

Weekly PCN Newsletter – 10 January 2020

For information- Draft Specs

You will have all seen the draft PCN specifications which are currently out for engagement. The CCG will be providing a response to NHSE from a commissioner perspective. Our response will include many of the points and queries that have been raised by CDs including (but not limited to)

- requesting clarity in a number of areas including the investment and impact funding
- concerns around the pace of implementation
- governance issues around multidisciplinary teams
- suggestions for support to implementation

We would encourage PCNs to also provide feedback and suggestions and are aware that you are in the process of doing this. Please let us know if you wish us to help with collation. Attached is a summary of the questions that are included in the online engagement portal. (attachment 0)

The CCG is also aware of the LMC analysis and whilst we recognise many of the challenges raised by the analysis we do not endorse practices withdrawing from the DES at this stage. The implications of withdrawal are not yet known. It is important to remember that the specifications are only draft and we do not know how NHSE will change them as result of the engagement feedback submitted.

There has been much national comment about implementing of the draft specs and the impact they may have on the sustainability of primary care. We are confident that NHSE have heard the comments made during the webinar and via social media and will adapt the specifications in light of the feedback.

Oxfordshire CCG will continue to work with LMC and CDs to ensure that PCNs remain the building block of our approach to integration of primary and community care.

For information: introduction to the new PCN Director at NHS Confed and an invitation to take part in a short survey. Information in attachment 1.

For information: Recruiting Physician Associates information in attachment 2 relating to the access of resources and guidance for practices recruiting Physician Associates that may be helpful.

For information: Sobell Community Scoping Project Sobell House have launched a 6-month project looking at the needs of patients requiring palliative care and their families, in addition to services currently covered by the NHS. Sobell House would like to understand what is available to patients across the county, and what gaps there may be. More information in attachment 3.

For information: Confident Leader prospectus The Confident Leader programme is designed for those with a leadership role in primary care networks and emerging integrated care systems. More information in attachment 4.

Reminder: For those who have employed Social Prescribers and Clinical Pharmacists starting January, please ensure you use the attached additional role reimbursement form. Each PCN will need to complete the workbook by **5th of each month** and submit one form per PCN to OCCG.PCN@nhs.net