

Dear Colleague

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COMMUNITY PHARMACIST PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS

Addresses

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

For information

NHS Directors of Finance
NHS Directors of Pharmacy

Summary

1. This Circular informs NHS Boards and community pharmacy contractors of the intention to continue funding for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions in 2018-19.

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Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2017-18 for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2018.
3. The allocations to Boards for 2018-19 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 2018-19 they are expected to target their support to the following areas:
 - Supporting all community pharmacists and the **whole pharmacy team** to undertake the two Quality Improvement activities outlined in NHS Circular PCA(P)(2018) 2, issued on 6 March 2018:
 - Activity A - Complete the Safety Climate Survey and develop an action plan based on the results by 30 September 2018.

- Activity B - Participate in Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID) Interventions, using the Toolkit distributed to each community pharmacy, to deliver the communication bundle of safety messages to patients prescribed or purchasing NSAIDs during the period 1 June- 30 September 2018.
 - Supporting all community pharmacists and community pharmacy technicians to familiarise themselves with the refreshed PCR (Version 13.1), released on the 4th of July 2018.
 - The “What’s New?” section of the PCR guide should be used to facilitate discussion around the Care Needs Assessment and reports functions in particular.
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

8. 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: 2018-19 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.

The areas to be covered during 2018-19 are:

- Supporting community pharmacists and their teams to complete the Safety Climate Survey and develop an action plan based on the results by 30 September 2018.
- Supporting community pharmacists and their teams to participate in Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID) Interventions, using the Toolkit distributed to each community pharmacy, to deliver the communication bundle of safety messages to patients prescribed or purchasing NSAIDs during the period 1 June-30 September 2018.
- Supporting all community pharmacists and community pharmacy technicians to familiarise themselves with the refreshed PCR (Version 13.1), released on the 4th of July 2018.

NHS BOARD	£
Ayrshire & Arran	£21,466
Borders	£6,096
Dumfries & Galloway	£8,632
Fife	£19,718
Forth Valley	£15,701
Grampian	£28,603
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	£64,716
Highland	£18,665
Lanarkshire	£35,774
Lothian	£42,891
Orkney	£5,000
Shetland	£5,000
Tayside	£22,738
Western Isles	£5,000
	£300,000