**Primary Care Networks**

This briefing is to draw your attention to the deadlines for the Primary Care Network DES and to make you aware of the support that you feel you may need now and in the future. If you need further clarification and detail on any part of the Network Contract DES we can provide that for you. It’s important to raise any questions you have now and begin conversations with your network. As usual, time is short in terms of getting the logistics in place. You will have seen the deadlines below.

There are many decisions to be made following the deadlines below and so this support is ongoing.

**Support offer and contacts**

**Dr Nick Bray LMC Chairman and Somerset GP Board Chairman** The LMC are mentioned throughout the PCN documents as having a key role in offering advice and guidance, as well as assisting in dispute resolution, mediate on membership, helping with network agreements, and any changes to LES funding going to networks and mentoring CDs.

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**Jeremy Martin** **Programme Director for Neighbourhoods**: Information and advice on the overall neighbourhoods programme and how it relates to Primary Care Networksjeremy.martin@ydh.nhs.uk

**Will Harris,** Clinical lead. ‘Off the record’ discussions, clinical perspective, guidance and information.

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**Laura Ridout, Independent Primary Care Change Manager**.Independent/impartial facilitation of meetings, workshops and decision making. Help in designing effective workshops. Facilitated learning and sharing of best practice.

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**National Association of Primary Care.** Facilitation and agreement with configurations. Sharing of best practice and information and guidance on Neighbourhoods and their fit with PCNs.

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**Ian Creek, Programme Manager Somerset GP Board**. Available to offer advice and views from the GP Board perspective. Supporting recruitment/selection of Clinical Directors as directed by GP Board.

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**Sarah Matthews-Attree Primary Care Contracts Officer.** Answer queries regarding the PCN Contract DES.

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**Timetable for Network Contract DES introduction**

Please find links to the following documents

1. [Network DES Specification](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-directed-enhanced-service-des-specification-2019-20/)

2. [Network DES Guidance](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-directed-enhanced-service-des-guidance-2019-20/)

3. [Network DES Registration Form](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-directed-enhanced-service-des-registration-form/)

4. [Network Agreement](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-directed-enhanced-service-network-agreement/)

5. [Network Contract VAT Information Note](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/the-network-contract-des-and-vat-information-note/)

6. [GP contract 2019/20: NHS England National enhanced services specifications](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/gp-contract-2019-20-nhs-england-enhanced-service-specifications/)

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| **Deadline** | **Action** | **Support** |
| Jan – April 2019 | PCNs prepare to meet the Network DES registration requirements.  **Geography and numbers**: Most networks have decided on the geography i.e. existing federation footprint. You may still be undecided on your footprint.  **Clinical Director –** the process for support around selection, job description etc is being developed by GP Board. Info has gone out via LMC newsletter.  **Decision on budget holder/paymaster/operating models.**  5 potential operating models to choose from | Facilitated decision making,  Guidance, negotiation, information and advice.  Provision of maps for agreement.  LMC/GP Board can support the recruitment and decision process for each network.  May need to seek legal/financial advice  Independent facilitation |
| By 29th Mar 2019 | NHSE and GPC England jointly issue the Network Agreement and 2019/20 Network Contract DES. Agreement includes governance and collaboration agreements, workforce and funding distribution.  (CCG cannot influence decisions if practices have agreed) | As above  PCNs will need to seek advice on legal agreements and financial matters.  External facilitation |
| By 15th May 2019 | **All Primary Care Networks submit registration information to their CCG** | Provision of registration information/guidance and advice. |
| By 31st May 2019 | CCGs confirm network coverage and approve variation to GMS, PMS, and APMS contracts | Provision of facilitated discussion, guidance and detailed information where required. |
| Early June | NHSE and GPC England jointly work with CCGs and LMCs to resolve any issues |  |
| 1st July | Network Contract DES goes live across 100% of the country. | Facilitation, guidance and advice on making the most of your DES funding in collaboration with your network. |
| July 2019 – Mar 2020 | National entitlements under the 19/20 Network Contract start:  Year 1 of the additional workforce reimbursement scheme  Ongoing support funding for the Clinical Director  Ongoing £1.50/head from CCG allocations | Advice, guidance and support on resources and roles required that best fit your population. |