

For action and response by Friday 4 October

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NHS England has [significant ambitions for primary care networks \(PCNs\)](#), with the expectation that they will be a key vehicle for delivering many of the commitments in the long-term plan and providing a wider range of services to patients.

They will eventually be required to deliver a set of seven national service specifications. Five will start by April 2020: structured medication reviews, enhanced health in care homes, anticipatory care (with community services), personalised care and supporting early cancer diagnosis. The remaining two will start by 2021: cardiovascular disease case-finding and locally agreed action to tackle inequalities.

This message should be brought to the attention of the pharmacy manager for action.

Where a pharmacy is owned by AIMp or CCA members the pharmacy manager may wish to refer to any guidance from their head office via their area manager.

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## Community pharmacy has a role in PCNs

PCNs, with you on board, will be expected to:

- provide a wider range of primary care services to patients, involving a wider set of staff roles than might be feasible in individual primary care settings such as GP practices
- be the footprint around which integrated community-based teams will develop, and community and mental health services, will be expected to configure their services around
- think about the wider health of the local communities they serve, taking a proactive approach to managing population health and, from 2020/21, assessing the needs of their local population to identify people who would benefit from targeted, proactive support
- be focused on service delivery, rather than on the planning and funding of services, responsibility for which will remain with commissioners (public health and CCGs).

What is left of this year (2019-20) is the time for PCNs to become established and for community pharmacies to collaborate in a PCN area to make a collective offer to PCNs.

## The LPCs role in PCNs

You are at the heart of the communities you serve and are therefore best placed to get involved in discussions about the wider health of your patients and customers. We don't know the people who come into your pharmacy so our primary role is to help you represent them to your PCN. We will also take part in discussions at county and regional levels to represent your views and promote commissioning of pharmacy services to help meet the health objectives best suited to your communities.

But more than that. Our role is to support you at PCN level, and help you represent community pharmacy and the people who use your services. It's a journey neither of us have been on before and we're going to do it in small steps, with our support developing as PCNs evolve and mature. Read below to find out how this journey starts.

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### Your first task in PCNs is to identify which one you belong to - Surrey and Sussex has over 60!

- 1. Please identify 'your' PCN below – we have listed pharmacies in each LPC area by A-Z and aligned to where we think your PCN is. We now need you to tell us if it is correct, or not.**

*Clicking on a link in one of these tables will take you to the information directly, or a holding page where you will have to click the link again. No more than two clicks.*

Pharmacy list by PCN	PCN by CCG
<a href="#">Brighton &amp; Hove PCN Pharmacy List</a>	<a href="#">Sussex &amp; East Surrey CCGs</a>
<a href="#">East Sussex PCN Pharmacy List</a>	<a href="#">Surrey Heartlands CCGs</a>
<a href="#">Surrey PCN Pharmacy List</a>	<a href="#">Frimley CCGs</a>
<a href="#">West Sussex PCN Pharmacy List</a>	

- 2. Validate the information in your spreadsheet by cross referencing to the overall lists of PCN, which lists individual GP Practices:**
    - Think about your local area: your GP practices, the logical flow of the people who use your services and prescription flow to determine a PCN which you are best placed to collaborate with – you can only choose one PCN to be part of, and we suggest you pick the one where you will be able to collaborate with other community pharmacies the most
    - By doing this you will be able to start local collaboration with pharmacy competitor colleagues, meeting a PQS requirement, and from 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020 will be able to claim to be able to claim payment for this domain in relation to PCNs.
  - 3. Tell us about any anomalies by Friday 4 October, latest. Email: [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk)**
    - If we don't hear from you by this date we will have to assume that the information is correct. Part of our role is to publish lists of pharmacies in PCNs; you have a role to help us make sure any information we put in the public domain is accurate.
  - 4. Sort and filter the spreadsheet called LPC to identify the other community pharmacies in your PCN**
  - 5. Start a conversation with your fellow community pharmacies about how you wish to collaborate to represent your collective views at the PCN.** Resources to support this role will be available soon.
  - 6. Consider if you would like to be the community pharmacy lead for your PCN and seek agreement for this from the other pharmacies in your PCN.** [Read this briefing about the lead role.](#) Once the PCN and pharmacy pairings are confirmed (expect this during the week of 7 October), we
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will ask you to seek agreement from your local community pharmacy colleagues and confirm to us who you have agreed as your lead. Contact us for advice if more than one pharmacist wants to be the lead in your PCN area. Email: [lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk)

7. **Start to consider how you can develop, or enhance, your relationships with the GP practices in your PCN**

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### More information, advice and help

- [Primary care networks: A briefing for pharmacy teams](#) (NHS England)
- [PCN resources and guidance](#) (PSNC)
- On-demand webinar about [the development of PCNs and their plans in Surrey and Sussex](#)
- [Don't be concerned if you have not yet been invited to help set up emerging primary care networks \(PCNs\)](#), says head of primary care for NHS England's South East Local Regional Office (News: May 2019)
- Contact us [lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk)

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