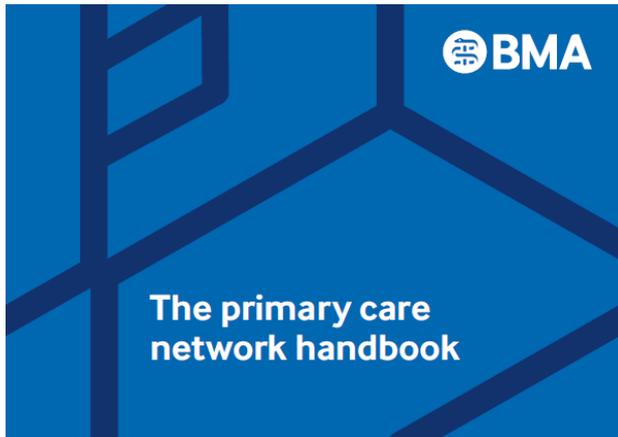


Primary Care Networks

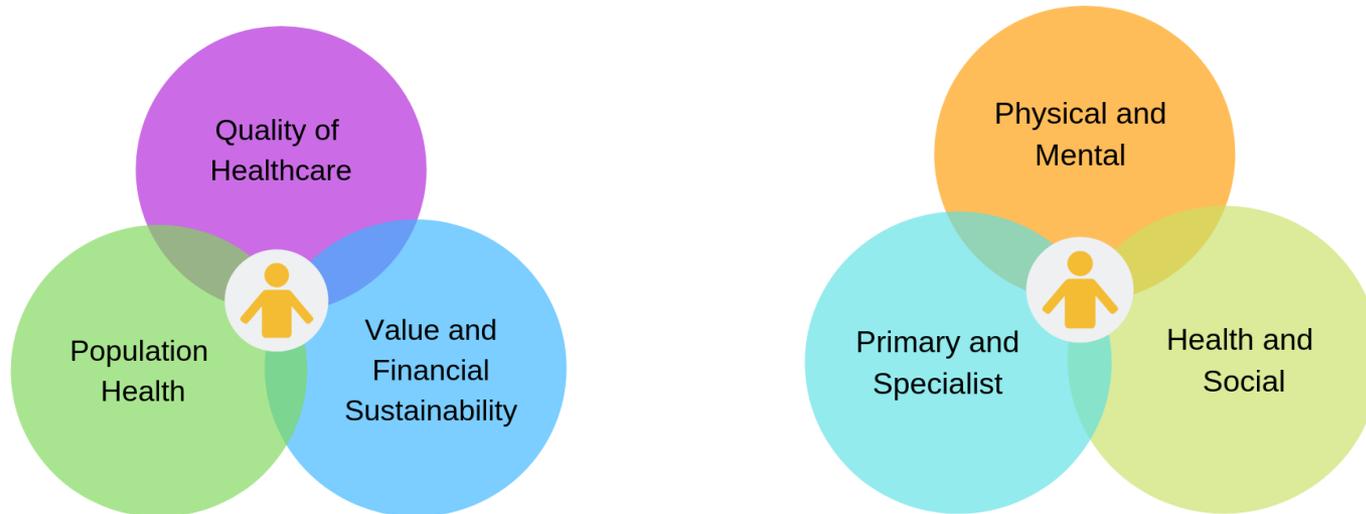
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Purpose of Primary Care Networks

An ambitious approach linked to the NHS Long Term Plan. Seeks to:

- Support the first 5 years and **provide evidence** for the next 5 years funding
- Support the **‘Triple Aims and Integration’**:



and... **‘dissolve the historic divide between primary and community health services’**

Purpose of Primary Care Networks

Networks must cover a boundary that makes sense:

- To member practices
- Community based providers
- The local community

Practices must be committed to being active members:

- Clinical Director role is large in scope and can be shared / rotated over a 'reasonable term'
 - Additional staff must be fully embedded in an MDT
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Purpose of Primary Care Networks

LMC suggest the initial approach and focus:

- Building relationships and trust / rather than worrying about organisational structure and process
- Working out what the PCNs want to do / transform

CCG Role:

- Liaise with ICS / STP / LMC to approve PCNs creation
 - Manage certain payments and post payment verification
 - Support for investment and data analysis
 - Consider implications of changes to PCN membership / creation and dissolution in the future
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Purpose of Primary Care Networks

Challenges and opportunities in the guidance:

- **Clear steer from NHSE that PCNs should develop in ways that best fit their local circumstances, longer term ambitions and relationships**
- **PCNs are not new organisations**, although they may use different entities to support their activities (e.g. staff could be employed by a lead practice, GP federation, NHS provider or social enterprise partner)
- **PCNs are not about commissioning**, they are about provision as ‘investment and delivery vehicles’
- **Guidance relatively silent on social care, mental health and patient engagement** so far, along with advice on procurement and conflicts of interest



