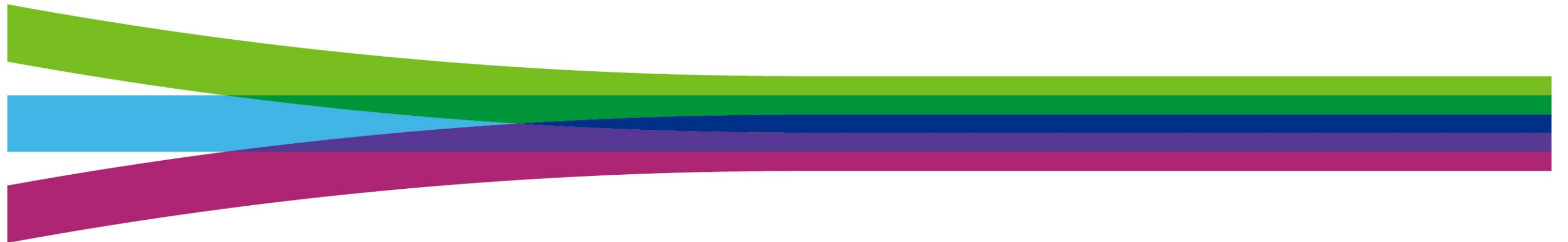


Primary Care Networks Update

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Network Contract 2020/21

- The Network Contract DES was first introduced in the Directed Enhanced Services Directions 2019 and placed obligations on practices and commissioners and granted various entitlements to practices with effect from 1 July 2019.
- Primary Care Networks (“PCNs”) forms part of a long-term, larger package of general practice contract reform originally set out in Investment and Evolution: A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement the NHS Long Term Plan and subsequent updates.
- It is intended that there will be a Network Contract DES each financial year until at least 31 March 2024 with the requirements of the Network Contract DES evolving over time.
- 91/92 GP Practices signed up to Network Contract by 31st May - 24 PCNs across BSW
- Under the Network Contract DES Guidance for 2020/21 in England, the responsibility of the CCG is to ensure 100% population coverage and ensure that any patients of a practice that is not participating in the Network Contract DES are covered by a PCN.
- The CCG will need to ensure PCN services/activities (including social prescribing, extended hours, and structured medication reviews) are provided for patients registered at non-DES participating practices.

PCN Development and Support Offer

- In 2019/20, BSW received national funding of £679,000 for PCN development funding to be used to provide a package of support to PCNs. This was aligned to plans based on Foundation and Step 1 of the national Maturity Matrix.
- The funding was intended to help PCNs make early progress against their objectives including preparatory activity for the national service specifications for 20/21. The national funding should only be used for two purposes - PCN development and broader professional teams: and about 10% intended for specific Clinical Director development programme for BSW
- Proposal to release the accrued funds to PCNs @ £15k per PCN to support next stages of development and engagement in the response to the restoration and recovery phases for primary care as described in the latest SOP for general practice, and based on the 5 key areas identified as competencies in the maturity matrix covered in the previous PCN development plans. The 5 key areas covered:
 - Leading, planning and partnerships (leadership, OD, change management, CD leadership)
 - Use of data and population health management
 - Integrating Care: collaborative working, MDTs
 - Managing Resources
 - Working with people and communities: asset based community development & social prescribing

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