



## Community Pharmacist: Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics: Transitional Funding Arrangements for 2015-16

### Summary

1. Further to circular [PCA \(P\) \(2015\) 8](#), issued on 2 April 2015, this circular advises of funding arrangements for the remainder of 2015-16.

### Background

2. NHS Circular PCA (P) (2015) 8 advised of provisional funding for Boards for supplementary and independent prescribing clinics for April – June 2015 on the condition of returning plans detailing the clinics to be undertaken, how funds will be deployed and receiving approval for these.

3. The circular also advised of the intention that the savings achieved by the 5% reduction of the methadone tariff price should be redeployed by Boards to support the prescribing clinics.

4. Circumstances have changed and we are now in a position to confirm aggregate funding for the year 2015-16.

### Detail

5. The funds available for each Health Board to be deployed for clinics for the period April 2015 – March 2016 are detailed in the Annex.

6. Each Board is being provisionally allocated funds at the same level as funding for 2014-15 (see [PCA \(P\) 2014\(16\)](#)) to a total value for the year of **£1m**.

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#### Addresses

##### For action

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##### For information

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7. Clinics should continue to be targeted in accordance with guidance for prior year(s).
8. Each Board must provide by **31<sup>st</sup> July** their updated plans for funding deployment for the year.
9. Should there be any shortfall in Board plans against the provisionally allocated amounts, the surplus may be available for redeployment to other Boards. In the first instance surplus funds will be redirected to Boards who have previously not been able to adequately fund planned clinics with their 'fair share' allocation. Boards may therefore nominate in their returns, plans which might be activated if further funding were to be available.
10. Boards will be expected to provide no later than **31<sup>st</sup> January 2016** a report on how the provided funding has been deployed along with lessons learnt.
11. The requirement to redeploy funding from methadone April 2015 Tariff savings is withdrawn.
12. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

**Action**

13. **NHS Boards are asked to;**
  - **Copy this Circular to all Community Pharmacy Contractors on their local lists ; and**
  - **Copy this circular to Community Health Partnerships and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee for information; and**
  - **Submit by 31 July updated plans to the Scottish Government for deployment of the funds detailed in the Annex.**

Yours sincerely



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**ANNEX**

The table below shows the amount of funding available to draw down in respect of prescribing clinics supported during the period April 2015 – March 2016.

<b>NHS BOARD</b>	<b>FULL YEAR FUNDING (£) *</b>
Ayrshire & Arran	75,000
Borders	21,100
Dumfries & Galloway	30,100
Fife	67,900
Forth Valley	54,500
Grampian	97,700
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	241,700
Highland	64,900
Lanarkshire	109,500
Lothian	143,600
Orkney	4,900
Shetland	4,800
Tayside	77,300
Western Isles	7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

\* Funding above is inclusive of the Q1 funding detailed in PCA (P) (2015) 13