

WOLVERHAMPTON CCG

Primary Care Commissioning Committee
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TITLE OF REPORT:	Establishing Primary Care Networks
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PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To ensure the committee are sighted on progress being made regarding the formation of Primary Care Networks.
ACTION REQUIRED:	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assurance
PUBLIC OR PRIVATE:	This documentation is suitable for sharing in the public domain.
KEY POINTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPs & Practice Managers received an overview of the requirements for Primary Care Networks at the CCGs Members Meeting held on 3 April 2019 (see enclosure). • Primary Care Network Applications are due to be submitted to CCGs from member practices by 15 May 2019 a panel meeting has been convened for 16 May to consider/approve applications. • Practices have been liaising with Group Leads resulting in some of the outlier practices realigning with another group (see enclosure). • NHS England received an update regarding progress being made towards Primary Care Networks on 30 April, a further update is due on 21 May.
RECOMMENDATION:	The committee should consider the progress taking place as per the timeline for applications for Primary Care Networks. Note that discussions continue with practices to reduce overlap and maintain sensible geographies.
LINK TO BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK AIMS & OBJECTIVES:	1 Improving the quality and safety of services we commission. 2 Reducing health inequalities in Wolverhampton. 3 System effectiveness delivered within our financial envelope.



1. BACKGROUND AND CURRENT SITUATION

1.1. The committee were alerted to the requirements attached to the formation of Primary Care Networks in April 2019. The report provides an update on the activities that have taken place through engaging with member practices to ensure the formation of networks is in line with national guidance.

2.0 Network DES

2.1 *Members Meeting April 2019*

In response to a plethora of national guidance published on 29 March 2019 practices were briefed on the requirements they should fulfil when forming primary care networks. The event was well attended enabling discussions to take place regarding the key documents:-

- Primary Care Networks Reference Guide
- The NHS Long Term Plan
- Investment & Evolution : GP Contract Reform
- Primary Care Network Handbook
- Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES)

A copy of the slides can be found in appendix 1.

2.2 *Network DES*

The DES was published on 29 March and will be funded by the CCG at a cost of £1.50 per patient. Funding had been set aside as part of budget setting based on the assumption that all member practices will be part of a network.

The British Medical Association have published a handbook for general practice to guide them on what they need to do to be recognised as network and this includes the application process (by 15 May 2019). This useful resource provides examples of the approach to appointing a Clinical Director, internal governance and decision making, accountability, data sharing & employment models for new workforce allocations.

Each network will be required to confirm the practices who wish to work together, list size, name of clinical director, nominated practice to receive funds and also a map of the network area based on a sensible network boundary.

Practices are actively working towards completion of application forms with support from their respective Group Manager(s).

By 30 June each network will be required to submit a fully completed network agreement outlines **decisions** about how practices will **work together**, which practice **does what**, how **funding** will be **allocated** between practices, how the **new workforce will be shared (including who employs them)**. The agreement will be subject to regular review and will therefore be amended over time ie new workforce/services as they become available.



The DES also confirms a maturity timeline that will form the basis of the performance requirements detailed in the Network Agreement.

2.3 **Application Timeline**

The timeline being worked to takes account of both national and local requirements to ensure that all requirements are met in a timely manner:-

Requirement	Due Date
PCN Participation in Network DES confirmed to NHS England	30 April 2019
Primary Networks submit registration information to CCG	By 15 May 2019
CCG Panel Meeting to consider/ approve applications	16 May 2019
CCGs confirm to Joint Commissioning Committee outcome of panel meetings	16 May 2019
Confirm outcome of Panel to STP Joint Commissioning Committee & Clinical Leadership Group	17 May 2019
NHS England Primary Care Networks (Commissioner Event)	17 May 2019
CCGs confirm network coverage to NHS England	21 May 2019
CCGs approve variations to GMS/PMS/ APMS contracts	By 31 May 2019
NHS England, CCGS & LMCs resolve any issues	Early June 2019
Network DES goes live	1 July 2019
National Entitlements start	July 2019

The committee will be kept apprised of progress and completion of the above timescales in subsequent meetings.

2.4 **Workforce - New Roles**

The new GP contract and BMA Handbook confirm a range of new roles that will be funded nationally for 5 years providing certainty to networks who will be allocated role as follows over a 3-4 year period:-

Year	Role(s) & Numbers
2019	1 Clinical Pharmacist & 1 Social Prescriber per network
2020	1 First Contact Physio(s) & 2 Physicians Associate(s) per network
2021	1 Community Paramedic per network
2022	All roles increasing by 2024 typical network will comprise of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Social Prescribers* • 3 First Contact Practitioners • 2 Physicians Associates* • 1 Clinical Pharmacist* <p><i>Note: there will be some flexibility on numbers & professionals in networks</i></p>

The above roles will be part funded by NHS England in the sum of 70% however 100% funding will be available for Social Prescribing Link Workers. The DES introduces a principle of 'additionality'. Additionality will be measured on a 2018/19 baseline of staff supporting practices as taken at 31 March 2019 (NWRS). Practices will be required to participate in a survey to confirm this data very shortly in order to assist networks in claiming funding for new additional staff roles beyond the baseline.



In addition each network will receive a contribution towards the cost of employing a Clinical Director one day per week (0.25 funded by NHS England based on a 40k network population).

3.0 CLINICAL VIEW

The Group Leads and member practices have been actively engaged in information and discussions at group level in order to ensure the functionality of each network is in line with national guidance.

4.0 PATIENT AND PUBLIC VIEW

Patient engagement has been encourage at practice level and a presentation was shared at the Patient Participation Group Chairs Meeting held on 19 March.

5.0 KEY RISKS AND MITIGATIONS

There is a risk that one group will overlap significantly with other networks in the city and may result in the CCG being unable to approve their application. Ongoing discussions with Group Leads are taking place.

6.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT(S)

Financial and Resource Implications

National funding allocations have been provisionally confirmed for Primary Care Networks comprising of Engagement Costs, Network DES, Workforce and New Roles. The CCG has set aside funds to cover the cost of the Network DES.

The committee will be kept informed regarding further funding allocations as they are confirmed over the coming months.

Quality and Safety Implications

The Chief Nurse has been actively engaged in discussions regarding the formation of Primary Care Networks in both Wolverhampton and the wider STP footprint.

Equality Implications

An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken.

Legal and Policy Implications

There are no legal implications identified at this stage.

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Enclosure(s): Enclosure 1 Members Meeting Presentation
Enclosure 2 Network DES
Enclosure 3 Primary Care Network Map (draft to be tabled)

