

Dear Colleague

## COMMUNITY PHARMACY 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 2023-24.

### Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2022-23 for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2023.

3. The allocations to Boards for 2023-24 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 2023-24 they are expected to target their support to the following areas:

- Supporting all community pharmacists and the whole pharmacy team to deliver the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service.
- Support in delivering new common clinical condition Patient Group Directives (PGDs) for hay fever across Scotland.
- Support the promotion and increased delivery of the bridging contraception service.
- Support in delivering actions to implement new regulatory measures for sodium valproate, valproic acid and valproate

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### Addresses

#### For action

Chief Executives, NHS  
Boards

#### For information

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semisodium (valproate). Further information on the proposed actions will be provided in 2024.

5. Practitioner Champions should work with and be responsible to their NHS Board for the programme of work to be undertaken.

### **Future Funding**

6. In line with the arrangements for community pharmacy funding, the function and purpose of the funding for Community Pharmacy Practitioner Champions is being reviewed for financial year 2024/25. Further details will be provided in due course.

### **Consultation**

7. Community Pharmacy Scotland have been consulted on the content of this circular.

### **Action**

8. NHS Boards are asked to:

- note the contents of this Circular
- copy the contents of this Circular to community pharmacy contractors on their pharmaceutical list and Health and Social Care partnerships.

Yours sincerely,



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**PHARMACY PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS: 2023-24 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 2023-24 are:

- Supporting all community pharmacists and the whole pharmacy team to deliver the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service.
- Support in delivering new common clinical condition Patient Group Directives (PGDs) for hay fever across Scotland.
- Support the promotion and increased delivery of the bridging contraception service.
- Support in delivering actions to implement new regulatory measures for sodium valproate, valproic acid and valproate semisodium (valproate). Further information on the proposed actions will be provided in 2024.

<b>Board</b>	<b>£</b>
NHS Ayrshire and Arran	£21,187
NHS Borders	£6,243
NHS Dumfries and Galloway	£8,597
NHS Fife	£19,872
NHS Forth Valley	£15,851
NHS Grampian	£28,239
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	£64,207
NHS Highland	£19,112
NHS Lanarkshire	£35,706
NHS Lothian	£43,690
NHS Orkney	£5000
NHS Shetland	£5000
NHS Tayside	£22,537
NHS Western Isles	£5000
	<b>£300,241</b>