

Quality Points Funding for Community Pharmacy

From the recently published 'PSNC Funding Summary –Information for contractors', the following details apply to Quality Payments awarded for access to SCR.

- Payments will be made depending on how many criteria a pharmacy meets (and therefore how many 'points' the pharmacy has achieved)
- Department of Health expect the value of each point to be set at **£64** (This sum assumes 100% of pharmacies achieve all 100 points)
- DH think it is unlikely that all pharmacies will achieve all the quality criteria
- There will be two review points during the year, following which Quality Payments will be awarded: **End of April 2017 and end of November 2017**
- After the two review points, there will be a reconciliation process to divide remaining funding between qualifying contractors based on the number of points a pharmacy has achieved over the two review points to a cap of £128 per point in totality, including the reconciliation payment

The full funding information can be accessed via the link:

<http://psnc.org.uk/funding-and-statistics/cpcf-funding-changes-201617-and-201718/>

Summary Care Record is included in the list of criteria for which Quality Points can be achieved

Domain	Criteria	Number of review points which can be claimed	Points at any one review point	Total points over the two review points
Digital	Demonstration of having accessed the Summary Care Record and increase in access since the last review point	Two	5	10

These payments are in addition to the one-off £200 activation payment available to contractors that Go Live with SCR before the end of March 2017.

If you have considered access to SCR would not provide sufficient benefit above your processes for managing patient queries (e.g. if you currently readily seek information to answer patient medication, allergies and adverse reaction queries by direct contact with GP surgery staff), you may now wish to re-evaluate.

Further guidance will be released by DH before 1st December 2016.