

To: All Dispensing Doctors.

A meeting was held with the PCRS in Finglas, Dublin on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 organised by the IMO and attended by Ms. Shirley Coulter, Assistant Director, Industrial Relations IMO and Mr. Val Moran (IMO) and Dr. Maura O'Donnell and Dr. Kevin Deering and myself Dr. Jerry Cowley.

Please find attached note of the key actions of the meeting that has been agreed with PCRS.

Dispensing Doctors

IMO/PCRS Meeting

26th

February 2014

Dispensing Status

- 34 GPs advised dispensing status to cease 31st

December 2013 unless appealed

- No contact made by 17 GPs, PCRS will cease status as of 31st

December 2013 and recoup

dispensing fees paid for 2014

- Of the remaining 17, 6 responded to the PCRS request for further information and these responses are currently being worked through by PCRS. The 11 GPs that did not provide the requested information will be afforded one further opportunity to respond, a communication will issue from PCRS to these doctors with a response to be received by 31st March 2014

Pilot Project

- Software issues highlighted by pilot project to be rectified with new software to be ready by 1 April 2014 including a facility for repeat prescriptions

- Further 2 week software pilot project to be conducted by Dr Deering and Dr O'Donnell in April 2014

- In parallel, integration with vendor systems to be explored

Proposed Changes to Dispensing

- To facilitate further PCRS/IMO engagement on the proposed changes and the second pilot project, implementation of the proposed changes has been reset to 1 July 2014

- PCRS confirmed that in the absence of broadband live input is not required. A option will be

provided to the GP to download a form for use, which can be inputted at a later stage (as per the current process for submitting STC claim forms)

- PCRS to provide IMO with draft manual on dispensing recording system for input

Dispensing Guidelines

- IMO to write to PCRS regarding dispensing guidelines as raised at meeting

Next meeting 7th May 2014