

To All Community Pharmacists

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Dear Colleague,

## **PHARMACY NEEDS ASSESSMENT – CONSULTATION ON SUSPENSION OF DECISIONS**

The Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) is conducting a Pharmacy Needs Assessment project. The intention is to conclude the project by March 2020. Given that the assessment of new applications for pharmacies to join the Pharmaceutical List could be better informed by a needs assessment process, it is proposed through this consultation to suspend decisions around applications for a time-limited period.

The HSCB has written to Community Pharmacy Northern Ireland (CPNI) and other stakeholders in respect of these proposals to seek views as part of a consultation process scheduled to run until 15 February 2019.

The HSCB would welcome your response to its proposals.

A copy of the letter to CPNI and the consultation paper will shortly be available on the HSCB website at the following link:

<http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/get-involved/consultations/>

I would ask that you forward any response by **15 February 2019** to:

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Responses can also be e-mailed to: [Jemima.McAuley@hscni.net](mailto:Jemima.McAuley@hscni.net)

Yours sincerely,

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