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FAO: Pharmacy Contractor

Dear Colleague

Re: Community Pharmacy Palliative Care Formulary Service & Interim Contract Variation

I am writing to you regarding the Palliative Care Formulary Service and the Interim Contract Variation which sits alongside this service.

The Palliative Care Formulary service was commissioned as a three-year service from 1st April 2018-31st March 2021. The interim contract variation, (which requires pharmacies to undertake a weekly stock check), was put in place last year to make the service more responsive to Covid-19.

NHS England and Improvement have been working with CCGs and CPWY to review both the core Palliative Care Formulary service and the contract variation to see if they are still fit for purpose. Following this review and the anticipated plans nationally for the introduction of a Palliative Care advanced service NHSE&I, CCGs and CPWY have agreed that the service should be rolled forward for a further six months until 31st March 2022.

The quarterly instalment fee for the Palliative Care Formulary service will continue to be made during this 6-month period (on submission of the quarterly audit). Pharmacies will also receive a further one-off payment of £200 in recognition of the additional requirements of the contract variation.

This letter is notifying you that that the current service requirements of the Community Pharmacy Palliative Care Formulary Service as agreed on 1 April 2018 and the subsequent February 2020 & April 2021 will be extended for the period 1st October 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Attached for your information is the updated Interim Contract Variation.



Please note that the formulary and reporting requirements have not changed. The formulary to be used is the one detailed in the attached Interim variation which was put in place in response to COVID 19

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the service and if you have any questions relating to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Sealey', with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

Gillian Sealey
Primary Care Manager