**3 April 2024**

Dear Community Pharmacy Contractor,

**RE: Locally Commissioned Community Pharmacy Services from 1st April 2024.**

The ICB’s local contract with community pharmacies for the following services is due to come to an end on 31st March 2024:

* PGDs for Minor Illness
* Specialist (Palliative Care) Medicines Service
* Urgent Supplies of Repeat Medications
* PCN Leads

We are writing to inform you of updates and plans for commissioning from 1st April 2024.

A new 12-month contract will be issued shortly.  The start date will be 1st April 2024 (to ensure continuity of service provision). Terms and conditions will remain the same, with some increases to payments.

PGD Service

Our local chloramphenicol and hydrocortisone PGDs remain, but with an increase in payments to bring the service in line with the national Pharmacy First scheme:

* Walk in consultation £15 (a £1 increase)
* Local PGD supply following a Pharmacy First Referral £5.90 (pharmacies can also claim the £15 PF fee)

Local UTI, Sore Throat & Impetigo pathways which are now part of the national Pharmacy First Service will be removed from the new contract / service specification. The ICB is currently in discussions with Community Pharmacy Avon and Community Pharmacy Swindon & Wiltshire to look at future PGDs in BSW.

Specialist (Palliative Care) Medicines

Over the next year, the ICB will undertake a piece of work to review coverage of this service and ensure that we have sufficient pharmacies providing the service in the right locations across the geography.

For this year, we are increasing the annual retainer from £250 to £850 to recognise the initial upfront investment in stock that is required to deliver the service. The ICB also continues the commitment to reimburse pharmacies for expired stock.

Urgent Supplies of Repeat Medications

This service remains unchanged for 2024/25.

PCN Leads

This service continues unchanged into 2024/25, and will be kept under review.

Thank you for your ongoing support in delivering local services in BSW.

If you have any queries, please contact me on the email address below.

Yours sincerely



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