



DDLMC PCN SUMMARY

NHSE and the BMA have now published the formal guidance and SFEs concerning PCNs and this is a summary: -

Primary Care Networks delivered through a new Networks DES

- Covers geographically contiguous patient population, typically between 30-50,000.
 - 30,000 is generally a minimum but may be waived in exceptional circumstances (rurality).
 - If larger than 50,000 may need to consider working in neighbourhoods of between 30-50,000.
 - The Network Area must cover a boundary that makes sense to its
 - (a) constituent members
 - (b) other community-based providers and
 - (c) the local community and would normally cover a geographically contiguous area
 - Would not normally cross CCG, STP or ICS boundaries (plus the 8 Place boundaries in Derbyshire), but there may be exceptions e.g. branch surgeries.
- All practices will need to sign up to [PCN Network Agreement](#) which will include:-
 - Constituent practices, ODS code, patient population and map.
 - Nominated Clinical Director who must be practising clinician from within the PCN member practices (normally GP but could be another clinician).
 - Nomination of the single practice or provider (who must hold a primary medical care contract) to receive payments on behalf of the PCN.
- PCN will need appropriate arrangements for patient record sharing in line with data protection legislation.
- In 2019 PCN may employ 1 clinical pharmacist (70% recurrent funding from NHSE) and 1 social prescriber (100% recurrent funding from NHSE). These posts are additional (from 31st March 2019 baseline) but practices who have already employed pharmacists on the Clinical Pharmacist in General Practice scheme may choose to continue to employ them on this scheme or transfer them into the PCN (along with associated funding).
- Phased increases to allow employment of physiotherapists, physicians associate and community paramedics through 20/21 and 21/22.
- On 1st July 2019 Existing extended hours DES will transfer into Networks: -
 - Additional clinical appointments for full PCN Patient population (based on 30 mins per 1000 patient population).
 - Can be with any healthcare professional or others working under supervision and “a reasonable number” of these appointments must be face-to-face, with the rest provided by telephone, video or online.
- Further requirements will be added in future years (20/21 – 23/24).

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



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Funding

- Network Participation Payment 14.7p per month (£1.76 per year) per weighted patient paid to practices. (In 19/20 payable by 31st July for 1st April to 30th June then monthly in arrears thereafter).
- Clinical Director funding 5.7p per month per registered patient paid to PCN. (this equates to 51.4p for 1st July 2019 – 31st March 2020 and will be 68.4p per year thereafter (adjusted for inflation).
- Core PCN Funding payment of 12.5p per month per registered patient paid to PCN (£1.50 per year). In 19/20 payable by 31st July for 1st April to 30th June then monthly in arrears thereafter.
- Extended hours access appointments 12.2p per month per registered patient paid to PCN (this equates to £1.45 per annum but only £1.099 for 1st July 2019 – 30th March 2020 since existing extended hours DES will be paid to practices until 30th June 2019). £30m added to global sum to compensate for difference between existing £1.90 and “new” £1.45 per patient).
- In 2019 each PCN will be entitled to funding (see below) for 1 Clinical Pharmacist and 1 Social Prescriber (if PCN exceeds 100,000 this is increased to two of each). In 20/21 reimbursement for workforce will be available up to a sum calculated based on their weighted population, providing greater future flexibility.
- Maximum reimbursement in 2019 for Clinical Pharmacist (70% of Band 7-8a) £37,810 and Social Prescriber (100% of Band 5) £34,113.

Timetable

- By 15th May 2019 All Primary Care Networks submit registration information to their CCG
- By 31st May 2019 CCGs confirm network coverage and approve variation to GMS, PMS and APMS contracts
- Early June 2019 NHS England and GPC England jointly work with CCGs and LMCs to resolve any issues
- 1st July 2019 Network Contract goes live across 100% of the country

The full details can be accessed using the links below:

1. [Network DES Specification](#)
2. [Network DES Guidance](#)
3. [Network DES Registration Form](#)
4. [Network Agreement](#)
5. [Network Contract VAT Information Note](#)
6. [Statement of Financial Entitlements](#)
7. [Primary Medical Services \(Directed Enhanced Services\)](#)

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