

To: All Practices in Surrey and Sussex LMC

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Dear Colleagues

GP Contract Agreement 2019: Update – Network National Service Specifications and the NHS Long Term Plan

The (Primary Care) Network DES has three main components:

- The Network Financial Entitlements, including the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS), funding for Primary Care Network Clinical Directors and the CCG £1.50 per head support payment
- National Service Specifications, and
- Supplementary Service specifications; these can be developed locally by CCGs and PCNs.

The seven National Service Specifications are designed to deliver most of the NHS Long Term Plan goals for primary care, other than those introduced by QOF, IT changes, and Urgent Care Access arrangements [see specific LMC updates in these areas]. The detailed specifications will be negotiated nationally during 2019 and 2020, and the additional funding available via the ARRS is designed to support the workforce anticipated as being needed to deliver these specifications. In addition, priority will be given to QOF Quality Improvement modules which support the National Service Specifications.

The seven proposed national service specifications are:

2020/21:

- Structured Medicines Review and Optimisation (Section 6.11 and 6.12)
- Enhanced Health in Care Homes (Section 6.13 - 6.16)

During 2020/21 onwards:

- Anticipatory care requirements [for high need typically multi-morbidity patients, jointly with community care] (Section 6.17-6.21)
- Personalised Care (Section 6.22-6.25)
- Supporting Early Cancer diagnosis (Section 6.26 – 6.28)

From 2021/22 onwards:

- CVD Prevention and Diagnosis (Section 6.29 – 6.31)
- Tackling Neighbourhood Inequalities (Section 6.32 and 6.33)

Colleagues will appreciate this section of the Contract Agreement sketches out the general landscape and the details have yet to be agreed.

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NHS England will also be creating a national Network Investment and Impact Fund, from 2020/21, which will be overseen by the local Integrated Care System (ICS). This may provide an additional source of PCN investment for workforce, although time will tell; current thoughts on this are in Section 6.40 – 6.42 of the Contract Agreement. However, this funding is not designed to be available directly to practices. It may for example, support Outpatient Transformation Programme changes that are commencing in some areas.

This update should be read in conjunction with LMC Updates on

- PCNs and the Network Contract DES
- Integrating Urgent Care Services
- The Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)

With best wishes

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