

Dear Pharmacy Colleague

Please see the message below from Tracey Huston, Public Health Business Manager Re: PHLA Payments for 2020/21

The Procurement Policy Note (PPN) Action Note PPN 02/20 March 2020 Issue 1. sets out information and guidance for public bodies on payment of their suppliers to ensure service continuity during and after the current coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak.

The policy note states ...**'payments should not be made to suppliers where there is no contractual volume commitment to supply.'**

We recognise the financial burden on Pharmacies and would also hope that you recognise the burden on the council particularly where we have had to commission additional activity to replace or substitute normal routes of delivery, for example alternative solutions to reduced pharmacy activity for Emergency Hormonal Contraception.

We will use the 2019/20 claims to produce an averaged amount and pay 3/5 of the sum due between April and June to alleviate the financial pressures you face. This takes account of planned reductions for the 2020/21 year.

We will follow up in due course how and when those payments will be made and the situation will be fully reviewed in May/June.

Regards,

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