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Welsh Government – Automated funding for Community Pharmacy 2021-22

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Pharmacy & Prescribing Branch



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

To:
All Community Pharmacies in Wales

cc: Community Pharmacy Wales

By e-mail

12 April 2021

Dear colleague,

Welsh Government funding for automated systems in community pharmacy 2021-22

Funding applications are invited for a second year (2021-22) from community pharmacies looking to introduce efficiencies to their businesses and to improve the patient experience.

The 2020-21 scheme proved hugely successful and was significantly over-subscribed. Those projects which received funding either tested alternative automated processes or demonstrated the proposed benefits to their particular business and local community. This will continue to be the criteria on which applications will be assessed this year.

Applications which, as in 2020-21, simply submit the relevant supplier's information or specification will not be considered.

Instead of advising on the generic benefits of automated systems, applicants will need to make a strong case on how their specific business will achieve efficiencies and how this will impact on their business model. Equally applicants will need to provide clear evidence on the population which will benefit and how the funding will ensure an improved patient experience.

In view of the limited resources available, companies with more than one branch should consider the requirement to identify and outline the benefits to a specific pharmacy and community and not submit generic applications.

The budget available this year is £200,000. In order to support as many applications as possible the fixed Welsh Government grant will be up to a maximum of £20,000 per premises. Community pharmacies will need to commit to providing the remainder of the costs for the proposed project and to completing the works by no later than 31 March 2022.

Applications should be returned no later than 28 May 2021 to:

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Yours sincerely



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Welsh Government funding for automated systems in community pharmacy 2021-22

Grant Application Form

Applicant Name (organisation):

**Applicant contact details
(including email and telephone):**

Proposals and benefits	
<p>1. Provide a brief description of the automation system proposed</p>	
<p>2. Outline</p> <p>i) expected efficiencies to be achieved in your business' current operating model such as better workflow, redeployment of staff etc; and</p> <p>ii) expected benefits to your patients and your community to access their medicines and clinical services – how will the patient experience be improved?</p> <p>(NB please answer with specific reference to your business and your community. <u>Applications which only provide the standard product information will not be considered).</u></p>	

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3. Outline how you will identify and measure these benefits (NB a condition of funding will be to submit a final report on how the allocation has been used, the benefits and challenges associated with implementation and details of any lessons learned which can be shared across the community pharmacy sector in Wales).	
Supporting data	
4. Average monthly dispensing volume:	
5. Services provided: List services and average monthly consultations.	
6. Details of population served by your pharmacy (population data; socio-economic/deprivation data; rural/urban etc)	
Financial information	
7. Costs of the automated system.	£
8. Confirmation of funding to be committed by the applicant (minimum of 25% contribution against a fixed grant of £20,000 per pharmacy) – specify the amount of your contribution.	£

DECLARATION

I hereby confirm as a senior representative of the organisation that:

- a) I am content for this application to proceed;
- b) the confirmed match funding will be provided;
- c) the funding will be spent in the financial year 2021-22 (i.e. before 31 March 2022) taking account of any time required for remedial works or planning consent being granted; and

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- d) to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given is correct and no other specific grants have been or will be made towards the expenditure detailed in this application

Signature:	Date:
Name (Printed):	Position:

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