

Weekly PCN Newsletter – 7 February 2020

For action: Minor Improvements Grant information can be found in attachment 1, please complete the attached expression of interest (in attachment 1) by Tuesday 11 February to Rachel Jeacock- racheljeacock@nhs.net

For information: NHSE and BMA have agreed and jointly published the “Update to the GP contract agreement 2020/21 to 2023/24” <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/investment/gp-contract/> This agreement updates and enhances the existing five-year GP contract deal: *Investment and Evolution*.

The main features of the agreement include:

- Major enhancements to the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme to help secure 26,000 additional staff
- A raft of measures to aid GP recruitment and retention to help deliver 6000 more doctors working in primary care
- Improvements in access to general practice
- Further improvements to the Quality and Outcomes Framework
- Reforms to vaccinations and immunisations payment arrangements to improve vaccination coverage
- A new universal 6-8 week post-natal check for new mothers
- Three new PCN services in 2020/21: Structured Medication Review and Medicines Optimisation, Enhanced Health in Care Homes and Supporting Early Cancer Diagnosis service.
- New incentives under the Investment and Impact Fund to increase uptake of learning disability health checks, seasonal flu jabs, social prescribing referrals, and to improve specific aspects of prescribing.

For information: Laptops- we are continuing to chase the laptops with CSU, they are stuck in procurement, an update will follow soon. We are starting to plan for the new additional roles, so hopefully there will not be a time lag in the future.

For information: NHS England would also like to encourage CDs to sign up to receive future issues of the CD Bulletin (every 4-6 weeks), you can sign up [here](#). By signing up, your details will **only** be used for the bulletin. Please note that the Bulletin is **only** for PCN CDs and this web link is not publicly available on the website so that we try and manage just CDs subscribing. The only reason for this is so that CDs receive information that is just relevant to them.