

# 8. Primary Care Networks Update

16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

# NHSE Letter Second Phase Covid-19– PCN Highlights

- ‘Expanding the workforce’ described as a top priority for PCNs this year, critical to relieving pressures in general practice
- Funding now available at 100% across 10 roles reducing the financial investment being asked of practices and PCNs from core funding
- PCNs to take immediate steps to plan to expand capacity now
- Support for staff recruitment and deployment is available from CCGs and other community services partners; PCN development funding for 20/21 to enable support for staff induction and retention
- Request for systems, working with training hubs, to implement GP recruitment and retention initiatives. Guidance to be published in the summer
- New to partnership payment launched
- PCN development fund to be deployed in line with guidance from August 2020

# Primary Care Networks – Progress to date

- All PCNs have signed up to 20/21 DES with 100% practice coverage
- All PCNs written to, to confirm their 2020/2021 entitlements
- All PCN 2019/2020 OD plans approved.
- Internal process for approving PCN recruitment to ARRS in 2020/2021 developed and further reminders to PCNs given about the claims and job description review process
- Local position on recruitment to First Contact Physiotherapists (FCPs) agreed and cap lifted
- Presentation to PCN CDs from Ceridwen Massey about the Sirona offer and from Gemma Artz about the role of FCPs in the MSK pathway on 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Training Hub developing web resources for PCNs to support with workforce planning setting out the new roles, competencies, how to support them
- Position on Extended Hours and Improved Access agreed at PCCC and communicated to practices and PCNs
- Early priorities for 2020/2021 Organisational Development developed and tested with CCG Executive Team and PCN CDs

# Progress to date

- All PCNs have submitted returns to support Care Home alignment and named clinical leads
- PCNs developing SOPs/pilots for supporting care homes – support for sharing these across at the CCG PCN CD meeting held 21st July
- Transition options between LES/Covid 19 response to Care Homes and PCN EHCH specification to be shared with PCCC and further engagement with PCN CDs in August
- First draft of communications to support care homes and residents developed and being refined to support PCNs in communicating the benefits of the offer
- Process for allocation of pulse oximeters to support outbreaks in care homes agreed at clinical cabinet and shared with membership
- Meetings held with PCNs with regards to clinical pharmacy support to care homes. Training of CCG pharmacists to support care home outbreak completed

# PCN CD meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> July

Focus on.....

- Care Homes and joint working with Sirona
- Mental Health recovery and primary care mental health workers
- Early diagnosis of cancer and support offer from Cancer Research UK
- Structured Medications Review – prioritising SMRs and support from medicines optimisation team (risk stratification and templates)
- PCN organisational development and workforce planning

# PCN Organisational Development 2020/2021

- PCN OD allocation for 2020/2021 has not yet been received. NHSE second phase letter indicated this would be available in August with guidance and enable support for staff induction and retention
- Local OD priorities previously identified include:
  - A focus on key areas of the maturity matrix – expanding our approach to population health management and engaging with communities
  - Engagement of PCNs in shaping the future of ICPs and developing integrated care
  - Expansion of leadership development opportunities
  - Consideration of project/service improvement capacity
- 2020/2021 approach will need to be fully worked up in September once the allocation has been received. The list of 19/20 PCN OD proposals has been shared amongst PCN CDs to support shared learning.

# Key dates

- Local position – Extended Hours to resume from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020
- By 31<sup>st</sup> August PCNs to submit workforce plans to CCGs
- By 30<sup>th</sup> September CCGs to agree aggregate plan with PCN CDs for the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme and consider amounts for in-year distribution
- By 31<sup>st</sup> October PCNs to provide indicative recruitment plans for 2021/2022 and beyond to CCGs
- Structured Medications Review specification commences 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020
- Early Diagnosis of cancer to continue

# Dates for Enhanced Care for Care Homes

Action	Deadline
Agree the alignment of Care homes for which the PCN will have responsibility	31 July 2020
Have in place a 'simple plan' with local partners (including community providers) about how the requirements will operate	31 July 2020
Support patients entering or already resident in the care home to register with a practice in the aligned PCN if not already the case	31 July 2020
Ensure a lead GP (or GPs) with responsibility for the service requirements is agreed for each of the PCN's aligned care homes	31 July 2020
PCN is required to work with community service providers and other relevant partners to establish and coordinate an MDT to deliver the service requirements	30 September 2020
PCN is required to have established arrangements for the MDT to enable the development of personalised care and support plans with people living in the PCN's aligned care homes	30 September 2020

# Next Steps

- BNSSG PCN Early Cancer Diagnosis specification webinar 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Launch of BNSSG CCG & Cancer Research UK BNSSG-wide quality improvement project aiming to support PCNs with reducing inequalities around patients with LD from September
- Develop and engage with PCNs on OD proposals for 2020/2021 following confirmation of allocation and receipt of guidance
- PCNs to be requested to submit workforce plans by 31<sup>st</sup> August, CCG will need to aggregate this and develop process for allocation of underspends for September PCCC
- Community, Social and Primary Care Workforce Group developing priorities for workforce initiatives focussed on supporting retention of PCN additional roles
- Investment and Impact Fund signalled to resume from October – awaiting national clarification