

Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Area Committee
BACHS Primary Care Network Update
Wednesday 15 January 2020

Since the last meeting, the BACHS Primary Care Network (PCN) has continued to develop. The key actions since the last update are:

Delivery of Extended Hours GP access

The PCN is providing an extra 29.5 hours per week of Primary Care appointments on evenings and weekends.

Recruitment of additional workforce in the PCN

- 2 Clinical Pharmacists (1.4 FTE)
- 2 Social Prescribing Link Workers (1 FTE)

This additional workforce will provide support to patients and practices across the PCN, with a mix of direct patient care and audit work:

- The Pharmacists will undertake medication management reviews / Care Homes work / Quality Improvement work looking at prescribing safety;
- The Link Worker will be working with various caseloads such as High Volume Service users and vulnerable patients. They will also look to link with local services (voluntary and statutory) to signpost clients to and support them in networking.

Over the next year, further recruitment opportunities will present for additional roles including:

- More Clinical Pharmacists;
- More Social Prescribing Link Workers;
- First Contact Practitioners (Physiotherapists) that practices can signpost patients directly to without needing to see a GP first.

The key aim for the PCN workforce is to support Primary Care in improving its resilience and capacity which, in turn, supports the delivery of improving healthcare for citizens.

Future plans

The PCN member practices are meeting regularly and are having a workshop in December to agree and finalise the PCN's vision and objectives. A key area of work will be developing a Population Health Management approach. This is a different approach to improving physical and mental health outcomes. It is the key aim of the Integrated Care System strategy (<https://healthandcarenotts.co.uk/>), along with reducing health inequalities and promoting wellbeing across the entire population.

Population Health Management is an emerging technique for local health and care partnerships to use data to design new models of proactive care and deliver improvements in health and wellbeing that make best use of the collective resources. To enable this approach, the PCN will need to forge links with community, social care and voluntary services. It has to be a full partnership approach across all sectors so that the interdependent issues affecting people's health and wellbeing can be addressed.

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