

Dear Colleague

**COMMUNITY PHARMACIST SUPPLEMENTARY AND
INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING CLINICS:
FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016-17**

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 2016-17.

Background

2. Funding was provided to Boards in 2015-16 for Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics. The existing arrangements are rolled forward from 1 April 2016.
3. The allocations to Boards for 2016-17 remain at the same levels as in 2015-16 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 2016 – March 2017 are detailed in the Annex.
5. Each Board is being provisionally allocated funds at the same level as funding for 2015-16 (see PCA (P) (2015) 8 and PCA(P)(2016) 13) to a total value for the year of **£1m**.

4 May 2016

Addresses

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

For information

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6. While budgets for the 2017-18 financial year have not yet been set, it is anticipated that, subject to approval of budgets, this funding will be continued for 2017-18 followed by a review of Supplementary and Independent Prescribing Clinics funding to determine future arrangements.
7. Clinics should continue to be targeted in accordance with guidance for prior year(s).
8. Each Board must provide by **31 July 2016** their updated plans for funding deployment for the year.
9. Should there be any shortfall in Board plans against the provisionally allocated amounts, the surplus may be available for redeployment to other Boards. In the first instance surplus funds will be redirected to Boards who have previously not been able to adequately fund planned clinics with their 'fair share' allocation. Boards may therefore nominate in their returns, plans which might be activated if further funding were to be available.
10. Boards will be expected to provide no later than **28 February 2017** a report on how the provided funding has been deployed along with lessons learnt.
11. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on the terms of this circular.

Action

12. **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 31 July 2016 updated plans to the Scottish Government for deployment of the funds detailed in the Annex; and**
 - **Submit by 28 February 2017 a report on how the funding has been deployed.**

Yours sincerely



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The table below shows the amount of funding available to draw down in respect of prescribing clinics supported during the period April 2016 – March 2017.

NHS BOARD	FULL YEAR FUNDING (£) *
Ayrshire & Arran	75,000
Borders	21,100
Dumfries & Galloway	30,100
Fife	67,900
Forth Valley	54,500
Grampian	97,700
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	241,700
Highland	64,900
Lanarkshire	109,500
Lothian	143,600
Orkney	4,900
Shetland	4,800
Tayside	77,300
Western Isles	7,000
Total	1,000,000