

Primary Care Network (PCN) Overview



The following information is designed to provide you and your pharmacy team with a brief overview of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and their importance to pharmacy over the next five to ten years.

What is a PCN?

PCNs are essentially GP practices joining together to work locally with community service providers and other health and care organisations, including community pharmacies. PCNs are based on GP lists, typically serving populations of around 30,000 to 50,000 patients and comprising 5-6 general practices and up to 9-10 community pharmacies. Small enough to give a sense of local ownership but big enough to have an impact across the local population. PCNs will have teams comprising of a range of staff, e.g. GPs, practice/clinical pharmacists and allied health professionals, led by a Clinical Director/Clinical Lead.

See NHS England video: [What Are Primary Care Networks](#) for an overview of PCNs.

In West Yorkshire we have the unusual situation where similar structures in the form of Community Partnerships (CPs) have been in place for some time. With some exceptions, the PCN footprints correspond in the most part to those of the CPs. Where variations occur, this is generally due to the size of population within a CP area, exceeding the desired population size for a PCN. Please see the table below for details.

How will Patients Benefit from PCNs?

PCNs aim to benefit patients within the PCN area by strengthening and redesigning health and social care and bringing together a range of professionals to work together to provide enhanced personalised and preventative care for their local community.

They will facilitate the structure and funding for services to be developed locally, in response to the needs of the patients they serve. PCNs will be able to employ a broader range of staff, extend existing services or offer new services. The following link shows a video of what that plan aims to deliver for patients: [What Will Patients Get Out Of The NHS Long Term Plan](#).

What Does it Mean for Community Pharmacies?

The new NHS Contractual Framework for community pharmacy has been announced which translates the NHS Long Term Plan into a five-year framework for community pharmacy and includes the introduction of new clinical services to develop and expand the role of community pharmacy across three key areas: prevention, urgent care and medicines safety.

Pharmacists should note the commitment that the community pharmacy service developments will complement the [PCN service specifications](#) that will cover:

1. *Structured medication reviews and optimisation*
2. *Enhanced health in care homes*
3. *Anticipatory care*
4. *Supporting early cancer diagnosis*
5. *Personalised care (as part of the NHS comprehensive model)*
6. *CVD prevention and diagnosis and*
7. *Tackling neighbourhood inequalities.*

For more information see the following links:

- [Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework 2019-2024](#)
- [A short summary of The Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework](#)

How do PCNs Link into the NHS 10 Year Plan?

Aims of the NHS Long Term Plan are:

- *Everyone gets the best start in life*
- *World class care for major health problems*
- *Supporting people to age well*

The Long Term NHS plan affirms that these objectives will be achieved by developing integrated care systems with PCNs as the foundation:

- *Preventing ill health and tackling health inequalities*
- *Supporting the workforce*
- *Maximising opportunities presented by data and technology*
- *Continued focus on efficiency.*

See the following links for more information about the 'Long Term NHS Plan': [Long Term NHS Plan Summary](#) and [Long Term NHS Plan](#)

What do Pharmacies Need to do re: PCNs?

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire supported by PSNC, will be leading locally on behalf of contractors to facilitate the building of relationships with PCNs ensuring that community pharmacy is at the centre of the PCN planning and service development. Look for information coming from us and trade press regarding the local and national development of PCNs.

More than ever, it is important that all pharmacies offer a full range of nationally and locally commissioned pharmacy services, that pharmacies actively sign post patients to the right local support organisations and that pharmacists have active professional relationships with local GPs.

As individual businesses, there will always be a competition between local pharmacy contractors, however, Primary Care Networks are one area where community pharmacy must work together as a team to deliver services to patients on a local level as a coherent and consistent part of the PCN team.

Please refer to your PCN Community Pharmacy Representative with any questions, insights or comments. Contact details for your PCN Community Pharmacy Representative have been sent to you **via your pharmacy NHSmail account.**

What Will Happen if Community Pharmacies Do Not Engage in PCNs?

