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**To: All Community Pharmacy Contractors**

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Dear Colleague,

**Pharmacy Foundation Training Year Placement Grant 2024/25**

I am writing to confirm the funding arrangements that have been put in place to enable the next cohort of Pharmacy Foundation Training Year (FTY) students to commence their training in July.

For the 2024/25 intake, the Department of Health will be making a total FTY grant of **£27,511** available to each contractor towards the salary of each student, who will be commencing their placement year from July 2024. This will be subject to students meeting the regulatory requirements of the Pharmaceutical Society NI (PSNI). The grant will include a salary of **£22,010** for each foundation year trainee, to meet the recommended 2024 National Living Wage rate for those over the age of 21 years. The remaining **£5,500** should be paid to individual contractors to include a protected employer specific, funding allocation per placement. This is to cover training and employer on-costs associated with each placement. The grant should be reduced proportionately in respect of part-time placements.

Yours sincerely,



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