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Dear Sirs

**Reports of government payments to pharmacists being blocked.**

As you will know the PDA is the UK-wide trade union for pharmacists and we represent over 32,000 employed and locum pharmacists including many in Scotland and employed by Morrisons.

We have heard from our members this week that company managers have communicated that Morrisons intend to block the £500 payment from the Scottish Government, which is intended for pharmacists and others, in recognition of their contribution during the pandemic.

We have further been told that when some pharmacists have asked for a written copy of the company communication this has been refused.

Please can you provide confirmation of the company's position by return, and if it is indeed to block pharmacists from receiving this payment from the Scottish Government, what if any alternative arrangements you are putting in place for them to receive this government recognition.

We also ask Professor McQuillan as the principal spokesperson for pharmacy employers in Scotland to clarify if any other CPS members also intend to block payments to their pharmacists.

On behalf of our members, we look forward to your urgent reply.

Yours sincerely



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