



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 2022-23.

Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2020-21 for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2022.
3. The allocations to Boards for 2022-23 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 2022-23 they are expected to target their support to the following areas:
 - Supporting all community pharmacists and the whole pharmacy team to deliver all aspects of the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service.
 - Support in delivering all common clinical condition Patient Group Directives (PGD) across Scotland. For example, the updated UTI and impetigo PGD.
5. Practitioner Champions should work with and be responsible to their NHS Board for the programme of work to be undertaken.

Consultation

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

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Addresses

For action

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For Information

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Action

7. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison Strath', is positioned below the closing text. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS: 2021-22 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 2021-22 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 (PGD) for shingles and skin infections across Scotland.
- Support the implementation of the bridging contraception service and the undertaking of appropriate training for the PGD (see [Circular PCA \(P\)\(2021\) 12](#)).

Board	£
NHS Ayrshire and Arran	£21,370
NHS Borders	£6,151
NHS Dumfries and Galloway	£8,676
NHS Fife	£19,737
NHS Forth Valley	£15,790
NHS Grampian	£28,220
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	£64,386
NHS Highland	£19,102
NHS Lanarkshire	£35,545
NHS Lothian	£43,393
NHS Orkney	£5,000
NHS Shetland	£5,000
NHS Tayside	£22,630
NHS Western Isles	£5,000
	£300,000