



Primary Care Commissioning Committee

November 2019

Question from the Public:

It is the public's expectation that one of the purposes for PCNs is that they will be more nimble to provide innovation in the delivery of local healthcare. Patient populations vary and it is clear that one size does not fit all.

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Primary Care Networks (PCNs) are providers working across a population defined by the registered patients from members general practices.

The Investment and Evolution Framework for general practice sets out the five year programme for PCNs, including seven national service specification as core for delivery locally.

The maturity of PCNs will enable them to work with other partners and providers to develop local services differently in line with local needs.

The PCNs do not commission and this remains a core function of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).



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National Service Specification for 2020/21: PCNs are encouraged to make early progress in the service specifications that commence from 2020/21 including:

- i. Anticipatory care requirement (with community services);
- ii. Enhanced Health in Care Homes;
- iii. Structured medication review requirements for priority groups;
- iv. Personalised care and
- v. Early cancer diagnosis support

From 2021/22 include:

- CVD Prevention and Diagnosis
- Tackling Neighbourhood Inequalities

PCNs should also develop their partnerships with other health and care providers, particularly community and mental health services. This will enable greater opportunities to shape local services, including services currently contracted to general practice.



PCN 2019/20

- Understand their own journey
- Be functioning increasingly well in a single team
- Be part of a 'network of PCNs' that helps shape the ICS plan to implement the Long Term Plan
- Formed clear and agreed multi-disciplinary teams with community provider partners; five core roles over three years
- Building on existing relationships, form links with local people and communities to understand how to work most effectively for their benefit
- Have made 100% use of their funding entitlement for additional roles in line with national guidance
- Have started work on at least one service improvement project of some kind, linked to Long Term Plan goals
- Have started thinking about their future estate needs, jointly with community partners
- Be ready to deliver the new national service specification from April 2020