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Dear Colleague

INVESTMENT INTO COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICES 2019/20

I write to advise of further investment into community pharmacy services in 19/20 totalling £4.8m.

These are as follows:

1. Grant funding to support pharmacy security (Additional £0.5m non-recurrent)

Following the review of community pharmacy security that was undertaken in the last financial year, £0.5m had been secured and has now been committed to non-recurrent grant funding of up to £4k per pharmacy in the Belfast area. A further £0.5m non-recurrent funding has been secured to take forward pharmacy security in another LCG area – HSCB will proceed to offer this within Northern Area. Subject to further funding being secured, HSCB will wish to provide similar levels of grant funding in other areas in the coming months.

2. Domiciliary Care – Compliance Support (Additional £1m non-recurrent)

Contractors are currently being funded £3m for this activity in 2019/20 and a bid has been made to make this a recurrent funding stream. However it is recognised that HSC Trusts need to have in place a formalised mechanism for assessment of the need for such requirements and a formalised mechanism to refer to community pharmacy. Given that Trusts have not these arrangements in place and recognising that the demand for this activity from Trusts has not materially reduced in 19/20, an additional £1m non-recurrent will be allocated this financial year

3. Retained Purchase Profit – Payment on Account of £2m

The target Retained Purchase Profit is at least £26.5m in 19/20. Market intelligence and advice received thus far is that the actual delivery of the RPP in 19/20 may be slightly lower than this target. Therefore HSCB has approved a further £2m payment on account for the year 19/20.

We will work with CPNI in relation to an appropriate arrangement for deployment similar to the arrangements for the payment that was made in 2018/19. Please note that the RPP for 18/19 has just been reported and this was £22.5m. The £4m payment on account made in 18/19 to sustain the RPP in that year is now confirmed.

4. Global Sum Balance - £1.3m

HSCB wishes to invest the remaining £1.3m 19/20 global sum funding. In line with the consultation on global sum fees for 19/20, the intention is to invest this funding into the practice allowance to reflect the commitments made to support the introduction of additional governance arrangements including the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework and Incident Reporting within community pharmacy. It is the intention to review the Community Pharmacy Terms of Service in due course. In advance of this formal review, provision of this funding within the practice allowance is therefore linked to the continuing support for the implementation of the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework and the maintenance of incident reporting within their pharmacies.

Conclusion

I trust this information is helpful and please contact your local HSCB office if you have any queries in relation to this investment profile.

Yours sincerely,



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