

Title of Meeting:	Primary Care Commissioning Committee	Agenda Item: 6.2	
Date of Meeting:	27 January 2022		
Paper Title:	Primary Care Update	Session (Tick)	
		Public	X
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		Development Session	
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Purpose (this paper if for)	Decision	Discussion	Assurance
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			Information
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Has the report (or variation of it) been presented to another Committee / Meeting? If yes, state the Committee / Meeting: No			
Executive Summary Summary from NHS England North of standard items (including contracts, planning, finance and transformation) that fall under the delegated commissioning agenda.			
Recommendations The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is being asking to: Note the contents of the paper			
Monitoring N/A			
Any statutory / regulatory / legal / NHS Constitution implications			
Management of Conflicts of Interest		No conflicts of interest have been identified prior to the meeting.	
Communication / Public & Patient Engagement		N/A	
Financial / resource implications		N/A	
Outcome of Impact Assessments completed		N/A	



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1.1 New Standard GMS, PMS and APMS Contracts Published

The [new standard General Medical Services \(GMS\), Personal Medical Services \(PMS\) and Alternative Provider Medical Services \(APMS\) contracts, along with their contract variation notices](#) has been published. The documentation incorporates changes made to the contract Regulations and Directions in December 2020, April 2021, and October 2021.

1.2 New digital GP Contract requirements and guidance to support GP practices

In October 2021 new requirements for general practice came into effect in the GP Contract relating to digital services. To help explain what these requirements are and to support the implementation of them we have [published new guidance for GP practices](#).

1.3 Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) Specification

On 20 December 2021 we published a revised [Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service \(DES\) Specification](#) with updated [Investment and Impact Fund \(IIF\) implementation guidance](#). This DES variation implements the measures taken to support the COVID-19 vaccination programme as announced in our [letter of 7 December](#).

1.4 2022/23 priorities and operational planning guidance

[The 2022/23 priorities and operational planning guidance](#) sets out our priorities for the year ahead. This guidance reconfirms the ongoing needed to restore services, meet new care demands and reduce the care backlogs that are a direct consequence of the pandemic.

The objectives set out in this document are based on a scenario where COVID-19 returns to a low level and we are able to make significant progress in the first part of next year as we continue to rise to the challenge of restoring services and reducing the COVID backlogs.

1.5 General practice access routes campaign resources

[Resources and guidance to help practices communicate with patients](#) about the best ways of getting in touch with them when they need help are now live.

The general practice access routes campaign resources, developed with practices and patient groups, aims to help patients understand the different ways they can request help from their GP practice – either by phone or visiting in person, or by completing a convenient and secure form on the practice’s website, and explains how the practice will manage the request and contact the patient in response.

A campaign toolkit guides practices through all the materials, including posters, leaflets, and social media graphics. A range of accessible resources will be available in coming weeks. Translations in multiple languages will follow next month.

1.6 Extension of the suspension of Friends and Family Test returns

The temporary suspension of the requirement that practices report to commissioners about the Friends and Family Test (FFT) returns has been extended until 31 March 2022 under The National Health Service (Amendments Relating to the Provision of Primary Care Services During a Pandemic etc.) Regulations 2020.

1.7 New to Partnership Payment Scheme application update

We are pleased to announce that the [New to Partnership Payment Scheme](#) (N2PP) will be extended into the 2022/23 financial year and we have now removed the requirement to apply within six months of commencing a partnership role. Following a review of the timeframe to apply for the scheme, and in acknowledgement of the challenges the deadline presented to busy new partners as well as the additional pressures created by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have removed the six-month deadline, including for submitted applications that meet all other eligibility criteria. When the scheme comes to an end, there will be a cut-off deadline after the scheme closure date by which applications from eligible individuals must be submitted, and we will give advance notice of this.

The Committee is asked to note the updates in the paper