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community pharmacy
contractor funding
package.

Dear Colleague

COMMUNITY PHARMACIST SUPPLEMENTARY AND INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING CLINICS: UPDATE ON FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018-19

Summary

1. This Circular informs NHS Boards and community pharmacy contractors of the funding available for Community Pharmacist Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics in 2018-19.

Background

2. Circular PCA(P)(2018) 6, issued in May 2018, set out the provisional share of funding available to each Board for the period April 2018 – March 2019.
3. It is advised that in the event of any shortfall in Board plans against the provisional amounts, the surplus may be made available for redeployment to other Boards to use for the purposes of community pharmacist supplementary and independent prescribing clinics.

Details

4. Some Boards have now advised that they do not expect to use their full share of the funding for clinics this year, while others have requested additional funds. The adjusted figures set out in the Annex to this circular reflect the returns received from Boards.
5. The total value for the year is **£1m. As in previous years, no allocations will be made.** Boards should direct NSS Practitioner & Counter Fraud Services to draw down the funds to make payments to their community pharmacy contractors as appropriate.
6. Clinics should continue to be targeted in accordance with guidance for prior year(s). These funds constitute

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Addresses

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

For information

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7. Boards will be expected to provide no later than **30 March 2019** a report on how the funding has been deployed along with lessons learnt.
8. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

Action

9. **NHS Boards are asked to;**
 - **Copy this Circular to all Community Pharmacy Contractors on their local lists;**
 - **Copy this circular to Health and Social Care Partnerships and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee for information;**
 - **Submit by 30 March 2019 a report on how the funding has been deployed.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rose Marie Parr', written in a cursive style.

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Deputy Director Pharmacy & Medicines Division

ANNEX

The table below shows the amount of funding available to draw down in respect of prescribing clinics supported during the period April 2018 – March 2019.

Please note that no allocations will be made. Boards should direct Practitioner & Counter Fraud Services to draw down the funds to make payments to community pharmacy contractors as appropriate.

NHS BOARD	FULL YEAR FUNDING (£)
Ayrshire & Arran	75,000
Borders	16,200
Dumfries & Galloway	21,900
Fife	84,170
Forth Valley	51,000
Grampian	102,700
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	274,700
Highland	65,000
Lanarkshire	110,000
Lothian	148,600
Orkney	0
Shetland	0
Tayside	51,440
Western Isles	0
Total	1,000,710