



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 2016-17.

Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2015-16 for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2016.
3. The allocations to Boards for 2016-17 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 2016-17 they are expected to target 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 providing local advice on closer partnership working as described in Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2016\)15](#); and

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- Supporting community pharmacists and their teams to develop and embed continuous improvement in community pharmacy as per Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2016\)15](#), issued on 16th September 2016. The priority for this year will be to complete the *Safety Climate Survey* and all community pharmacy teams are expected to undertake, or make preparations to undertake, this activity by the 31st March 2017. It is anticipated that the Champions will support this both in terms of preparing and learning from the activity. The Scottish Patient Safety Programme (SPSP) will be supporting 'training the trainers' events for NHS Boards as part of preparing for a series of Quality Road-show Workshops. It is envisaged that Boards will include their pharmacy champions in these training events and encourage their attendance at the Road-show Workshops in order to ensure they have the necessary knowledge to support their community pharmacy teams.

The safety climate survey can be found at :
<http://www.scottishpatientsafetyprogramme.scot.nhs.uk/programmes/primary-care/pharmacy-in-primary-care>. Access to the Safety Climate Survey via this page will go live on the 1st November 2016 which aligns to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society quality improvement road shows. The above web page also contains a link to all the QI modules that pharmacy contractors are expected to complete within the terms of Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2016\)15](#).

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



Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and
Deputy Director, Pharmacy & Medicines Division

PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS: 2016-17 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 contract implementation programme.

The areas to be covered during 2016-17 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 providing local advice on closer partnership working; and
- Supporting community pharmacists and their teams to complete the *Safety Climate Survey*.

NHS BOARD	£
Ayrshire & Arran	£21,300
Borders	£6,100
Dumfries & Galloway	£8,600
Fife	£19,400
Forth Valley	£15,700
Grampian	£28,800
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	£65,500
Highland	£18,800
Lanarkshire	£36,000
Lothian	£42,500
Orkney	£5,000
Shetland	£5,000
Tayside	£22,300
Western Isles	£5,000
	£300,000