



ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT MULTIPLE CHEMISTS in
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Dear Charmian,

Please find enclosed comments by AIMS after discussion by our members at a meeting on Weds 26th April and which we hope are useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.W.M. Davidson', is written over the closing text.

D.W.M.DAVIDSON.
INTERIM CHAIRMAN.

COMMENTS ON SCRIPT CHARGES AND EXEMPTIONS.

- ◆ **We agree with patient contribution principles mainly on current basis and because it is least bureaucratic and more easily understood by patients especially in complex conditions.**
- ◆ **Medical exemption principle supported but relook by medical professionals for categories. Exemption should be for all medicines and not just for directly related medicines as the health condition of patient may be influenced by the illness.**
- ◆ **Age exemption should be raised to under 25's and over 65's (for both sexes) due to increasing working life. No exemptions needed for students, apprentices etc due to raising to 25.**
- ◆ **Due to move from Hospital to care at home a new category for exemption of 'HOUSEBOUND' needs to be created.**
- ◆ **Flat fee for all not supported.**
- ◆ **Cross border system should be CHI related.**
- ◆ **Pre-pay certs should be one fee of six months . Purchase at pharmacy should be promoted . One idea was book of tickets and patient uses as required especially where three months medication prescribed.**

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM: REVIEW OF NHS PRESCRIPTION CHARGES AND EXEMPTION ARRANGEMENTS IN SCOTLAND

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