



HAMBLETON AND RICHMONDSHIRE PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS

What have we done so far and what are our next plans ?

What are Primary Care Networks (PCNs)?

- Primary Care Networks are groups of general practices that work together to provide care for 30,000 to 50,000 people in their local community.
- They were first introduced in July 2019 as part of new GP contract.
- They must deliver requirements of NHS England “Network Contract Enhanced Service”
- These are not new organisations, structures or commissioning bodies
- There are 4 PCNs locally:
 - *Richmondshire PCN*
 - *Hambleton North PCN*
 - *Hambleton South PCN*
 - *Whitby Coast and Moors PCN – who are holding a similar meeting to this separately*
- We all work closely and collaboratively with our local GP Federation, “Heartbeat Primary Care CIC”.

What is the structure of the PCNs?

- Each PCN has a Clinical Director working one day a week for their respective PCN
- All employ management and finance support from Heartbeat Primary Care CIC including
 - *1 Business and Development Manager across all 4 PCNs.*
 - *1 Finance Manager*
 - *HR support is currently being recruited to*
- All 21 member practices provide Board members and practice management support.

So....What Have We
Achieved So Far?

A wider variety of clinical staff than ever before.

Each PCN now has in post:

- Clinical Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians
- First Contact Physiotherapists
- Social Prescribing Link Workers
- First Contact Mental Health Workers
- Care Coordinators

In addition, some have :

- Physicians Associates
- Advanced Clinical Practitioners

Some of these staff are integral to the development of a frailty liaison service within the Richmondshire PCN area. This team will initially work with patients in care homes and extra care housing facilities. They will be undertaking an Older Persons Health Check which is a new service aimed to improve the link between general practice and care homes. There has been some positive patient feedback already shared. The checks are holistic health assessments that look at all aspects of an older person's life including current health needs, activities of daily living, mobility, falls, medication, mental well-being, support mechanisms (family, carers etc.) and future and advance care planning.

Supported the population during the pandemic

- Rapid implementation of remote working tools across the region
- Establishment of a Covid Assessment Unit at Friarage Hospital, Northallerton
- Implementation of Covid vaccination sites (Northallerton and Leyburn)
- Home Covid vaccines for housebound and Care Homes

All the above were hugely successful due to the collaborative working approach implemented across all member practices

Work with wider Health and Social Care System

- Numerous staff co-employed with local partners.
 - *First Contact Physiotherapists and Advanced Clinical Practitioners are co-employed with South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *First Contact Mental Health Workers are co-employed with Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust*
- All 4 PCNs work closely together whilst maintaining wider links with the other 7 across North Yorkshire
- Worked closely with NYCC in setting up of covid vaccination centres
- Links with Third Sector partners, many being developed through the work of Social Prescribing Link Workers
- Ongoing engagement with NYCCG and the wider ICS.

What can we expect from the future?

Short term:

- “Enhanced Access” – Additional service 6:30 - 8 Monday to Friday and 9-5 on Saturdays, from October.
- Work on preventing Cardiovascular Disease, improving health in Care Homes, implementing plans to support and enhance cancer diagnosis, and tackling health inequalities – respiratory disease, severe mental illness
- Further growing and developing practice teams and additional roles workforce

Long term:

- Role of PCNs in future developments to ensure best possible outcomes for our patients – what do we need to do?

Any questions?