medicines Division

## PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS: 2017-18 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

The following resources will be allocated to NHS Boards to be used to cover or contribute to the time and travel of their community pharmacist practitioner champions in supporting the contract implementation programme.

The areas to be covered during 2017-18 are:

- Supporting community pharmacists and their teams to undertake Care Bundle activities focusing on Non Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID) assessment tool;
- Supporting community pharmacists and their teams to embed quality improvement practices from learning's from SPSP undertaken in 2016/17 on near misses and patient safety incidents; and
- Assisting NHS Education for Scotland (NES) to undertake a community pharmacy workforce survey in early 2018 by collecting data from the independent community pharmacies within their specific Board area.

<b>NHS BOARD</b>	<b>£</b>
Ayrshire & Arran	£21,500
Borders	£6,100
Dumfries & Galloway	£8,700
Fife	£19,700
Forth Valley	£15,700
Grampian	£28,500
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	£64,800
Highland	£18,700
Lanarkshire	£35,800
Lothian	£42,800
Orkney	£5,000
Shetland	£5,000
Tayside	£22,700
Western Isles	£5,000
	<b>£300,000</b>