

## Locality Commissioning Meeting North East

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> 10.4.19	<b>Paper No:</b> 6					
<b>Title of Paper:</b> Prescribing Incentive Scheme 2019/20 - Element 2 PINCER						
<b>Is this paper for</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		<b>Decision</b>	✓	<b>Information</b>	✓

### Purpose of Paper:

To ensure practices saw the email below sent by Jane 27.3.19.

Dear Practice Manager

#### **PINCER - Background**

You will shortly be receiving details of the 2019/20 Prescribing Incentive Scheme (PIS). This year the scheme has four separate elements. Element 2 involves participation in PINCER which is a proven IT-based intervention, shown to improve prescribing safety by reducing clinically important medication errors in primary care. Detailed information about PINCER and the requirements of the PIS will be circulated at a later date and will be included in the Prescribing Data Report, due to be circulated in early May. There will also be an opportunity to discuss PINCER with a member of the Medicines Optimisation Team at the annual prescribing meetings which are in the process of being arranged.

An important and integral aspect of PINCER is the training. There will be 3 separate training sessions and each session will be repeated 5 times at different times / dates / venues. The first and third training sessions will be via an interactive webinar and the second training session will be face to face.

**Due to need to progress with this aspect of the PIS as soon as possible, we are asking practices to nominate a PINCER lead and sign up for the training sessions now. Please find details of who would be suitable as PINCER lead and also the dates and venues for the training sessions and details of how to sign up, in the attached document.**

#### **PINCER - Benefits**

In addition to improving prescribing safety within your practices, there are other benefits to adopting PINCER. Practices will be awarded up to **£0.30** per patient for participation in the PINCER element of the PIS. Also, whilst it is not essential to use the PINCER software for the new “prescribing safety” quality improvement module of the new [GP Services contract](#), clinicians may find using the PINCER software of great benefit. In addition to demonstrating continuous quality improvement in prescribing safety for QOF, practices are required to attend

at least two peer review meetings. One of these meetings could be counted as the face to face training described in the information above.

**PINCER - What do you need to do now?**

- **Read attached document**
- **Appoint a PINCER lead**
- **Sign up for training session 1 (interactive webinar)**
- **Sign up for training session 2 (face to face training)**

If you require further clarification or you are having difficulties finding a suitable date please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes  
**Jane Bennett**

**Action Required:**

Note the information above, and the paper referred to is shown below.

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**PINCER – An introduction for practices**

**Background – What is PINCER?**

Quality improvement is a government priority. A number of initiatives have been introduced to support quality improvement including PINCER which is a proven IT-based intervention, shown to improve prescribing safety by reducing clinically important medication errors in primary care. The PINCER tool, which has been developed by PRIMIS, part of the School of Medicine at the University of Nottingham, has been selected by the government for national adoption. Roll out and funding will be via the 15 Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs).

**Prescribing Incentive Scheme 2019/20**

To encourage uptake within Oxfordshire, PINCER has been included within the Prescribing Incentive Scheme (PIS) 2019/20. Detailed information about PINCER and the requirements of the PIS will be circulated at a later date and will be included in the Prescribing Data Report, due to be circulated in

early May. There will also be an opportunity to discuss PINCER with a member of the Medicines Optimisation Team at the annual prescribing meetings.

### Benefits of using PINCER

Practices will be awarded up to **£0.30** per patient for participation in the PINCER element of the PIS. In addition, “prescribing safety” is one of two new quality improvement modules which have been introduced into the new [GP Services contract](#) (Annex B page 67). Whilst it is not essential to use the PINCER software for this module, clinicians may find using the PINCER software of great benefit. In addition to demonstrating continuous quality improvement in prescribing safety for QOF, practices are required to attend at least two peer review meetings. One of these meetings could be counted as the face to face training described in the information below.

### What should practices do now?

An important and integral aspect of PINCER is the training which will be funded by the AHSN and delivered by Primis. There will be 3 separate sessions in which the PINCER lead is required to participate. Each session will be repeated 5 times at different times / dates / venues. The first and third sessions will be via an interactive webinar and the second training session will be face to face.

Each practice is required to:

- **Appoint a PINCER lead** – this person should be a clinician eg a clinical pharmacist, GP or nurse. The nominated person will be required to participate in the 3 training sessions. From experience, it is estimated that in addition to the training, the PINCER lead would be required to spend approximately 2.5 days on PINCER over the course of the year.
- **Sign up for the first two training sessions** - select training sessions which would suit the PINCER lead in your practice (see table below for dates / venues). Please email Sue Keating [skeating@nhs.net](mailto:skeating@nhs.net) with the following information:
  - Name and position of PINCER lead
  - Chosen date for Training session 1 (Webinar 1)
  - Chosen date / venue for Training session 2 (face to face training)

	Training session 1	Training session 2	Training session 3
Area	Webinar 1 1.5 hours	Face to face training session 2.5 hours	Webinar 2
<b>South East Oxfordshire</b>			
Date	29 <sup>th</sup> April 10:00	4 <sup>th</sup> June 14:30 – 17:00	TBC
Venue	N/A	Nettlebed Surgery	
<b>South West Oxfordshire</b>			
Date	8 <sup>th</sup> May 13:00	6 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 12:30	TBC
Venue	N/A	Milton Park Innovation Centre	
<b>North East Oxfordshire</b>			
Date	9 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00	25 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 12:30	TBC
Venue	N/A	Littlebury Hotel, Bicester	
<b>North Oxfordshire</b>			
Date	9 <sup>th</sup> May 15:00	11 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 12:30	TBC
Venue	N/A	Banbury Town Hall	
<b>City</b>			

Date	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 13:00	11 <sup>th</sup> June 14:00 – 16:30	TBC
Venue	N/A	Jubilee House	

NB

- The ideal scenario would be for the appointed PINCER lead to participate in all 3 training sessions in the same locality group, so that they build up a relationship with the other participants. However, we are aware that due to other commitments, this may not always be possible so participants are welcome to sign up for whichever sessions suit them best.
- The date for the follow-up webinar (training session 3) has yet to be confirmed and will depend on how practices are progressing
- Details about how to join the webinar will be circulated separately

