



Dear Colleague

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

Summary

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

Background

2. Circular [PCA\(P\)\(2017\) 6](#), issued in June 2017, set out the provisional share of funding available to each Board for the period April 2017 – March 2018.
3. It is advised that in the event of any shortfall in Board plans against the provisionally allocated amounts, the surplus may be made available for redeployment to other Boards to use for the purposes of community pharmacist supplementary and independent prescribing clinics.

Details

4. Some Boards have now advised that they do not expect to use their full share of the funding for clinics this year, while others have requested additional funds. The adjusted figures set out in the Annex to this circular reflect the returns received from Boards.
5. The total value for the year is **£1m. As in previous years, no allocations will be made.** Boards should direct NSS Practitioner & Counter Fraud Services to draw down the funds to make payments to their community pharmacy contractors as appropriate.
6. Clinics should continue to be targeted in accordance with guidance for prior year(s). These funds constitute part of the overall community pharmacy contractor funding package.

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Addresses

For action

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For information

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

8. I intend to work with Directors of Pharmacy to consider how this funding in future years can be best aligned to the objectives of the recently published strategy, Achieving Excellence in Pharmaceutical Care.

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

Action

10. **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 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. These adjusted figures reflect the returns received from Boards.

Please note that no allocations will be made. As in previous years, Boards should direct NSS 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	19,800
Dumfries & Galloway	21,100
Fife	73,900
Forth Valley	69,016
Grampian	102,700
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	265,716
Highland	46,800
Lanarkshire	127,516
Lothian	148,600
Orkney	0
Shetland	0
Tayside	49,850
Western Isles	0
Total	1,000,000