

# 2018/19 Collaborative Working Scheme

## Scheme Requirements



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This is to inform contractors that the details of the requirements of the Collaborative Working Schemes for 2018/19 have now been confirmed by Welsh Government.

The intention of the collaborative working scheme is to encourage community pharmacy contractors in Wales to engage with primary care clusters and develop and improve collaborative working relationships with GPs and other healthcare professionals.

The scheme was introduced in October 2017 and will continue in an extended form in 2018/19.

Up to four payments each of £250 (£1000 in total) and one payment of £500 will be payable to all contractors on the pharmaceutical list at 1 April 2018 who undertake collaborative working in one of the priority areas (*listed below*) and satisfy the conditions.

A total of £1500 is available to contractors for undertaking the collaborative working scheme in 2018/19.

### **Focus of Collaborative Working:**

A payment of £250 may be claimed for collaborative working in the following areas:

1. Promotion and establishment of Repeat dispensing/ Batch prescribing
2. Improving the operation of repeat prescribing systems (other than repeat dispensing/ batch prescribing) with a particular focus on reducing waste.
3. Ensuring the benefits of NHS community pharmacy services, including but not limited to, the common ailment service and smoking cessation service to patients and the NHS are maximised.
4. Developing arrangements for maximising the uptake of influenza vaccination within the community

5. Making arrangements for undertaking discharge medicines reviews particularly for patients discharged from hospital to a care home to which the pharmacy provides dispensing services and the GP provides the *GMS care homes directed enhanced service*
6. Discussing improving the use of medicines by residents in care homes
7. Discussing the results of the prevalence of high risk medicines survey
8. Engaging in small group problem based learning activities co-ordinated by WCCPE

A single payment of £500 may be claimed for collaborative working which includes:

9. Understanding and engaging in primary care cluster priorities through attendance at primary care cluster meetings

**Conditions of payment:**

In order to claim payment the contractor must ensure:

- At least 2 claims made relate to work undertaken by a pharmacist
- In the case of priority areas 1 to 5 the collaborative work is undertaken either by a pharmacist or a pharmacy technician who regularly\* works at the pharmacy
- In the case of priority areas 6 to 9 the collaborative work is undertaken by a pharmacist who regularly\* works at the pharmacy)

*(\* regularly is defined as working on two or more days each week for at least four weeks preceeding and after the work is undertaken)*

- A detailed report is produced of each piece of collaborative working and kept in the pharmacy for inspection by the Health Board if required
- A summary report is made to generate the claim on NECAF.

CPW has been made aware by NHS Shared Services that the NECAF claim form for collaborative working has not yet been updated with the new priority areas for 2018/19. Contractors carrying out collaborative working on any of the new areas are advised to delay their claim until this has taken place which will be carried out in the near future.

CPW has provided a whole suite of resources to support contractors undertaking collaborative working (including a template detailed report

form) and these can be found <http://www.cpwales.org.uk/Services-and-commissioning/Collaborative-Working.aspx>

The resources are in the process of being updated to include the new priority areas for 2018/19 and contractors will be informed as new resources are added to the website.

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