



Tuesday, 19th February 2019

To: All General Practices  
Derbyshire

Dear All

### **The New GP Contract and the Development of Primary Care Networks in Derbyshire**

As you know the NHS has recently published “**Investment and Evolution**: A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement *The NHS Long Term Plan*”. From July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 GP practices will be asked to work in groups serving 30,000-50,000 people with funding and resources channelled to these new ‘Primary Care Networks’ (PCNs). Practices are already starting to work together in Derbyshire, but will need to formalise and strengthen this in order to be able to deliver the new contract. This letter sets out how the CCG and LMC are proposing to support practices to achieve this over the next few months.

#### **What is a Primary Care Network?**

The criteria for a PCN are set out in the guidance (pp29-32) which states that a PCN will:

- Typically serve a population of at least 30,000 people
- Not tend to exceed 50,000 people – this is a suggested upper level, not a strict requirement, with some flexibility for existing large groups to organise into separate ‘neighbourhood teams’ covering 30-50,000 people each
- Have a boundary that makes sense to:
  - a) its constituent practices
  - b) other community based providers who configure their teams accordingly
  - c) its local community
- Have a Network Agreement signed by all constituent GP practices
- Appoint a Clinical Director as its named accountable leader, responsible for delivery
- Receive funding for:
  - the Clinical director
  - £1.50 per registered patient via a national directed enhanced service (DES)
  - Additional workforce

#### **How will Primary Care Networks be Formed?**

The national guidance is clear that Primary Care Networks should be developed and agreed ‘bottom up’ as far as possible as the networks will depend on strong relationships between practices. The CCG and LMC are fully supportive of this approach and will support practices in developing and agreeing on their Primary Care Networks.



In Derbyshire we feel that we are starting from a strong basis with practices already working together to deliver extended access and other services. In the first instance we would encourage these existing groups to come together to look to agree Primary Care Networks locally. Within this process individual practices will need to consider their own position and, if they would like to switch networks, will need to speak first to their local group and then to the CCG.

Ultimately the CCG will be responsible to NHSE for agreeing Network boundaries and if there are outstanding issues to resolve (for example Practices can't reach an agreement, or the CCG feels that the PCN falls outside the criteria outlined above) then there will be a local arbitration process. This will be developed jointly by the CCG and LMC and work in April and May to resolve issues locally. Failing this the national guidance states that NHSE will work with us to resolve any outstanding issues in early June.

### **Support to Practices and PCNs**

The LMC is offering its support to facilitate local conversations through the General Practice Task Force (ddlmc.office@nhs.net), telephone 01332 210008) and to further explain the new five year framework for the GP contract and its implications. The LMC has also developed a one page guide to PCNs (Appendix 1) and will provide further summaries explaining other aspects of the new contract, in due course. The GP Task Force website will be the host site locally for information about the new contract including updates on progress.

CCG staff will continue to be available to attend group meetings if invited, and we are also proposing to host workshops during March in Derby and Chesterfield (see detail below and flyer attached) to discuss this in more detail. There is also an NHS England event, run by the national team, on 26<sup>th</sup> March in Burton-on-Trent (see detail below).

### **Timetable**

| <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Action / Event</b>  |
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| <b>January - April 2019</b>     | Practices meet to discuss how they wish to form Primary Care Networks and to prepare to meet the Network Contract DES registration requirements with LMC support if required |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>GPC / BMA New Contract Roadshow</b> (6:30pm - 9:00pm)<br>Risley Hall, Risley<br>Derby DE72 3WJ  |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>PCN / GP Contract Workshop</b> (1:00pm - 4:30pm)<br>The Royal British Legion<br>30 Poppyfields Drive, Mickleover<br>Derby, DE3 9GB  |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>PCN / GP Contract Workshop</b> (1:00pm - 4:30pm)<br>Chesterfield Rugby Club<br>2012 Dunston Road<br>Chesterfield, S41 9BF   |



