

Opportunities for integrated delivery, commissioning and intelligence - Briefing on Primary Care Networks

To:	Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board	Date:	21 March 2019
From:	Director of Public Health	Agenda:	9
Purpose of the Item	To provide an update on the Primary care Networks (PCNs) and the next steps for their implementation.		
Summary of Recommendations	That the Health and Well-being Board: a. Receive an update primary care networks, the implementation timeline and how they link in with the local integration plans.		

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board an update on primary care networks and how they link with the local plans for integration of health and social care.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In The NHS Long Term Plan, Primary Care Networks (PCNs) become an essential building block of every Integrated Care System, and under the Network Contract DES, general practice takes the leading role in every PCN. PCN are intended to dissolve the historic divide between primary and community health services
- 2.2 The PCN is a foundation of all Integrated Care Systems (ICS); and every ICS will have a critical role in ensuring that PCNs work in an integrated way with other community staff such as community nurses, community geriatricians, dementia workers, and podiatrists/chiropractors. PCNs are about provision not commissioning, and are not new organisations.
- 2.3 It is expected that PCNs will typically serve a population of at least 30,000. Low population density across a large rural and remote area could be a legitimate reason for a slightly smaller network list size. That is likely to be the only permissible exception to the 30,000 population rule. A PCN will not tend to exceed 50,000 population and will have an area and boundaries that makes sense to its constituent practices; other community-based providers, who configure their teams accordingly; and to its local community.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 At the Live Well South Tees Health and Well-being board meeting there will be a presentation on the Primary care Networks and how this links with the local integration plans.

4 BACKGROUND PAPERS.

- 4.1 No background papers other than published works were used in writing this report.

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