

## **SPH – Pharmacists in Practice – Phase II NHS Pilot – Last Call for Practices to Participate!**

SPH will be employing several clinical pharmacists to work in GP surgeries across Somerset from the beginning of 2018. SPH was awarded the contract by NHS England to implement their Phase II Pilot.

If your practice has already signed up for Phase II, you will know what the scheme offers. If not, it could be that your Practice either dismissed the scheme or thought about it and decided it wasn't right for you at the time? Perhaps your circumstances have changed and maybe you now wish that you had expressed an interest? If so, it may not be too late (there are no guarantees about this but we can investigate), then please make contact with us at [sphadmin@nhs.net](mailto:sphadmin@nhs.net) by 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

Here is an overview of what the scheme is intended to provide:

- Our objective is to introduce more pharmacists to GP practices, working across primary care in Somerset. This has two purposes. Firstly to support our practices by extending the clinical staff team and the skills and expertise available for non-clinical administrative staff who process aspects of prescribing and for patients. Secondly to enable the further improvement of clinical effectiveness, safety and quality improvements, reductions in unsustainable GP pressures, greater cost-effectiveness and longer term affordability. This will ensure more consistent, beneficial clinical services for Somerset patients well into the future.
- The Pharmacists will provide clinical patient facing input, medical governance and management and leadership on pharmacy matters. They will also help support closer liaisons between the practices and community pharmacies and the local residential and care homes.