

**From Acting Chief Pharmaceutical Officer
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To: Community Pharmacy Contractors

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Dear Contractor,

PRE-REGISTRATION PHARMACIST PLACEMENTS – UPDATE FOR 2018/19

On 25 June 2018, the former Chief Pharmaceutical Officer wrote to you to confirm that a pre-registration grant of **£19,150** would be made available to each contractor for every pre-registration student, subject to the normal regulatory requirements of the Pharmaceutical Society for Northern Ireland being met.

The grant included a protected employer specific funding allocation of **£5,350** per placement to cover training and employer on-costs associated with each placement. The remainder of the grant was for Contractors to provide a salary of **£13,800** for each pre-registration trainee.

In the letter you were also advised that consideration would be given to the allocation to students on the basis of the Department's response to recommendations by the NHS Pay Review Body when available.

Consideration has now been given to this matter and I can now advise that the pre-registration grant will increase to **£19,564**. The protected employer specific funding allocation is **£5,350** per placement to cover training and employer on-costs associated with each placement. The remainder of the grant is for Contractors to provide a salary of **£14,214** for each pre-registration trainee.

These amounts should be reduced on a pro-rata basis in respect of part-time placements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mrs Cathy Harrison