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Dear Colleague

PHARMACY PRE-REGISTRATION PLACEMENTS: 2 MONTH EXTENSION FOR 19/20 STUDENTS

Further to the letterⁱ 14th May 2020 from the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer in relation to pre-registration placements, HSCB are writing to provide clarification in relation to the trainees who were due to take their examination in June 2020.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI) had advised that it is their intention to hold the examination in early August, subject to any restrictions arising from the pandemic, thus enabling those who have successfully passed the examination, and completed their 52 weeks training, to join the register by the end of August / start of September 2020.

When 52 weeks of pre-registration training has been satisfactorily completed, trainees will still require pharmacist supervision but need not be the sole pupil of their tutor. This additional period should be used to continue learning in preparation for entering practice and sitting the registration examination.

Full details of the PSNI statement is available at <https://www.psni.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Final-exam-300420-statement-30-4.pdf>

Funding has been secured for up to a 2 month extension for those students who were due to take the examination in June (depending on whether pre-registration was commenced on 01/07/2019 or 01/08/19).

The funding is available for both tutors and trainees who were planning to sit the pre-registration exam in June 2020.

This funding will be the rate for 20/21 i.e. **£1,875 per month**

BSO have developed a claim form to allow contractors to claim this additional funding; BSO will be writing to contractors separately to advise in relation to claim submission.

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/1946.htm>

In exceptional circumstances, where trainees have needed to “shield” or return to their home country, each case will be considered on an individual basis. These should be emailed to veranne.lynch@hscni.net for further consideration by HSCB/DH.

I would like to thank you for your continued support for our future pharmacists.

Yours sincerely,



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ⁱ <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Contractors%20regarding%20pre-reg%20grants%20arrangements%2020%2021.pdf>