

## Primary Care Prescribing Efficiencies – GP Practice Agreement Jan 24 - March24

This agreement is effective from January 2024 until March 2024, or until terminated in writing by either party. This agreement may be amended and/or extended subject to the availability of funding and identification of appropriate band 3 actions.

The aim of this agreement is for GP practices to review and switch suitably identified individuals to cost effective medicines choices for specific medicines (e.g. generics/dose optimisations). These interventions have been identified as band 3.

Band 1	Technical switches able to be undertaken remotely, by suitably trained pharmacy technicians
Band 2	Technical switches able to be undertaken remotely, by suitably trained pharmacy technicians with pharmacist/clinician support
Band 3	Interventions/switches to be undertaken by practice clinician due to nature of switch/requirement for individual discussion with patient

The Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate, Medicines Management team will:

- Provide practices with information regarding the intervention/switch, including any patient resources that may be helpful in undertaking this task.
- Provide practices with a list of patients to be reviewed.
- Provide practices with feedback template for payment.

Details of each intervention/switch will be disseminated to all practices to encourage participation. Practices can choose to participate in all or some of the Band 3 interventions/switches at their discretion.

Practices will be eligible for payment of £25 for each patient review/intervention undertaken as part of this agreement.

Payment to practice is dependent on submission of any specified monitoring information/feedback template. Only one payment can be claimed for each patient, for each switch. Payment can still be claimed, if after review, the patient is considered unsuitable for the intervention, or if after intervention the patient subsequently switches back. This must be suitably recorded in the patient's medical record. Practices may be asked for further information if a significant number of individuals have been deemed unsuitable.

Practices will be required to ensure any interventions undertaken as part of this agreement are carried out by suitably trained and appropriate individuals employed by the practice.

It is not anticipated that pharmacotherapy teams, employed by NHS Grampian will undertake these actions. This agreement is between NHS Grampian, Pharmacy and Medicines Directorate and the GP practice.

However if there is local negotiation and agreement, between the practice and HSCP Pharmacy Leads, it may be appropriate for a suitably experienced pharmacotherapy pharmacist to undertake these actions. This would only be possible with the appropriate guaranteed time and cover of the pharmacist's pharmacotherapy workload by the practice. Payments in this case will still be received by the practice in acknowledgement of this release in capacity.

Practices participating in this agreement should:

- Confirm they have signed up to the Primary Care Prescribing Efficiencies – GP Practice Agreement by returning attached signup sheet.
- Identify suitable clinicians to carry out these interventions/reviews.
- Carry out interventions/review in a timely manner following receipt of patient lists and resources (recommended to undertake within 4 weeks of list to ensure accuracy of information).
- Ensure appropriate discussion with patients regarding the review/intervention.
- Ensure appropriate document in patient records outcomes of review/interventions.
- On completion of reviews/interventions submit information for payment – must be submitted prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Practice wishes to participate in the Primary Care Prescribing Efficiencies Agreement.

The practice agrees to participate in band 3 interventions/switches for those drugs/patients specified. Practices can choose to participate in all/ some of the band 3 interventions/switched highlighted under this agreement. Payment will be provided when intervention/switch has been undertaken.

The practice will submit monitoring forms in order to receive payment of £25 per patient review/intervention undertaken as part of this agreement.

Practice Name	
Practice Address	
Email contact for practice	
Telephone contact	
Name of authorised signatory	
Designation	
Date	

Please return completed form to [gram.medicinesmanagement@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.medicinesmanagement@nhs.scot).  
Payments to practices will be coordinated by PCCT, following instruction by Medicines Management team on receipt of intervention/switch monitoring sheet.