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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018-31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The interim contract variation, (which required pharmacies to undertake a weekly stock check), was put in place in May 2020 to make the service more responsive to Covid-19.

NHS England and Improvement (NHSE&I) have been working with the local CCGs and Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire to review both the core Palliative Care Formulary service and the contract variation to see if they are still fit for purpose. It has been agreed that the Palliative Care Formulary Service (the core service) will be extended for a further twelve months, **until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. The quarterly instalment fee for the submission of the quarterly audit will continue to be made during this 12-month period.

The Interim Contract Variation, which required pharmacies to undertake a weekly stock check, will **not** be renewed and this element of the service has now ended.

To summarise, this letter confirms that the current service requirements of the Community Pharmacy Palliative Care Formulary Service, as agreed on 1 April 2018 for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021, and the subsequent March 2021 update, will be extended for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Please note that the formulary has been amended slightly and is attached for your information, (paracetamol suppositories and codeine linctus have now been removed). The reporting requirements for the core service have not changed.**

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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 us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Sealey'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and a trailing flourish.

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