

Weekly PCN Newsletter – 13 December 2019

For information: update on the Network Contract DES- updates on additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme guidance.

The updated Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme guidance has now been published and is available [here](#).

As previously communicated, the changes will include the ability for Primary Care Networks (PCNs) who are engaging a social prescribing link worker service through a supplier such as voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to claim an additional flat rate sum of up to £2400, on an annual WTE basis, pro-rated by the WTE and duration of the service as appropriate. This must be affordable within the existing maximum annual reimbursable amount for social prescribing link workers.

The updated guidance will also confirm that the deadline for clinical pharmacists under the Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Scheme to transfer to the Network Contract DES has been extended to 31 March 2020. This is a change from the previous deadline extension of 30 November 2019, and provides a further and final opportunity for practices to consider transferring pharmacists to their PCNs. After this date, any clinical pharmacists who have not transitioned to work as part of the PCN workforce delivering the duties outlined in the Network Contract DES will no longer be eligible to do so. They will not be counted as an exception to the baseline, meaning that under the additionality rules the FTE equivalent for these clinical pharmacists will need to be maintained by PCN member practices in order to claim reimbursement for new PCN clinical pharmacists

For Information: Thank you for the responses for the BMA conference, please can we ask that this is aligned by the Clinical Director or PCN representative to ensure that all PCNs are properly represented and will gain full benefit.