

To: Community pharmacists
Participating in the MASS Pilot Project

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Dear Colleague,

**Medicines Adherence Support Service (MASS) Pilot Project -
arrangements from 1st July 2015**

As you will be aware, the Medicines Adherence Support Service Pilot (phase 2) has now finished; all patient assessments will have been completed by 31st March 2015, and follow-up reviews carried out by 30th June 2015.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the arrangements now in place for patients assessed during the pilot.

The assessments have, for a number of patients, resulted in the on-going provision of personalised solutions including medicines reminder cards, multi-compartment compliance aids (MCA) or monitored dosage systems (MDS) and medicines administration record (MAR) charts. We continue to work towards a commissioned service for compliance support. In the meantime, however, it will be important to maintain the on-going medicines adherence support solutions for these patients as clinically appropriate.

Funding has been secured to cover supply of the on-going solutions for these patients from 1st July 2015 until 30th June 2016. Your MASS phase 2 pilot contract will be extended for this purpose and the revised specification is enclosed (Appendix 1). **This will only apply to the patients assessed prior to 31st March, who had solutions implemented during the pilot project and for whom claims have been submitted to HSCB before 1st July. Supply of "stock" solutions will no longer be reimbursed.**

It is important to note for those patients that are maintained on a medicines adherence solution from 1st July 2015, the community pharmacy will need to review the needs for this solution on an on-going basis and make adjustments as appropriate.

New patients, or existing patients presenting with new actual or suspected medicines adherence problems, should be managed in the normal way.

Claims should be submitted on a monthly basis to your local HSCB office using the Post-pilot Monthly Activity Claim Form (Appendix 2) which, together with the revised specification, is available on the BSO website:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2450.htm>

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact Susan Patterson (Susan.Patterson@hscni.net), Pharmaceutical Services Adviser on tel. 028 9262 0849 or <insert name> at your local HSCB office on 9536 XXXX

I would like to thank you for your participation in this innovative pilot project and look forward to sharing the results with you in the near future.



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