



Dear Colleague

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES: COMMUNITY PHARMACIST PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS

Purpose

1. This Circular informs NHS Boards and community pharmacy contractors of the intention to continue funding for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions in 2015-16.

Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2014-15 for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2015.

3. The allocations to Boards for 2015-16 remain at the same levels as in 2014-15 and are set out in the attached Annex.

4. The original role and remit of the Practitioner Champions was set out in NHS Circular [PCA \(P\) \(2005\)20](#). During 2015-16 they are expected to continue targeting their support on the following areas:

- the Chronic Medication Service (CMS) focusing on both the serial prescribing and dispensing and pharmaceutical care planning elements, including use of the intervention tools; and
- the Smoking Cessation Service as described in [PCA\(P\) \(2014\) 14](#), including the use of the Patient Group Direction for varenicline and the recording and

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completion of the smoking cessation minimum dataset in the PCR.

5. Practitioner Champions should work with and be responsible to their NHS Board for the programme of work to be undertaken.
6. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

Action

7. NHS Boards are asked to note the contents of this Circular and to copy to community pharmacy contractors and local pharmaceutical committees.

Yours sincerely



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PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS: 2015-16 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 in supporting the new contract implementation programme.

The areas to be covered during 2015-16 are:

- the Chronic Medication Service (CMS) focusing on both the serial prescribing and dispensing and pharmaceutical care planning elements, including use of the intervention tools; and
- the Smoking Cessation Service as described in PCA (P) (2014) 14, including the use of the Patient Group Direction for varenicline and the recording and completion of the smoking cessation minimum dataset in the PCR.

NHS BOARD	£
Ayrshire & Arran	21,640
Borders	6,215
Dumfries & Galloway	9,985
Fife	19,145
Forth Valley	16,970
Grampian	25,380
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	68,880
Highland	21,000
Lanarkshire	36,510
Lothian	36,740
Orkney	5,000
Shetland	5,000
Tayside	22,535
Western Isles	5,000
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