

## PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION

### COMMUNITY PHARMACY REMUNERATION 2015/2016 – GLOBAL SUM

#### Calculation of the Global Sum for 2015/16

The Global Sum is normally derived by applying the DFP annual uplift factor (DDRB) to the previous year's Global Sum. It is not yet known what DDRB will recommend for 15/16 but given the current financial climate within public services, it can be assumed that there will be little or no growth in salaries for 15/16.

HSCB is cognisant of the professional fees currently being paid which are subject to the Global Sum and the fee rates that have changed over the past few years. It is recognised that the Global Sum has increased but at the same time, the professional fee rates associated with dispensing have been reduced due to increased volume. Therefore, for 15/16, HSCB has considered two options on which we would welcome responses as set out below.

It should be noted, these options are presented without taking into consideration the change to the target Retained Purchase Profit (RPP) in England which has led to an increase to the reimbursement available via the Drug Tariff and, potentially, the quantum of purchase profit available to community pharmacy contractors.

#### Pay Offer for 2015/16

If a working assumption is that, in line with other public pay, there will be 0% growth in the Global Sum, then professional fees associated with dispensing will be substantially reduced as activity is increasing as set out in the Global Sum, then professional fees associated with dispensing will be substantially reduced as activity is increasing as set out in the table below:

#### OPTION 1

0% GROWTH	Current fee level	Budget	Fee level for 15/16
Professional Allowance	£18.27k per practice	£9.84m	£18.27k per practice
Ordinary dispensing fee	£0.98	£37.54m	<b>£0.96</b>
Multiple dispensing fee	£0.40	£5.31m	<b>£0.37</b>
<b>Total –</b>		<b>£52.69m</b>	<b>0% growth</b>

An alternative option is to **freeze the fee levels** at 2014 levels (**preferred option**).

This will require an **increase of 2% for the global sum element or £1.04m** into the pharmacy financial envelope.

## OPTION 2 – PREFERRED OPTION

<b>Preferred Option</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Fee level for 15/16</b>
Professional Allowance	£9.84m	£18.27k per practice
Ordinary dispensing fee	£38.2m	£0.98
Multiple dispensing fee	£5.69m	£0.40
<b>Total – option2</b>	<b>£53.73m</b>	<b>2% growth</b>

There may be other options and we now seek the views of Community Pharmacy contractors such that the HSCB can reach a decision to implement a new fee structure for April 2015.

The consultation period has been extended to Friday 27 March 2015 and responses should be sent to:

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