

Review of NHS Prescription Charges and Exemption Arrangements in Scotland

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE 4.1 REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS RELATED TO MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Question 1: Whether exemption from all charges should continue to be given on medical grounds alone, and if so, whether the list of conditions should be reviewed?

Yes i think the list of conditions should be reviewed i myself suffer from Heart Failure, High Blood Pressure, Chronic Bronchitis, Diabetes Type 2 diet only at present, IBS, Arthritis, Depression, Acid Reflux. The conditions on Chronic Diseases needs to be clarified more At. Present i take a four monthly Pepayment prescription card but sometimes i have difficulty in raising the ammount

Question 2: Whether, where exemption is given on medical grounds, that exemption should relate only to drugs for the treatment of the medical condition in question, rather than (as at present) covering all drugs whether or not they relate to the condition

No they should cover all drugs

that gives rise to the exemption?

Question 3: Whether it makes more sense to provide exemption based on a list of drugs, or based on a list of conditions?

This should be on a list of Chronic conditions

4.2 ECONOMIC NEED AFFORDABILITY Pre-payment certificate scheme

Question 1: Whether prescription charge exemption should be extended to HC3 holders?

Yes this should happen

Question 2: What changes to the PPC system would address current barriers to its use, particularly by those on low income, and maximise patients' benefit?

This should become available through a monthly payment by Direct Debit or Standing Order so that people on a low income can pay for a ppc

Flat Fee

Question 1: Whether there should be a reduced flat fee for all (with current income based exemptions) and, if so, the level at which affordability to the patient and cost to the NHS can be balanced?

The people who are earning more than £10,000 per year should be paying the full price for people earning under £6000 prescription should be not more than £2 per item

Question 2: Whether there should be a monetary cap to the charges that a patient is required to pay over a set period of time, after which prescriptions should be free within this period of time?

No there should be no set period of time because the majority of the working population have an Annual income of £12,000+

Question 3: Whether there should be a concessionary rate for patients who require frequent prescriptions, and whether the concession should be triggered by the costs incurred over a set period of time?

No this should be as it is now

Question 4: Whether there are other changes in the arrangements for pre-payments or caps that are not listed above and which would maintain charge income in general for NHS Boards?

by giving people the right to pay monthly by s/o or D/D

4.3 ABILITY TO PAY

Question 1: Whether there is a case for extending the current 'full time student' threshold to cover tertiary education?	No because most student nowadays run cars and go to the pubs each night so if they have money for these items they should be paying towards there Prescription even if its only half the ammount normally paid.
Question 2: Whether exemption should be extended to all persons in full time education or training, regardless of their ability to pay?	NO
Question 3: Whether there should be concessionary charge arrangements for full time students or trainees above set age thresholds?	YES
Question 4: Whether there are other changes in the charging system that could remove the need for special arrangements for full time students or trainees?	Give them a higher grant to cover the costs

SECTION 5: SUMMARY OF CHANGE POSSIBILITIES AND VIEWS SOUGHT5.1
REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS RELATED TO MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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Question 2: Whether, where exemption is given on medical grounds, that exemption should relate only to drugs for the treatment of the medical condition in question, rather than (as at present) covering all drugs whether or not they relate to the condition that gives rise to the exemption?	No it should stay the same as now
Question 3: Whether it makes more sense to provide exemption based on a list of drugs, or based on a list of conditions?	Alist of Conditions

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<i>system would address current barriers to its use, particularly by those on low income, and maximise patients' benefit?</i>	D/Dor S/O
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