If pharmacies fail to engage with PCNs and the Long Term NHS plan, they risk missing out on income from existing and new revenue streams, managed and commissioned by the PCN. As mentioned above the new Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) is designed to support the work of PCNs and includes a commitment to continue the Quality Payments Scheme, valued at £75 million under a new name, the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), with one criteria specifically requiring pharmacies to prepare for engagement with local PCNs.

Primary Care Network & Community Partnership Alignments

Area	PCN Name	LCP Name (Recent Changes in Leeds)	Locality Meetings / LCP Meeting (in Leeds some LCP merged)
AWC	Modality or WACA		Airedale Community Partnership
AWC	Modality or WACA		Craven Community Partnership
AWC	Modality or WACA		Wharfedale Community Partnership
Bradford	PCN 4		Central 4 Community Partnership
Bradford	PCN 5		Central 5 Community Partnership
Bradford	Community 6		Central 6 Community Partnership
Bradford	North Bradford Network		North 1 Community Partnership
Bradford	Five Lane Ends		North 2a Community Partnership
Bradford	Affinity Care North or West		North 2b Community Partnership
Bradford	The Bingley Bubble		North 3 Community Partnership
Bradford	Bradford North West Network		South 10 Community Partnership
Bradford	CP7 (name under review)		South 7 Community Partnership
Bradford	Affinity Care West or North		South 8 Community Partnership
Bradford	BD4+		South 9 Community Partnership
Calderdale	Calder & Ryburn		Calder & Ryburn
Calderdale	Central Halifax		Central Halifax
Calderdale	Lower Valley		Lower Valley
Calderdale	North Halifax		North Halifax
Calderdale	Upper Valley		Upper Valley
Greater Huddersfield	Tolson Care Partnership		
Greater Huddersfield	Greenwood Network		
Greater Huddersfield	The Mast Primary Care Network		
Greater Huddersfield	The Valleys Health and Social Care Network		
Greater Huddersfield	Viaducts Health and Care Network		
Leeds	Otley (was Aire Valley & Otley)	Aireborough	Aireborough & Aire Valley
Leeds	Yeadon (was Aire Valley & Otley)	Aire Valley	Aireborough & Aire Valley
Leeds	Armley	Armley	Armley
Leeds	Bramley, Wortley & Middleton (new)	Armley	Armley
Leeds	Beeston (was Beeston & Middleton)	Beeston	Beeston & Middleton
Leeds	Middleton & Hunslet (was Beeston & Middleton)	Beeston	Beeston & Middleton
Leeds	Central North Leeds (was Central)	Central	Central
Leeds	Burmantofts, Harehills & Richmond Hill (LS8/9) (was Chapeltown (Harehills, Burmantofts, Richmond Hill))	HATCH	HATCH
Leeds	Chapeltown (was Chapeltown, Harehills, Burmantofts, Richmond Hill)	HATCH	HATCH
Leeds	LS25/26 (was Garforth, Kippax & Rothwell)	LS25/26	LS25/26

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Leeds	LSMP and The Light (was Leeds Student Medical Practice)	LSMP	LSMP
Leeds	Morley & District (was Morley)	Morley	Morley
Leeds	Crossgates (was Crossgates & Seacroft)	Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road	Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road
Leeds	Seacroft (was Crossgates & Seacroft)	Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road	Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road
Leeds	York Road (new)	Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road	Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road
Leeds	West Leeds (was Pudsey)	West Leeds	West Leeds
Leeds	Wetherby	Wetherby	Wetherby
Leeds	Holt Park (was Holt Park & Woodsley)	Holt Park	Woodsley & Holt Park
Leeds	Woodsley (was Holt Park & Woodsley)	Woodsley	Woodsley & Holt Park
North Kirklees	Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Mirfield		
North Kirklees	Batley and Birstall		
North Kirklees	Cleckheaton and Heckmondwike		
North Kirklees	Dewsbury and Thornhill		
Wakefield	West Wakefield		
Wakefield	Brigantes		
Wakefield	WHA South PCN (Wakefield Health Alliance 3)		
Wakefield	WHA Central PCN (Wakefield Health Alliance 2)		
Wakefield	Five Towns		
Wakefield	Trinity Health Group		
Wakefield	WHA North PCN (Wakefield Health Alliance 1)		