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Dear Tracey

**Re: GPFV Funding: Primary Care Networks development and integrated programme delivery**

At the recent South West North Primary Care Network (PCN) event on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018, we heard from the NHS England National Lead for Primary Care Networks about the strategic plans for Primary Care Networks and had the opportunity to influence the upcoming guidance document, a draft of which has already been shared with CCG GPFV colleagues. The guidance will include a self-assessment maturity framework, enabling CCGs to baseline their work to-date in this area and to develop plans for the next phase of development.

During the PCN event, Gloucestershire and Swindon PCN Leaders shared their experience of developing local PCN's, providing examples of both a strategic and operational overview of delivery.

Following the PCN event on 25 October 2018, the NHSE GPFV Team will work with your GPFV lead to:

- Share learning from the event with all practices, including signposting to information and support.
- Contact practice representatives that attended to discuss what would help them: this will inform the national support offer and guide local responses.
- Work with the national Sustainable Improvement Team to ensure we are accessing their resources and support in each local CCG.
- Arrange a follow up event in the New Year, involving wider system partners such as community care.
- Arrange a meeting with GPFV leads and Local Pharmaceutical Committees, to discuss the role of Community Pharmacies in Primary Care Networks.

If there are other areas the NHSE GPFV Team can support your CCG with, regarding delivery of PCNs, please contact me on the number below.

The maturity framework mentioned above is already being used by CCGs moving to Accountable Care System (ACS) status. NHS England funding has been provided to allow these CCGs to achieve Level 2 Primary Care Networks, as part of their ACS preparation. Gloucestershire has received £1 per head and more recently BNSSG received 50p per head as part of their preparation plans.

Recognising the significance of PCNs to both the future of general practice and delivery of ACS's, NHS England South West North (SWN) has identified funding to support BNSSG and BSW STPs to further progress their PCN delivery in 2018/19, as described in the maturity framework. This funding is equivalent to each CCG receiving £1 per head, providing equity of funding with Gloucestershire:

CCG	£000's
BNSSG	504
BaNES	208
Swindon	237
Wiltshire	490

Your NHSE GPFV lead will contact your team to discuss utilisation of this funding. In particular I have asked them to share feedback from the GP Retention Intensive Support Site (GPRISS) programme in Weston-Super-Mare. The programme is being delivered in a way that has strong local practice ownership, clear objectives and is integrated with many elements of the broader GPFV programme. Early signs are that the programme is enabling the practices involved to transform in ways that have not been possible to-date. Initial review suggests this has been possible because it is a small group of practices (other GPRISS programmes are CCG-wide) and they have an experienced project manager with an established local relationship in supporting these practices with transformation. This funding would allow you to test a similar approach in your area.

Reflecting this, the funding recognises the broader CCG GPFV plans, where PCNs are integral to successful implementation. The attached schedule confirms the areas for delivery across the CCG GPFV programme.

Monitoring of delivery of this programme will continue through the national GPFV reports and through the reports you are presenting to your Primary Care Co-commissioning Committee / Governing Body in relation to delivery of the GPFV programme.

To access the funding, please invoice NHSE for the amount described above.

If you have any questions regarding the funding described above, please contact your GPFV Lead: Elsa Brown for BSW STP or Fiona Davenport for BNSSG STP.

Yours Sincerely



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