

To: All Community Pharmacies

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Dear Colleague

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY PHARMACY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (BCPP)

HSCB has commissioned Community Development Health Network (CDHN) to deliver the BCPP programme over many years. The programme gives community pharmacies the opportunity to work in partnership with their local community to address locally defined needs and social determinants of health and health inequalities.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, and the fact that community pharmacies have been at the forefront in tackling this pandemic, the decision was taken to postpone the running of the programme in the first half of the year. However, the importance of this programme in developing and building connections within local communities is recognised and it is planned to recommence the programme in November 2020.

We appreciate that due to the Covid restrictions it would be difficult to run the programme in its current format and therefore some changes have been made which should make it easier for you to deliver the programme. The temporary changes are outlined below.

1. The number of BCPP sessions has been reduced and will now involve in 14 sessions instead of the usual 18.
2. The pharmacy element of the budget is £3400 – this includes all planning, evaluation, training and delivery.
3. The BCPP engagement sessions with the community can be done online via zoom. CDHN can provide training and support to your pharmacy on Zoom engagement.

If you are unfamiliar with BCPP and would like to take part in a programme support is available from the BCPP team to discuss projects or connect you with a community partner if required.

It is appreciated that you have many competing demands and that this is a huge time commitment, but in today's difficult times of uncertainty and the possibility of social isolation by some members of our community, it is even more important that we build connections within local communities. I would, therefore, encourage you to consider applying for a Level 2 BCPP project.

Applications are now opened and will close on 3rd December. Application forms can be found at <https://www.cdhn.org/bcpp>.

If you need any help with completing the application form the BCPP team are available for any queries. Please contact kathymartin@cdhn.org or maryohagan@cdhn.org in the first instance or via telephone on 028 3026 4606 or Kathy on mobile number 07725200404.

Yours sincerely,



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