**RE- Simplified Prescribing Incentive Scheme 2020/21 March 2021-*Don’t lose out*.**

The scheme has been reconsidered in light of the ongoing pandemic and the focus on Covid vaccinations. It still recognises ongoing high quality, cost effective prescribing, but without creating extra work for practices.

The majority of practices are on track to achieve most of the targets. However, a few still need to action some simple areas to achieve full points.

An email with full details is being sent to all practices with the latest revised scorecard. Please find below a brief summary to read in conjunction with the email.

**Virtual Prescribing Forums – Just one forum/meeting. *Do action***

Modified target -Attendance at just one prescribing forum during the financial year or just one meeting with their prescribing adviser. *A few practices have not met this target – please meet your prescribing adviser before 31.3.21.*

**Virtual Inhaler Technique workshops-** *No longer included - points allocated to prescribing forum/meeting*

**Delivering MM workplan-** *All practices have co-operated to the best of their ability and hence will all awarded full points*

**Implementing Eclipse – *Do action***

Target is now simplified to:

* Send the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) by 31st March 2021 to bhrmedicines.management@nhs.net
* Register relevant practice staff to use Eclipse
* Make a start on implementing red and amber alerts

**Prescribing restrictions**

Target is £150 per 1000 patients per quarter, in line with previous years, based on spending money wisely.

In line with QOF, points will be based on past achievement. Data from Oct -Dec 19 is being used. Data for Oct-Dec 2020 will also be used in cases where practices did not achieve the target in Oct -Dec 2019. So two chances to achieve target!

**Anti-bacterials**

Broad spectrum antibiotic target has been dropped, and almost practices will achieve the overall target of below 0.24 antibacterial items per Star-PU in Q2 2020/21 – well done!

**ScriptSwitch**

Majority of practices will achieve the target offer rate of below 9% in Dec20 and Jan21.

Modified target - Acceptance target has lowered to 20% or above, assessed for Dec20and Jan21.