

# **Thurrock CCG**

## **Primary Care Networks**

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# 10 Year Plan

- Greatest focus on improving primary and community services
  - Major emphasis on the role primary care networks will play in the delivery of services
  - Whole of England to be covered by Integrated Care Systems by April 2021
  - £4.5bn uplift to primary and community health services (significant levels of up front investment) – without unrealistic expectations on efficiency
  - Funding flows to shift to ICSs and PCNs
- A big push on getting people to be healthy
  - Greater emphasis of public taking responsibility for their own health (supported by the NHS)
  - Greater emphasis on prevention
  - Starting point that 9 in 10 people have an unhealthy lifestyle habit, 5 in 10 have at least two

# 10 Year Plan

- Proposals across a range of clinical priorities
  - Children and Young People, Cancer, Cardiovascular, Stroke, Diabetes and Mental Health (most are have there own targets and delivery milestones)
- Workforce identified as the biggest challenge
  - Already identifies some specific targets re recruitment to certain professions. There is likely to be further workforce requirements when the 2019 Spending Review is confirmed
- Increased role of digital
  - Significant commitment on the role of digital in the delivery of primary care and outpatients. Clear expectation given to patients on the minimum access to digital they should expect

# Primary Care Networks

- What?

- **All** registered patients to be covered by a PCN, of around 30 -50k, by June 2019
- GP practices take the leading role in PCNs
- If any 'non-participating' practices, a PCN will be identified to provide network services to their patients
- PCN requirements, and funding arrangements, will be informed by the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service,
- DES will apply from 1 July 2019, and will remain in place, 'evolving annually', until at least 31 March 2024

# Networks

- Key expected outcomes:
  - Improved sustainability for GP practices, including improving the ability of practices to recruit and retain staff
  - to provide a wider range of services to patients
  - facilitate stronger collaboration with the wider health and care system, to deliver more integrated services
  - support management of financial and estates pressures

# Primary Care Networks – Requirements

- 2019/2020 is ‘development year’, involving:
  - formation of PCN’s
  - PCN-level delivery of Extended Hours service, available to 100% of patients covered by each Network
- From April 2020, PCN’s expected to deliver against five national service specifications:
  - structured medication reviews,
  - enhanced health in care homes,
  - anticipatory care (with community services),
  - personalised care and
  - supporting early cancer diagnosis.
- Two further service specifications will apply from April 2021:
  - cardiovascular disease case-finding and
  - locally agreed action to tackle inequalities.

# PCN Financial Entitlements – Additional Roles

To support PCNs in achieving the anticipated outcomes, designated funding will be allocated to support employment of additional staff:

- 2019/20:
  - each PCN will be reimbursed
    - 70% of the salary costs of an additional Clinical Pharmacist (up £37,810 inc. on-costs)
    - 100% of the salary costs of a Social Prescribing Link Worker (up to £34.113 inc. on costs)
- 2020/21 onwards:
  - Each PCN allocated a single, combined Maximum Reimbursement Sum to support employment of personnel within the Additional Roles – i.e. :
    - For 2020/21 – Clinical Pharmacists, Social Prescribing link Workers, Physician Associates and/or First Contact Physiotherapists
    - From 2021/22 onwards – all of above, plus Paramedics.
  - The sum available will be based upon each PCN’s weighted capitation

# PCN Financial Entitlements – Additional Roles

In addition to the funding to support Additional Roles, from July 2019 **PCNs** will be entitled to:

- Core PCN Funding: £1.50 per registered patient
  - This is a **recurrent extension of the existing support scheme**, introduced through the GPFV covering 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- Clinical Director contribution: £0.514 per registered patient (July 2019 to March 2020)  
£0.69 per registered patient (April 2020 to March 2021)
- Extended Hours Access: £1.099 per registered patient (July 2019 to March 2020)
- Enhanced access (from April 2020): £6 per registered patient (currently £4.13/head)

**NB: This represents the core entitlement. However the CCG intends to work closely with PCN's to identify opportunities for additional investment to support developments in-line with the CCG's Primary Care Strategy.**

Entitlement paid directly to **participating practices**:

- Practice Participation Payment: £1.761 per weighted patient per year

# Participation in Network Contract DES

Participation in the DES requires PCNs to complete a registration form (by 15 May 2019), including the following:

- a. the names and ODS codes of the proposed member GP practices
- b. the PCN list size - sum of its proposed member GP practices' registered list as at 1 January 2019;
- c. a map clearly marking the proposed geographical area covered by the PCN (Network Area);
- d. the initial Network Agreement;
- e. the single practice or provider (who must hold a primary medical care contract) account that will receive funding on behalf of the PCN;
- f. the named accountable Clinical Director.

# Timescales for participation in Network Contract DES

By 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 2019

PCN  
completes &  
returns  
Registration  
Form

By 31st  
May 2019

Commissioners  
review, and  
confirm to  
NHSE, that  
Registration  
requirements  
have been met

Between  
1<sup>st</sup> June to  
30<sup>th</sup> June  
2019

GP Practices  
sign up to  
Network  
Contract DES  
via CQRS

From 1<sup>st</sup>  
July 2019

GP Practices  
signed- up to  
Network  
Contract DES  
can claim  
Participation  
Payment

PCN  
commences  
offer of  
Extended  
Hours Service  
to 100% of  
covered  
population

From July  
2019

Relevant  
payments to PCNs  
commence (1  
month in arrears)