

Dear Colleague

COMMUNITY PHARMACIST SUPPLEMENTARY AND INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING CLINICS: FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019-20

Summary

1. This Circular informs NHS Boards and community pharmacy contractors of the funding available for Community Pharmacist Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics in 2019-20.

Background

2. Circular PCA(P)(2018) 6, issued in May 2018, advised that a review of Community Pharmacist Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics would be conducted to consider whether any changes were necessary to ensure an appropriate and stable funding model from 2019/20 onwards.

Details

3. Following the review of the funding model, it has been determined that funds for Community Pharmacist Clinics should be made available to Boards using the NRAC formula to support a fair and equitable use of this funding stream.
4. It is intended that this funding will continue each financial year on an NRAC basis, until further notice. This should provide a more sustainable approach, giving Boards and contractors greater certainty and stability for future planning of clinics.
5. The total value for the 2019/20 financial 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.

28 May 2019

Addresses

For action

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6. Directors of Pharmacy were asked last month to confirm whether they are able to use their full share of the funding for clinics this financial year. The final distribution of funds is therefore based on the NRAC formula but then adjusted to redeploy surplus funds to other Boards for the specific purpose of community pharmacist supplementary and independent prescribing clinics. The funds available to each Board are outlined in **Annex A** to this circular.
7. These funds constitute part of the overall community pharmacy contractor funding package (non-global sum) and must therefore be used to pay community pharmacy contractors for providing clinics.
8. Clinics should continue to be targeted in accordance with guidance provided for prior years. The existing two payment levels continue unchanged at £150 per clinic session and a one-off payment of £750 for new clinics starting up.
9. Boards will be expected to provide no later than **31 March 2020** a report on how the funding has been deployed; anticipated total expenditure for the year; and lessons learned. A report template is provided at **Annex B**.
10. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

Action

11. **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 31 March 2020 a report on how the funding has been deployed, anticipated total expenditure for the year and lessons learned.**

Yours sincerely



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ANNEX A

The table below shows the amount of funding available to draw down in respect of prescribing clinics supported during the period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020.

The funding shares are based on the NRAC formula but have been adjusted in the case of Boards that are unable to make use of the full monies available to them to redistribute to other Boards.

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.

Community Pharmacist Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics 2019/20 Share - £1million	
Ayrshire and Arran	£73,933
Borders	£21,050
Dumfries and Galloway	£21,719
Fife	£68,114
Forth Valley	£57,565
Grampian	£98,954
Greater Glasgow and Clyde	£222,776
Highland	£64,443
Lanarkshire	£126,662
Lothian	£148,529
Orkney	£4,842
Shetland	£4,914
Tayside	£78,497
Western Isles	-

Section 3: New Clinics –commencing in 2019/20

The table below should detail new clinics funded by the Community Pharmacy Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics Fund that have commenced in your Board area in the 2019/20 financial year.

New Clinics commencing in 2019/20			
Contractor Name/Code	Clinic Speciality	Average number of sessions per calendar month	Anticipated total cost for 2019/20 (session fees and one-off start up payment))
Sub total =			£

Section 4: Total Spend - 2019/20

Please detail the total spend anticipated by your NHS Board for the 2019/20 financial year.

Total Spend 2019/20	
Section 1 - Existing Clinics Sub total =	£
Section 2 - New Clinics Sub total =	£
Total anticipated spend =	£

Section 5: Good Practice and Lessons Learned

Please detail in the table below any good practice examples or lessons learned experienced in utilising the Clinics funding during 2019/20.

Good practice examples	Lessons learned

Thank you for completing the template. This should be returned by email to Elaine.Muirhead@gov.scot by Friday 31 March 2020.