

Annex C – Summary of PCN Objectives 2021/22 and 2022/23

The table below sets out the 5 key objectives for PCNs in 2021/22 and 2022/23, and how different elements of the Network Contract DES will support them.

Key Objectives. Aligned to general practice priorities, LTP priorities and NHS response to Covid-19	Service requirements New requirements introduced in a phased way will support the key objectives	IIF Indicator areas of focus Financial indicators to improve and reward performance against DES Service requirements and wider NHS priorities
1. Improving prevention and tackling health inequalities in the delivery of primary care – PCNs will be required to identify high need local populations and tailor services to them, as well as address inequalities in rates of diagnosis for cardiovascular disease and cancer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackling Neighbourhood Inequalities CVD Diagnosis and Prevention Early Cancer Diagnosis Personalised Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress towards the national ambitions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Disability Health Checks Flu vaccinations to at-risk groups Closing the hypertension diagnosis gap Personalised care interventions e.g. social prescribing More complete recording of ethnicity in patient records
2. Support better patient outcomes in the community through proactive primary care – including delivery of the Enhanced Health in Care Homes and Anticipatory Care services through multidisciplinary teams, offering more personalised services which will help people avoid unnecessary hospital admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackling Neighbourhood Inequalities Anticipatory Care Enhanced Health in Care Homes (EHCH) Personalised Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of key elements of the EHCH model and associated moderation of care home resident emergency admissions Moderated admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions (ACSCs)
3. Support improved patient access to primary care services – implementing a PCN-based approach to extended access provision, and rewarding PCNs who improve the experience of their patients, avoid long waits for routine appointments and tackle the backlog of care resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Access service requirements Delivery of all new services will support improved access for particular cohorts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved patient experience of accessing general practice Reduction in the proportion of patients waiting longer than two weeks for a routine general practice appointment Improved provision of online consultations Increased utilisation of Specialist Advice services, and community pharmacist consultations
4. Deliver better outcomes for patients on medication – including through the delivery of Structured Medication Reviews to priority patient cohorts, and through targeting prescribing behaviours known to improve patient safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structured Medication Reviews and Medicines Optimisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved provision of SMRs to priority groups Targeted prescribing behaviours known to improve patient safety Supporting more preventive treatment of asthma through increased use of inhaled corticosteroids.
5. Help create a more sustainable NHS - through reducing the carbon emissions generated by asthma inhalers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structured Medication Reviews and Medicines Optimisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging clinically appropriate inhaler switching to low-carbon alternatives