

To: All Community Pharmacies

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Dear Colleague

INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING IN COMMUNITY PHARMACY

The HSCB, DoH and CPNI are currently considering a proposal to extend the Pharmacy First Service to include the management of uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women aged 16 to 64 years of age. This would be a **pilot service** offered to patients during the 2020/2021 winter months.

The pilot service would be provided by Pharmacist Independent Prescribers (IP) working in community pharmacies. This is in line with the DoH intention to develop the role of the independent prescriber (IP) in community pharmacy.

HSCB is keen to learn about the numbers of IPs currently working in community pharmacies and to gauge their interest in providing this pilot service.

Training will be provided to ensure competency to deliver the service and prescribe appropriately for this therapeutic area.

I would be grateful if you would respond indicating how many IPs there are working within your pharmacy and if they would be willing to participate in this pilot.

Please reply to the relevant pharmacy services email below by **Wednesday 23rd September 2020** providing the following information:

- Numbers of IPs working in your pharmacy(-ies):
- IP name:
- PSNI registration number:
- Pharmacy address and contractor number:
- Willing to participate in pilot: **Yes/No**

**If no, please provide your reasons for not being able to participate*

Yours sincerely,



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