



North & South Essex

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Entitlements

A Guidance Document for Practices

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Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)

Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A PCN is entitled to funding as part of the Network Contract DES to support the recruitment of new additional staff to deliver health services. <p>The new additional staff recruited by a PCN or provided under contract as a service from a third-party organisation are referred to in this Network Contract DES Specification as "Additional Roles" and this element of the Network Contract DES is referred to as the "Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme".</p> <p>Where the Additional Role is provided by a third-party organisation under a contract of service:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the PCN must ensure that the specification of the service incorporates the requirements set out in Annex B; b. any obligation in section 4.7.1 and Annex B of the PCN should be read as an obligation that the PCN must procure that the third-party organisation carries out that obligation. 	Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023)
<p style="color: red;">*For further information on ARRS, please go to pages 34-43, and 66-73 in the above guidance link.</p>	

ARRS Maximum Payable

ARRS maximum reimbursements amounts per role 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023				
Role	Indicative band	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role £	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>inner HCAS</u> £	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>outer HCAS</u> £
Clinical pharmacists	7-8a	59,312	68,768	65,948
Pharmacy technicians	5	38,187	46,076	44,104
Social prescribing link worker	Up to 5	38,187	46,076	44,104
Health and wellbeing coaches	Up to 5	38,187	46,076	44,104
Care co-ordinators	4	31,746	38,346	37,011
Physician associates	7	57,465	66,921	64,101
Apprentice Physician Associate	5	38,187	46,076	44,104
First contact physiotherapists	7-8a	59,312	68,768	65,948
Dieticians	7	57,465	66,921	64,101
Podiatrists	7	57,465	66,921	64,101
Occupational therapists	7	57,465	66,921	64,101
Nurse Training Associates	3	28,177	34,442	33,443
Nursing Associates	4	31,746	38,346	37,011
Community Paramedics	7	57,465	66,921	64,101
Advanced Practitioners	8a	65,002	74,457	71,638
General Practice Assistant	4	31,746	38,346	37,011
Digital and transformation Lead	8a	65,002	74,457	71,638

*For further information on ARRS payments including eligibility for payments, please go to pages 66 to 73 in the above guidance link on page 3.

ARRS Maximum Payable

ARRS maximum reimbursements amounts per role 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024

Role	Indicative band	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>inner HCAS</u>	Annual maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>outer HCAS</u>
		£	£	£
		National	Inner London	Outer London
Clinical pharmacists	7-8a	62,340	72,269	69,308
Pharmacy technicians	5	40,159	48,442	46,371
Social prescribing link worker	Up to 5	40,159	48,442	46,371
Health and wellbeing coaches	Up to 5	40,159	48,442	46,371
Care co-ordinators	4	33,396	40,326	38,924
Physician associates	7	60,401	70,330	67,369
First contact physiotherapists	7-8a	62,340	72,269	69,308
Dieticians	7	60,401	70,330	67,369
Podiatrists	7	60,401	70,330	67,369
Occupational therapists	7	60,401	70,330	67,369
Nurse Training Associates	3	29,649	36,227	35,177
Nursing Associates	4	33,396	40,326	38,924
Community Paramedics	7	60,401	70,330	67,369
Advanced Practitioners	8a	68,315	78,243	75,282
General Practice Assistant	4	33,396	40,326	38,924
Digital and Transformation Lead	8a	68,315	78,243	75,282
Apprentice Physician Associate	5	40,159	48,442	46,371

*For further information on ARRS payments including eligibility for payments, please go to pages 66 to 73 in the above guidance link on page 3.

ARRS Maximum Payable – MHPs

ARRS maximum reimbursement amount for Mental Health Practitioners 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023				
Role	AfC band	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role £	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>inner HCAS</u> £	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>outer HCAS</u> £
Adult Mental Health Practitioner and CYP Mental Health Practitioner	4	15,873	19,173	18,506
	5	19,094	23,038	22,052
	6	23,551	28,279	26,869
	7	28,733	33,460	32,050
	8a	32,501	37,229	35,819

*For further information on ARRS payments including eligibility for payments, please go to pages 66 to 73 in the above guidance link on page 3.

ARRS maximum reimbursement amount for Mental Health Practitioners 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024				
Role	AfC band	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role £	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>inner HCAS</u> £	Annual equivalent maximum reimbursable amount per role plus <u>outer HCAS</u> £
Adult Mental Health Practitioner and CYP Mental Health Practitioner	4	16,698	20,163	19,462
	5	20,080	24,221	23,186
	6	24,760	29,724	28,244
	7	30,201	35,165	33,684
	8a	34,157	39,122	37,641

*For further information on ARRS payments including eligibility for payments, please go to pages 66 to 73 in the above guidance link on page 3.

Care Home Premium

Care Home Premium	Guidance
<p>• The payment is calculated based on £120 (no change from 2022/23) per bed for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.</p> <p>The number of beds will be based on Care Quality Commission (CQC) data on beds within services that are registered as care home services with nursing (CHN) and care home services without nursing (CHS) in England.</p> <p>PCSE will make monthly payments based on care home bed numbers provided by commissioners. Payments are made at a rate of £10 per bed per month for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 based on the number of relevant beds in the PCN's Aligned Care Homes.</p> <p>The commissioner must ensure that the number of beds on which payment is based is updated on a monthly basis in line with the CQC Care Directory.</p> <p>Payment will only be made where the commissioner is satisfied that the PCN or its Core Network Practices have comprehensively coded care home residents using appropriate clinical codes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 160734000 – Lives in a nursing home; b. 394923006 – Live in a residential home; and c. 248171000000108 – Lives in care home (finding) 	<p>Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023)</p>
<p>*For further information on Care Home Premium, please go to pages 64 and 65 in the above guidance link.</p>	

