

# Primary Care Networks (PCNs)

## An introduction for practice staff

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# Primary care networks

Watch a short animation that explains the concept of PCNs and how this new way of working enables health and other services to work together to provide better access for patients.



# Information for all staff

## What is a PCN?

- PCNs are groups of GP practices working closely together - along with other healthcare staff and organisations - providing integrated services to the local population. Since April 2019, individual GP practices can establish or join PCNs covering populations of between 30,000 to 50,000 (with some flexibility).
- The next slide has links for information on each PCN. We have provided Links to ensure that the information you have is the very latest.

## The aims of a PCN:

- To focus services around local communities.
- To help rebuild and reconnect the primary healthcare team across the area.
- Alleviate workload.
- Be practice-led, as ensured by LMCs and CCGs.
- To allow GPs and primary care practitioners to deliver a new model of care for their patients and communities.

# How PCNs fit into the NHS structure

ICS (integrated care systems) are a new way of planning and organising the delivery of Health and Care services in England at a larger scale than PCNs. Every ICS will have a critical role in ensuring that PCNs work with other community staff and use multi-disciplinary teams across primary and community care.

## Which PCN is your practice in ?

### Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's PCNs.

Nottingham City <https://healthandcarenotts.co.uk/care-in-my-area/nottingham-city-icp/pcns/>

South Nottinghamshire <https://healthandcarenotts.co.uk/care-in-my-area/south-nottinghamshire-icp/pcns/>

Mid Nottinghamshire <https://healthandcarenotts.co.uk/care-in-my-area/mid-nottinghamshire-icp/primary-care-networks/>

# PCN Structure

## Who is the Clinical Director for your PCN ?

The workforce and PCN will be led by a clinical director, chosen from within the GPs of each network.

The network will decide how the additional workforce is employed. Options could be:

- by a single lead practice
- by an organisation (e.g. a federation or community trust)
- different professionals employed by different practices within the network.

# PCN Funding

- A DES (directed enhanced service) will support the development of PCNs. It will include funding for additional workforce and services that the PCN will provide.
- Each network will receive an annual payment of £1.50 per patient.
- Each practice will also receive £1.761 per patient through the [SFE \(statement of financial entitlements\)](#) when signed up to the DES.
- Additional funding for networks, will be available in addition to the current funding for GPFV and CCG funding.
- A new network investment and impact fund will be introduced from 2020. This is for the development of community-based services that reduce hospital visits.
- NHS England will fund 70% of each professional including their on-costs.
- Networks will need to fund the additional 30% themselves.
- NHS England will fund social prescribers 100%.
- NHS England will fund clinical directors 100% (for an average of a day a week for 40,000 patients).
- For further information see [www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/gp-practices/primary-care-networks/how-to-create-and-run-a-primary-care-network](http://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/gp-practices/primary-care-networks/how-to-create-and-run-a-primary-care-network)

# PCN Workforce

## What staff make up your PCN? Do you know how to find out?

- Additional workforce will be introduced and partially-funded through the PCN. By 2024 there should be an additional 22,000 staff in primary care.
- From 2019: each network should be able to employ one [clinical pharmacist](#) and one social prescriber.
- From 2020: funding will increase for employment of [physiotherapists](#) and [physician associates](#).
- From 2021: all the above will increase and community paramedics will be introduced.
- From 2022: all the above workforce will be increased so that by 2024, a typical network will receive five clinical pharmacists, three social prescribers, three physiotherapists, two physician associates and one community paramedic.
- There is some flexibility around numbers and professions within networks.

# Further information and resources

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/primary-care-networks/>

[www.england.nhs.uk/publication/primary-care-networks-frequently-asked-questions/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/primary-care-networks-frequently-asked-questions/)

[www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/gp-practices/primary-care-networks/primary-care-network-funding](http://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/gp-practices/primary-care-networks/primary-care-network-funding)

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