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Dear Colleague,

## **Criteria Change for NHS England Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Programme**

As part of the General Practice Forward View, the Clinical Pharmacist in General Practice programme enables pharmacists to take a greater clinical role within an integrated multidisciplinary team. The aim of the programme is to help ease general practice workload, and improve patient care.

From the 23 October 2018, the programme will change the application criteria to make it easier for sites to apply for co-funding for a clinical pharmacist. The changes will offer more flexibility by enabling sites to operate across a smaller population size, and allowing clinical pharmacists to work part-time.

### **What are the criteria changes?**

- Reduction of the current population criteria from 1 WTE clinical pharmacist per 30,000 population, to 1 WTE per 15,000 population<sup>1</sup>.
- Permitting part-time clinical pharmacists of a minimum of 0.5 WTE.

As well as encouraging new sites to apply for the programme, the criteria change applies to existing sites interested in extending their model; and any past applications that were not approved because they did not meet the previous criteria.

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<sup>1</sup> Or the proportion of WTE that can be applied to the population criteria e.g. 0.5 WTE for 7500 population.

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For further information about the programme, please visit the NHS England Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/building-the-general-practice-workforce/cp-gp/>

Yours faithfully,

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