

NHSBSA can help your STP achieve cost improvements and deliver positive change

The NHS Business Services Authority provides a wide range of key services that are critical to NHS organisations, NHS contractors and patients. We are a Special Health Authority of the Department of Health processing over £33bn payments every year. This unique position means that we can use our wealth of healthcare experience, data and analytics to support you in accelerating positive change within your health area.

Below is an example of the potential savings available for a typical STP.

Indicative STP dashboard - potential benefits			
STP Sample, Test and Exampleshire Population of 1.7 million	Primary Care Diagnostic Testing		Respiratory Drugs What's the opportunity? Changing 9 selected inhalers to therapeutically equivalent inhalers What's the benefit? £2.1 million
	Faecal Calprotectin Testing What's the opportunity? Testing patients within primary care to distinguish between IBS and IBD What's the benefit? £1.7 million	C-Reactive Protein Testing What's the opportunity? Testing patients within primary care to distinguish between viral and bacterial infections What's the benefit? £548,000	
Gluten Free Products What's the opportunity? Removing gluten free products from local formularies What's the benefit? £551,000	Wound Care What's the opportunity? Centrally sourcing wound care products rather than via FP10 prescription route. What's the benefit? £450,000	Repeat Prescribing What's the opportunity? Employing pharmacists to work across a number of GP practices to review repeat prescribing. What's the benefit? £2 million	Total Potential Savings By combining a selection of Pacific opportunities, SAMPLE, TEST & EXAMPLESHIRE could save in the region of: £7.2 million

To start achieving these savings like this in your area, contact us at nhsbspacificideas@nhs.net and let's start accelerating change together.

Ten things the NHSBSA is working on to help deliver more savings

NHSBSA is collaborating across the NHS to help deliver substantial financial benefits.

Here are some examples of how:

- 1 We are developing a more flexible replacement for the **ePACT** system, which will allow CCGs, Trusts and GP practices to interrogate their prescribing spend more simply and efficiently. This will be rolled out across the NHS during 2017/18.
- 2 We are listening to CCG feedback and working with DH colleagues to make the **Drug Tariff** prices more responsive to changing market conditions.
- 3 We are helping to **transform procurement services** and secure economies of scale in procurement appropriate to the national scale of the NHS.
- 4 We are running one of the **largest scanning operations** in Europe, to capture digital data from paper prescription forms, so the NHS can benefit from digital prescribing data in advance of full uptake of Electronic Prescribing Systems.
- 5 We are exploiting the growing availability of patient-level prescription data to develop reports that will help prescribers, CCGs and STPs to **reduce unwarranted variations in prescribing spend**.
- 6 We are working with NICE, NHS RightCare and other NHS England colleagues, including the New Care Models Team, to help reduce medicines wastage through **inappropriate polypharmacy** and **better medicines management in care homes**.
- 7 We are supporting development of a **Digital Medicines Strategy** under the National Information Board's Paperless 2020 programme, by leading discovery work around the secondary uses of medicines data.
- 8 We are collaborating with NHSE, NICE and NHS Digital to report metrics around medicines use and Key Therapeutic Topics in support of the **Medicines Optimisation** agenda.
- 9 We are working with the RightCare and Public Health England teams to allow richer data on primary/community prescribing to be included in the **Commissioning for Value** packs.
- 10 We are deriving new business insights from increasingly rich pharmacy data to support DH consideration of **new prescribing and pharmacy management policies**.

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