Key Deliverables

- **‘Essential Contribution’ to be defined for PCNs**, as ‘...part of the wider service that ICSs will be organising’ - and to play its part in partnership with community services
 - **Increased funding** from NHSE for Primary Care (Additional Staffing / Indemnity etc.)
 - **100% coverage / membership** expected of PCNs
 - **Additional roles** (with PCNs having capitated budgets and flexibility of staff provision from 2020)
 - **7 national service specifications**
 - **New co-ordinated ‘access offer’** for PCNs
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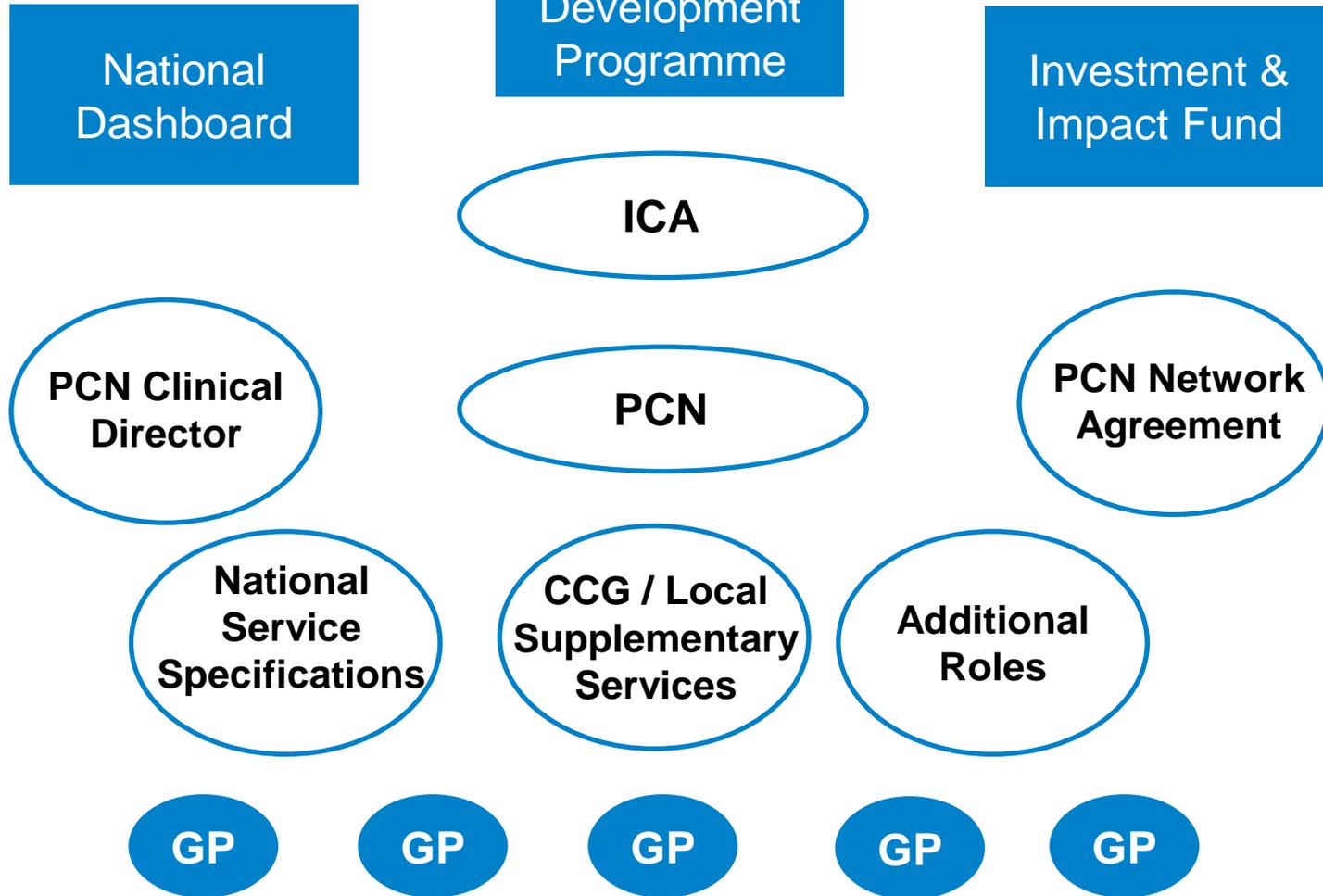
- Will 'typically' serve a population of 30 - 50,000, giving consideration to future footprint in context of ICS / STP
- One practice can be a network (if appropriate)
- 30,000 minimum can be waived (natural community / rurality)
- But, must have a boundary that makes sense to:
 - its constituent practices
 - other community-based providers who configure their teams accordingly
 - its local community

