



Dear Colleague

COMMUNITY PHARMACY 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 2024-25.

Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2023-24 for Community Pharmacist Practitioner Champions. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2024.

3. The allocations to Boards for 2024-25 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 2024-25 they are expected to target their support to the following areas:

- Supporting all community pharmacists and the whole pharmacy team to deliver the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service, focusing on consistent delivery of PGDs to treat common clinical conditions.
- Support the promotion and increased delivery of the bridging contraception service, by ensuring community pharmacists are familiar with the updated service specification and desogestrel PGD.
- Support in delivering actions to implement the [latest regulatory measures](#) for sodium valproate, valproic acid and valproate semisodium (valproate).

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Addresses

For action

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5. Practitioner Champions should work with and be responsible to their NHS Board for the programme of work to be undertaken.

Future Funding

6. It is expected that funding for Community Pharmacy Practitioner Champions will cease and not be available to Boards from April 2025 onwards. I am currently discussing future uses of the champion funding with Community Pharmacy Scotland and Directors of Pharmacy.

Consultation

7. Community Pharmacy Scotland have been consulted on the content of this circular.

Action

8. NHS Boards are asked to:

- note the contents of this Circular
- copy the contents of this Circular to community pharmacy contractors on their pharmaceutical list and Health and Social Care partnerships.

Yours sincerely,



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PHARMACY PRACTITIONER CHAMPIONS: 2024-25 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.

The areas to be covered during 2024-25 are:

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Board	Allocation
NHS Ayrshire and Arran	£21,865
NHS Borders	£6,473
NHS Dumfries and Galloway	£8,892
NHS Fife	£20,627
NHS Forth Valley	£16,374
NHS Grampian	£29,235
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	£66,281
NHS Highland	£19,791
NHS Lanarkshire	£36,941
NHS Lothian	£45,328
NHS Orkney	£1,523
NHS Shetland	£1,439
NHS Tayside	£23,264
NHS Western Isles	£1,969
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