

# Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)

Date: Tuesday 26th March 2019

Time: 9:00 -11:00pm

Location: Vassall Centre, Bristol , BS16 2QQ

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## Agenda item: 6

Report title: **GP Contract Reform Update March 2019**

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### 1. Purpose and Recommendations

This paper will update the Committee on the immediate communication and engagement plan with regards to the new contract “Investment and evolution: A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement The NHS Long Term Plan’ (31 January 2019: - NHS England and BMA).

### 2. Background

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### 3. Financial Resource Implications

Funding comes through the CCG allocation and delegated budget for Primary Care. Resource implications are included within the finance paper to the Committee.

### 4. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications highlighted within this paper.

## **5. Risk Implications**

There are no specific risk implications highlighted within this paper

## **6. Implications for Health Inequalities**

There are no specific implications for health inequalities highlighted within this paper

## **7. Recommendations for Equalities (Black and Other Minority Ethnic / Disability / Age issues)**

There are no specific risk implications highlighted within this paper

## **8. Implications for Public Involvement**

There are no immediate Public Involvement implications highlighted within this paper. The CCG will be refreshing the primary care strategy. This will include our development plan for primary care networks and will involve patient and public engagement. The strategy will be developed by the autumn. A paper for PCCC to set out the proposed timeline and approach will be presented to the Committee in April.

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#### 1. Introduction

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This paper seeks to update the committee on the immediate communication and engagement plan with regards to the new contract.

#### 2. Background

The document published on 31 January 2019, sets out agreements between NHS England, the BMA General Practitioners Committee (GPC) in England, supported by Government to translate commitments in the NHS Long Term Plan into a five-year framework for the GP services contract. It confirms the direction for primary care over the next ten years whilst seeking to meet the reasonable aspirations of the profession.

Specifically, the agreement:

- Seeks to address workload issues resulting from workforce shortfall
- Brings a permanent solution to indemnity costs and coverage
- Improves the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF)
- Introduces automatic entitlement to a new Primary Care Network (PCN) Contract
- Helps join-up urgent care services
- Enables practices and patients to benefit from digital technologies
- Delivers new services to achieve NHS Long Term Plan commitments
- Gives five-year funding clarity and certainty for practices.

An overview of the contract framework was shared with the Committee at the February meeting and it was agreed that a communication plan, particularly with practices, in the first instance is needed to address the questions which arise from this significant contract reform. This paper lists the key engagement opportunities prior to the deadline for practices to register as part of Primary Care Networks by 15<sup>th</sup> May in order to become established from 1 July 2019.

#### 3. Engagement and communications timeline

- BNSSG Practice Managers Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> March (presentation and Q&A)
- BNSSG Members Event – 13<sup>th</sup> March (presentation, group work and Q&A)
- FAQ document revised following meetings and circulated week commencing 18/03/19

- NHSE South West North PCN development event – 27<sup>th</sup> March
- NHSE detailed national guidance published by 31<sup>st</sup> March
- CCG and LMC joint contract road shows for practices – presentation and Q&A:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> April Bristol
  - 10<sup>th</sup> April North Somerset
  - 11<sup>th</sup> April South Gloucestershire

In addition to this, updates on Primary Care Network developments will be shared with the Integrated Care Steering Group to keep key system partners apprised of developments.

These engagement events focus on how PCNs can build on the good work in our system and further contribute to delivering the goals of our system to deliver more integrated out of hospital care. They also focus on the contractual requirements of practices and the role of the CCG and LMC in supporting this. We are actively working with the LMC, locality provider leads and One Care Ltd to develop both our immediate and longer term engagement plan beyond the PCN registration deadline. We will work with PCN clinical directors to develop this further as these become established over the next few months.

A more detailed update and implementation plan will be shared with the Committee in April when the detailed guidance has been published in March.

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### Glossary of terms and abbreviations

QOF	The <b>quality and outcomes framework (QOF)</b> is part of the General Medical Services (GMS) contract for general practices and was introduced on 1 April 2004. The <b>QOF</b> rewards practices for the provision of ' <b>quality</b> care' and helps to fund further improvements in the delivery of clinical care.
LMC	Local Medical Committee
PCN	Primary Care Network