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Dear Colleague,

**CHRONIC MEDICATION SERVICE – RECENT CIRCULARS – PHARMACY CHAMPIONS**

The two recent circulars regarding the Chronic Medication Service

[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2012\(P\)18.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2012(P)18.pdf)

[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2012\(P\)19.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2012(P)19.pdf)

demonstrate a significant step forward in how CMS is to be applied.

This is good news and one of my duties is to provide supports to community pharmacists to deliver on the new expectations.

The purpose of this letter is to illustrate how this may be done:

1. On the evening of **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** we will provide an education and training evening in the Ronald Millar Centre at Wishaw General Hospital. This will run from 7.00pm until 9.30pm with some refreshments from 6.30pm. Fuller details will follow **but meantime I would be grateful if you could note the date AND let Anne Buchanan/Lesley Ritchie know if you plan to attend.** This information is important for catering purposes and because there is finite capacity in the hall. A form to note your interest is at the bottom of this letter.
2. This new information about the clinical areas on which CMS should focus gives us some detail for the Community Pharmacy Champions to concentrate on. I am conscious that we have not deployed the champions within NHS Lanarkshire for some time and a significant reason for that was that I was awaiting a clearer focus for CMS. Now that that is defined it will allow the champions to work with a far clearer direction.
3. In addition, there is some optimism that serial prescribing will move forward significantly in 2013. A way forward for this is described in my letter to all pharmacists and GPs which is being circulated along with this letter. Again there is scope for the champions to work on this, and, in an ideal world the champions would be in a position to adopt serial prescribing into their pharmacy they work in relatively early in 2013.

It has been some time since we deployed the pharmacy champions and because people move on and the purpose of their work changes, I am potentially seeking 6 new pharmacists to fill these positions. We took a decision some time ago that it was best for Boots and

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Lloyds to have pharmacy champions from within their own employees and I will work with the area managers to take this forward. For the small chains and independents we are seeking champions who are knowledgeable about the specific PMR system they work with and who will facilitate serial prescribing and the clinical aspects of CMS within other pharmacies throughout NHS Lanarkshire which have the same PMR system. If you are interested in doing this type of work please phone me by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec and we can talk through the practicalities.

Yours sincerely



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**CMS TRAINING EVENING TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013**

The following pharmacists plan to attend the above training evening:

NAME	
Signed by .....	
Date .....	
On behalf of Pharmacy Name and address	