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**GMMH position regarding supervised consumption costs during Covid-19**

Dear colleague

I am contacting you all to advise the GMMH position regarding continuation of payments to community pharmacies during the Covid-19 period.

There is clear [government guidance](#) at this financially-challenging time not to destabilise businesses, which community pharmacies are, but to maintain contracts and payments. GMMH is completely supportive of this and will work with community pharmacies to ensure the payment structure is continued during this challenging time.

I hope this is an assuring message for you, at what is clearly a very difficult time for us all.

Payments will continue to be made, based on an average up to month 9 activity. This is based on the letter from Simon Stephens and Amanda Pritchard of NHS England and NHS Improvement dated 17<sup>th</sup> March.

For Bolton, Salford and Trafford, this will be supported via our contract with CHL, a 3-month invoice will be required.

For Cumbria, this will be facilitated through the usual route and, again, a monthly invoice will be required.

Please note all guidance is currently covering the period up until 31<sup>st</sup> July, as the guidance is updated or changed, we will advise of next steps.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact your locality Service Manager;

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Yours Sincerely,

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