Will not normally cross CCG, STP or ICS boundaries

The guidance notes that PCNs must be large enough to run a full multi-disciplinary team, but still operate on a human scale



The PCN System



Major change will be introduced in phases over the next 3-5 years

Staff Roles

Timescales

Clinical pharmacists	2019/20
Social prescribing link workers	2019/20
Physician associates	2020/21
First contact physiotherapists	2020/21
First contact community paramedics	2021/22

National Reviews

Primary Care Access	start in 2019, for full implementation by 2021/22
Vaccs and Imms	start in 2019 with its output implemented through the 2020 and 2021 contracts
Out of Area Registrations / Patient Choice	2019 review, for potential change in 2020/21
GP Partnership Model	2019 onwards
GP Premises	published by March 2019
Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF)	starts 2019, Mental Health Review 2020 for 2021
Prescribing Incentive Schemes	review of past and existing prescribing incentive schemes in 2019

Major change will be introduced in phases over the next 3-5 years (2)

none of the formal contract specifications start in 2019/20

National Service Specifications

Medications review & optimisation	apply in full from 2020/21 onwards for priority groups (COPD, LD, Frailty, Care Homes)
Enhanced health in care homes	apply in full from 2020/21 onwards. Based on 'Vanguard' model
Anticipatory care	commence in 2020/21 and develop over the subsequent years
Personalised care	commence in 2020/21 and develop over the subsequent years. Delivered in full by 2023/24
Early cancer diagnosis	commence in 2020/21 and develop over the subsequent years. Long Term Plan commits to delivering personalised care to all cancer patients by 2021
CVD prevention & diagnosis	start in 2021/22, following development and testing of the best delivery models
Neighbourhood inequalities	an initial service specification will developed in 2020, to start by 2021/22

Early changes

Date	Action
By 29 March 2019	NHSE & GPC England jointly issue the Network Agreement, Schedules & 2019/20 Network Contract DES
April 2019	Commissioners to be surveyed to determine staff employed across 5 roles as at 31 March 2019, along with info from National Workforce Reporting System
By 15 May 2019	PCNs submit registration details to their CCG, including details of membership, lead GP practice, boundary and Clinical Director
By 31 May 2019	CCGs confirm network coverage & approve variation to GMS, PMS & APMS contracts where possible
By 30 June 2019	Deadline for registration and network areas agreement
July to March 2020	National entitlements under the 2019/20 Network Contract start: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 of the additional workforce reimbursement scheme – Clinical Pharmacists and / or Social Prescribing Link Workers• Ongoing support funding for the Clinical Director• Ongoing £1.50/head from CCG allocations
April 2020	Network DES updated annually

Implications and things to look for:

Opportunities to build relationships between ICA and PCNs from the bottom up, e.g. Clinical Director role

Bulk of funding linked to additional roles - **role descriptions emphasise MDT approach**, so by implication will require all partners to make it work

Network DES – will be amended from 2020/21 to include **collaboration with non-GP providers as a requirement**

Network Agreement - the **rules and obligations of internal / external engagement and collaboration**

Access Offer - **Digital / Physical access / data sharing** and 111 booking into GP practices

Reporting - **published robust activity and waiting time data at individual practice and PCN level** no later than 2021. To report alongside hospital data



Implications and things to look for in the future specifications:

Anticipatory Care - Structured care and targeted MDT support for physical / mental health needs / multi morbidities.

'...can only be delivered by a fully integrated primary and community health team...input from community providers, general practice, social care and hospitals'. Full requirements developed by ICSs, and commissioned by CCGs

Personalised Care - 'What matters to you? Rather than what's the matter with you?'. **Social prescribing link workers fully funded** to support the NHS Comprehensive Model, e.g. choice, care planning, self management and personal health budgets

Care Homes - PCNs ... 'will be responsible for working with emergency services to provide emergency support, including where advice or support is needed out-of-hours'.



Next Steps:

25 April: GP Cluster meeting - Virgin Care to present proposals for relationship to PCNs

15 May: PCN registration applications submitted – *(where ready)*

28 May: Integrated Care Alliance (ICA) Board update

Panel review of PCN applications

6 June: Primary Care Operational Group

Recommendation to Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)

20 June: GP Cluster meeting

Virtual PCCC to approve PCN applications

30 June: Deadline for PCNs to be agreed following CCG / LMC involvement - *(if required)*

4 July: PCCC formal reporting of approval



Useful Links:

Contract documentation / guidance / Network DES / Network agreement

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/investment/gp-contract/>

Primary Care Network handbook:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/->

[/media/files/pdfs/collective%20voice/committees/gpc/gpc%200england/pcn%20handbook.pdf?la=en](https://www.bma.org.uk/media/files/pdfs/collective%20voice/committees/gpc/gpc%200england/pcn%20handbook.pdf?la=en)

Queries / Registration for collaboration platform:

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Any questions?