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| <b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>NHS England Workshop</b> (see link below)<br>Burton Albion Football Club<br>Pirelli Stadium, Princess Way<br>Burton-Upon-Trent, DE13 0AR<br><a href="https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/primary-care-networks-regional-engagement-event-midlands-and-east-49232">https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/primary-care-networks-regional-engagement-event-midlands-and-east-49232</a> |
| <b>By 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> | NHS England and GPC England jointly issue the Network Agreement and 2019/20 Network Contract DES   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>     | PCNs submit a stocktake position to the CCG on their proposed PCN boundary   |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | PCNs submit exception report to the CCG: highlighting any areas where there may be issues to resolve.  |
| <b>April - May</b>              | CCG work with LMC and PCNs to finalise PCN boundaries, support PCNs with the registration process (including appointing Clinical Director) and to provide local arbitration on any outstanding issues  |
| <b>By 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | All Primary Care Networks submit registration information to their CCG   |
| <b>By 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>   | CCGs confirm network coverage and approve variation to GP, PMS and APMS contracts  |
| <b>Early June</b>               | NHS England and GPC England jointly work with CCGs and LMCs to resolve and issues  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> July 2019</b> | Network Contract DES goes live across 100% of the country  |

**Further Detail**

- The full guidance is available via <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/gp-contract-2019.pdf>
- The NHS Long Term Plan is available via <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-long-term-plan>

The new contract offers exciting opportunities for General Practice in Derbyshire. We hope that we can work together to deliver these for practices and patients. If you want to discuss anything further about PCNs or the new contract, please contact LMC on [ddlmc.office@nhs.net](mailto:ddlmc.office@nhs.net) and CCG on [clive.newman3@nhs.net](mailto:clive.newman3@nhs.net).

Yours faithfully

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**Encl:** *Flyer for Primary Care Network Events on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019*



**DDLMC PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS ON A PAGE – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- **Primary Care Networks (PCN) delivered through a new Network Contracts DES**
  - Automatic entitlement for all practices to join PCN– CCGs will have to ensure 100% geographical coverage by July 2019
  - PCN covers geographically contiguous patient population, typically between 30-50,000 (Low population density across a large rural area only permissible exception to 30,000 population rule)
  - Completed Applications to CCGs not later than **15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to include:**
    - the names and the ODS codes of the member practices;
    - the Network list size, i.e. sum of registered lists as of 1 January 2019;
    - a map clearly marking the agreed Network area;
    - the initial Network Agreement signed by all member practices;
    - the single practice or provider that will receive funding for the PCN;
    - the named accountable Clinical Director (funded at one day per week per 40,000 patient population);
  - Each PCN to decide its delivery model for the Network Contract DES. It could be through a lead practice, GP federation, NHS provider or social enterprise partner.
- **Funding**
  - £1.50 per patient recurrent funding to fund development of PCN
  - From July 2019 existing extended hours DES will transfer into Networks, (£1.45 per patient funding – 9/12 of existing annual £1.90 per patient)
  - Extended Access (currently £6 per patient) will also transfer into Networks and be integrated with extended hours by 2021
  - More detail about form of Networks and funding to follow (SFE expected in March 2019)
- **Additional Role Reimbursement Scheme**
  - From July 2019 each PCN (greater than 30,000 patients) can employ 1 clinical pharmacist (70% funding) and 1 social prescribing link worker (100% funding) (PCN >100,000, 2 of each, PCN >150,000 3 of each, etc.)
  - In 2020 physician associates and first contact physiotherapists added (70% funding)
  - In 2021 first contact community paramedics added (70% funding)
  - Flexibility of role mix will be down to individual PCNs
  - Funding levels (70/100%) recurrent and guaranteed not to taper for 5 years
  - The eligible maximum pay for reimbursement based on weighted average salary for the specified Agenda for Change band plus (b) the associated employer on-costs.
  - On-costs will be revised to take account of any pending change in employer pension contributions, if and when these are confirmed.
- **Each PCN will deliver against 7 national service specifications in due course:**
  - Structured Medications Review and Optimisation
  - Enhanced Health in Care Homes, to implement the vanguard model
  - Anticipatory Care requirements for high need patients typically experiencing several long term conditions, joint with community services
  - Personalised Care, to implement the NHS Comprehensive Model
  - Supporting Early Cancer Diagnosis
  - CVD Prevention and Diagnosis
  - Tackling Neighbourhood Inequalities

The information provided in this document is correct at the time of publication.