



## Advice and update from Humberside LMCs - Draft outline service specifications for the network contract DES

NHS England and Improvement published their draft service specifications for the PCN DES on 23rd December 2019 and they are seeking feedback on these draft specifications via an online survey, by 15th January 2020. You can find the draft outline specs and the survey at this link: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/primary-care-networks-service-specifications/> The 5 PCN service specifications are planned to commence from April 2020.

Humberside LMCs have reviewed the specifications and provided a summary and guidance at <https://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/websitefiles/download/9526>. We would encourage all constituents to respond to the NHSE/I consultation survey regarding the specifications **before 15 January 2020**. Whilst the survey focusses on implementation there is no reason why you should not use the survey to voice your opinions on the document. Thank you to those who have contacted the LMC with your views on the specifications. The LMC will also be providing a response to reflect constituent opinion.

The LMC are supportive of any initiatives aimed at improving patient care by reducing inequity of access and quality of care and can see clear benefits to working together practice to practice but also locally across disciplines. There are however concerns about lack of funding and the capacity to do the extra work and it appears that much is dependent on additional staff freeing up capacity to take up the extra services and working across providers.

Please use your voice to provide feedback via the NHSE/I consultation survey <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/primary-care-networks-service-specifications/consultation/intro/>. The LMC will also listen to your views and work on your behalf with GPC England who are currently engaged with NHSE/I in negotiations on the service specifications and keep you updated as these negotiations progress.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Barrett', with a horizontal line above the name.

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