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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Larvae products

Following consideration of the responses to the consultation in relation to wound care products (2016), it has been agreed that the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff will be populated with the wound care products, and corresponding reimbursement prices, as listed in Part IXA of the England & Wales Drug Tariff. This change to the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff will be implemented from **1 April 2019**.

An issue arising from the new arrangement is that larvae products (currently listed within Part III (g): Section 4.1 of the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff) are not listed within Part IXA of the England and Wales Drug Tariff.

For clarification, these products **will** continue to be prescribable within primary care in Northern Ireland and community pharmacy contractors will be reimbursed at the prices listed in the dm+d (list price). Larvae dressings will continue to be included on the zero discount list.

The changes in respect of larvae products will take effect from **1 February 2019**.

Further communication on the wider changes to the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff in relation to wound care products will be circulated to the HSC in the coming weeks.

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