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Health and Social Services Group
Cangen Fferylliaeth a Rhagnodi
Pharmacy & Prescribing Branch



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

To:

All community pharmacies in Wales;

Local Health Board:

Directors of Primary, Community and Mental Health;
Chief Pharmacists;
Directors of Finance.

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Chief Executive, Community Pharmacy Wales
Director, Royal Pharmaceutical Society (Wales)

Our Ref: AE/CPCF

16 December 2021

By e-mail

Dear colleague,

PRESGRIPSIWN NEWYDD - A NEW PRESCRIPTION: THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY PHARMACY IN WALES

This letter provides details of the agreement reached between the Welsh Government, the NHS and Community Pharmacy Wales (CPW) on wide ranging reforms to the contractual framework for community pharmacies in Wales.

The reforms described in [*Presgripsiwn Newydd - A New Prescription: The future of community pharmacy in Wales*](#) are the product of extensive negotiations to deliver the Welsh Government's aspirations for new arrangements for community pharmacies which provide for a "greater range of clinically focused services" being available from every pharmacy in Wales. Importantly the reforms secure the long term sustainability of the community pharmacy sector in Wales, by ensuring we fully utilise the expertise of community pharmacy professionals to help meet the current and future challenges faced by the NHS.

Our existing multi-year agreement, which will end in March 2023, has provided the sector with additional funding of £18.3m over the three-year period, and annual funding will be £8.6m higher in 2022/23 than it was at the start of the agreement. This with the additional investment of £9.1m provided in the last financial year to meet the additional costs pharmacies incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, has been the foundation for this more fundamental reform.

The new agreement describes a joint vision for how community pharmacy should be transformed to meet the needs of the people of Wales and commits to significantly increased clinical service delivery, workforce development, and further integration of community pharmacy within primary care clusters. Importantly the changes are underpinned by significant reform of funding to incentivise and reward pharmacies that do more of the things the NHS needs, which include:

- Expanding the clinical role of community pharmacists;
- A workforce with the skills needed to deliver outstanding pharmaceutical care;
- A commitment to quality, collaboration and integration within primary care; and
- Valuing the contribution community pharmacies make to the NHS.

Presgripsiwn Newydd - A New Prescription: The future of community pharmacy in Wales sets out a collaborative, innovative and progressive approach to the delivery of pharmaceutical care through which together, we will maximise the impact of community pharmacy teams to meet the needs of the NHS and people in Wales now and for future generations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'E'.

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