



GP Contract Update March 14th 2019

This is the first in a series of bulletins to help you understand and deal with the impact of the 2019 GP contract changes.

The contract negotiated by the GPC will involve significant changes to general practice, with elements being introduced throughout the five years of the contract. A priority for 2019 is the formation of Primary Care Networks, with the DES to provide funding for practices to form and develop networks set to be published at the end of March. The LMC will be sending regular bulletins to update GPs and practice teams on the latest developments.

LMC GP Contract Summary

For a short (one page) summary of the new GP Contract, click [here](#) for the guide prepared by the LMC.

Timeline

This info graphic provides a guide to key early stages of the implementation of the contract over the coming months. Download a larger PDF of this image [here](#).

Timeline

March 2019
Contract
roadshow and
local engagement

29 March 2019
Network Contract
and Agreement
published

April 2019
Local GP
engagement and
confirmation of
PCN membership

15 May 2019
All PCNs submit
registration to
their CCGs

31 May 2019
CCGs confirm
network coverage
and approve
variation to GMS,
PMS, APMS
contracts

1 July 2019
Network contract
goes live.

Extended hours
access integrated
into networks with
same
requirements as
the DES, for 100%
of network
population.

BMA Guidance on the GP Contract

The BMA's website has a dedicated area on the contract, featuring summaries of the different elements of the deal, FAQs and guidance on what practices need to do now to prepare. The site can be found [here](#). Along with the short summaries, detailed guidance is available on:

- Primary Care Networks
- Indemnity
- IT and Digital
- QOF

Primary care networks and workforce expansion

GPC England executive team member Dr Krishna Kasaraneni has written a series of blogs on Primary Care Networks and his latest focuses on how the new workforce expansion will support GPs and practices. Krishna sets out GPC perspectives and addresses some of the issues raised during the GP contract roadshows. [Read the blog](#)

Read more of Krishna's blogs on PCNs:

- [Primary care networks](#): an introduction to PCNs

- [The right structures for PCNs](#): what you need to consider at this early stage
- [LMCs and PCNs](#): how local medical committees can support practices to engage with PCNs.

BMA GP Contract Roadshow

This event earlier this month gave local GPs and practice staff an opportunity to learn more about this year's contract from the GPC Executive Team. You can download the presentation slides (PowerPoint file) from the event [here](#).

Contact the LMC

The new contract will be a key area of work for the LMC in the coming months. If you have any queries about the contract and how your practice will be affected please contact us.

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