

Dear Colleague

COMMUNITY PHARMACY CONTRACT: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT – STAFF TRAINING

Purpose

1. This circular provides NHS Boards and community pharmacy contractors with details of the financial support being made available for staff training for the period 1 November 2019 – 31 March 2020.

Detail

2. Circular PCA(P)(2019)17, issued on 22nd August 2019, set out the details of financial support for staff training available to community pharmacy contractors for courses undertaken/completed in the first part of the 2019/20 financial year up until 31 October 2019. This circular carries over these arrangements for the remainder of the financial year for courses that are being undertaken during the period 1 November 2019 - 31 March 2020 and have not yet been claimed for.

3. Funding for staff training will be met from the centrally held Pharmaceutical Services line.

4. The courses for which support funding is available are:

- Pharmacy Services Level 2: NVQ/SVQ;
- Pharmacy Services Level 3: NVQ/SVQ;
- Accredited Checking Technician: NPA Accuracy in Dispensing Training Module or equivalent; and
- SQA Professional Development Award (PDA) in Final Accuracy Checking by Pharmacy Technicians

12 November 2019

Addresses

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

For information

Chief Executive, NHS NSS
Director of Practitioner
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Claims

5. Each contractor, i.e. each community pharmacy, will be able to claim £800 as a contribution towards their costs in putting a permanent member of their staff through one or more of the courses listed above. No more than £800 per contractor is payable **in any given financial year (April – March)** and claims must be submitted by the date detailed in paragraph 8 below.

6. The claim and payment process will be managed by NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Pharmacy with resources available with immediate effect.

7. Payment will be made on submission of evidence that a member of the claimant/contractor's staff is about to commence, has commenced or has completed a listed course during the period 1 November 2019 – 31 March 2020. Eligible evidence will be one or more of the following documents:

- Copy invoice of the cost of the training course;
- Letter of registration to the course signed by the training provider; or
- Copy certificate of course completion.

8. Claims should be submitted, on the form attached at **Annex A** together with the required documentation, to Anne Watson, NES (see address details on the form) by **Tuesday 31 March 2020**. It is imperative that claims are received by this deadline and any late submissions will not be accepted for payment. If a contractor has already received a contribution of £800 in the 2019/20 financial year then no further monies are payable.

9. It is our intention to restructure the arrangements for staff training funding from April 2020 onwards. Notification of any revised arrangements will be issued on completion of this work.

Action

10. **NHS Boards are asked to:**

- **Copy this circular and Annex to all community pharmacy contractors on their pharmaceutical lists;**
- **Note the financial arrangements set out above.**

11. **Community pharmacy contractors are asked to:**

- **Note the content of this circular and where they wish to claim support funding, to do so using the form attached as Annex A and in accordance with paragraphs 5-8 above.**

NHS Circular:
PCA (P)(2019) 23

Yours sincerely



Rose Marie Parr
Deputy Director Pharmacy & Medicines
Chief Pharmaceutical Officer

**PCS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STAFF TRAINING – FINANCIAL SUPPORT CLAIM FORM FOR COURSES UNDERTAKEN
1 NOVEMBER 2019 - 31 MARCH 2020**

Contractor PSD Code:.....

Contractor Name, Address & Email/Phone no:.....
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Name of Staff Member:.....

Name of Course Provider:.....

Course Title:.....

Course Start Date:.....

Course Completion Date (if applicable):.....

COUNTER FRAUD DECLARATION

Declaration

I declare that the information I have provided is correct and complete.

I understand that, if I knowingly provide false information, this may result in disciplinary action and I may be liable for prosecution and civil recovery proceedings.

I agree to co-operate fully with all payment verification procedures.

I agree that any overpayments identified through the post payment verification procedure may be recovered at a future date by the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service.

Please give us your consent to share, disclose or obtain information

The Common Services Agency may occasionally share information provided on this form with Health Boards, official training providers and any other relevant organisations. We will share information for the purposes of payment verification, and the prevention, detection and investigation of crime.

Do you have **written consent** from contractors named on this claim form **agreeing to share relevant information** for these purposes? Please indicate by circling YES or NO:

YES

NO

Signature agreeing to Declaration and consent to share, disclose or obtain information:

Signature:.....

Name (in capitals):.....

Company Position:.....

Date:.....

Completed forms should be **returned by 31 March 2020** with the required documentation to:

Anne Watson, NES Pharmacy, 2 Central Quay, 89 Hydepark Street, GLASGOW, G3 8BW.