



Dear Colleague

**COMMUNITY PHARMACIST SUPPLEMENTARY AND  
INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING CLINICS:  
FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017-18**

**Summary**

1. This Circular informs NHS Boards and community pharmacy contractors of the intention to continue funding for Community Pharmacist Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics in 2017-18.

**Background**

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2017-18 for Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2017.
3. The funding available to Boards for 2017-18 are at the same levels as in 2016-17 and are set out in the attached Annex.

**Details**

4. The funds available for each Health Board to be deployed for clinics for the period April 2017 – March 2018 are detailed in the Annex.
5. Each Board is being provisionally allocated funds at the same level as funding available in 2016-17 (see PCA(P)(2016)14 ). The total value for the year is **£1m**.
6. Clinics should continue to be targeted in accordance with guidance for prior year(s).

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**Addresses**

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

For information

Chief Executive, NHS NSS  
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7. Each Board must provide by **14 July 2017** their updated plans for funding deployment for the year.

8. Should there be any shortfall in Board plans against the provisionally allocated amounts, the surplus may be available for redeployment to other Boards. Boards may therefore nominate in their returns, plans which might be activated if further funding were available as a result of other Boards being unable to utilise their full share.

9. Boards will be expected to provide no later than **30 March 2018** a report on how the provided funding has been deployed along with lessons learnt.

10. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

#### **Action**

11. **NHS Boards are asked to;**

- **Copy this Circular to all Community Pharmacy Contractors on their local lists;**
- **Copy this circular to Health and Social Care Partnerships and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee for information;**
- **Submit by 14 July 2017 updated plans to the Scottish Government for deployment of the funds detailed in the Annex; and**
- **Submit by 30 March 2018 a report on how the funding has been deployed.**

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 2017 – March 2018.

**Please note that no allocations will be made.** Boards should direct Practitioner & Counter Fraud Services to draw down the funds to make payments to community pharmacy contractors as appropriate.

NHS BOARD	FULL YEAR FUNDING (£)
Ayrshire & Arran	75,000
Borders	21,150
Dumfries & Galloway	21,100
Fife	73,900
Forth Valley	51,000
Grampian	102,700
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	247,700
Highland	65,000
Lanarkshire	109,500
Lothian	148,600
Orkney	0
Shetland	0
Tayside	77,250
Western Isles	7,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>