Clinical Director Payment

Clinical Director Payment	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A PCN must have in place a Clinical Director who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is accountable to the PCN members; b. provides leadership for the PCN's strategic plans, working with PCN members to improve the quality and effectiveness of its delivery of the Network Contract DES; c. is a direct and integral component of the overall Network Contract DES; d. is a practicing clinician from within the PCN's Core Network Practices; e. is able to undertake the responsibilities of the role and represent the PCN's collective interests; f. works collaboratively with Clinical Directors from other PCNs within the ICS area, playing a critical role in shaping and supporting their ICS, helping to ensure full engagement of primary care in developing and implementing local system plans; ● The clinical director payment for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 is £0.729 (down from £0.736 in 2022/23) per registered patient per annum (which equates to £0.061 per patient per month). 	<p style="text-align: center;"> Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023) </p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">*For further information on Clinical Director payments, please go to pages 20 to 22 and page 64 in the above guidance link.</p>	

Core PCN Funding

Core PCN Funding	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Core PCN Funding for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 is calculated as £1.50 (no change to 2022/23) multiplied by the PCN registered list size (equating to £0.125 per patient per month).	Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023)
<p>*For further information on ore PCN Funding payments, please go to page 64 in above guidance link.</p>	

Enhanced Access Payment

Enhanced Access Payment	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A PCN must provide enhanced access between the hours of 6.30pm and 8pm Mondays to Fridays and between 9am and 5pm on Saturdays (which are referred to in this Network Contract DES Specification as “Network Standard Hours”), in accordance with this Network Contract DES Specification and with the plan it previously agreed with the commissioner to deliver Enhanced Access (“the Enhanced Access Plan”). ● Commissioner approval is required for any significant change to the Enhanced Access Plan. Changes that will be considered significant include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the PCN site(s) from which physical services will be delivered; b. sub-contracting arrangements; c. the staffing mix which will be available during the Network Standard Hours which significantly reduces the availability of a type of clinician, for example GPs, or other members of the team; and d. timings and distribution for when the minimum 60 minutes of appointments per 1000 PCN adjusted patients per week is delivered. ● The Enhanced Access payment for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 is calculated as £7.578 multiplied by the PCN’s Adjusted Population. 	<p style="text-align: center;"> Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023) </p>
<p>*For further information on Extended Hours & Enhanced Access payments, please go to pages 43 to 48 and page 64 in the above guidance link.</p>	

Investment & Impact Fund (IIF)

Investment & Impact Fund (IIF)	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A PCN is entitled to additional funding by virtue of the Investment and Impact Fund (“IIF”). ● Subject to adherence of met provisions of section 10.6 within the guidance link on the right, a PCN is entitled to an achievement payment (the “Total Achievement Payment”) in relation to any IIF indicators listed in Annex D on pages 113 to 115 within the attached guidance link on the right. ● In relation to the Total Indicator Achievement Payment, a PCN acknowledges that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. it will achieve points based on its performance in relation to the IIF indicators as listed in Annex D; b. every Indicator has been allocated a certain number of points; c. it will achieve a number of points for each Indicator between zero and the maximum number of points allocated to that Indicator; d. there are a total of 262 points (225 points in 2021/22 and 1153 points in 2022/23) across all Indicators; and e. each point is worth £198.00 (down from £200 in 2022/23). 	<p style="text-align: center;"> Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023) </p>
<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">*For further information on IIF payments, please go to pages 74 to 78 in the above guidance link</p>	

Network Participation Payment

Network Participation Payment	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each practice that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is eligible to participate in this Network Contract DES; b. has submitted information for confirmation of participation in accordance with section 4 of the guidance link on the right; c. has been confirmed as participating in the Network Contract DES as a Core Network Practice of a PCN; and d. commits to being active members of their PCN as it evolves over the coming years, will be eligible for a Network Participation Payment (“NPP”) with effect from 1 April 2023 to support practice engagement. ● For the avoidance of doubt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the NPP payment is only made in respect of a PCN of which the practice is a Core Network Practice; and b. the NPP payment is paid directly to a Core Network Practice and not the PCN’s Nominated Payee. ● For practices to whom the SFE applies, the NPP will be paid in accordance with the SFE and is not a financial entitlement pursuant to this Network Contract DES Specification. ● For practices to whom the SFE does not apply, it is a requirement of this Network Contract DES that the commissioner ensures that a payment is made in respect of those practices that equates to the NPP that would have been made to the practice if the SFE applied to that practice. ● The NPP for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 is calculated as £1.761 (no change to 2022/23) multiplied by the practice’s “Contractor Weighted Population” as at 1 January 2023. ● Subject to sections 10.1.4 (page 59 within the guidance link on the right) and 10.3.7 (pages 63 within the guidance link on the right), the amount calculated as the NPP is payable in 12 equal monthly instalments and the commissioner must arrange for the relevant payment to be made to a Core Network Practice no later than the last day of the month following the month in which the payment applied and taking into account local payment arrangements. ● Subject to section 10.1.9 (page 60 within the guidance link on the right), section 10.3 (pages 62 & 63 within the guidance link on the right), and local payment arrangements, for a Core Network Practice of a Previously Approved PCN with membership changes the NPP will be made no later than the end of the month following the month in which the participation of all Core Network Practices of that PCN has been confirmed. Where the first payment is paid after April 2023, the first payment will include payment of instalments backdated to 1 April 2023. 	<p style="text-align: center;"> Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023) </p>
<p style="text-align: center;">*For further information on Network Participation payments, please go to pages 62 and 63 of the above guidance link.</p>	

Social Prescribing Service & Link Workers

Social Prescribing Link Workers	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A PCN must provide the PCN's Patients with access to a social prescribing service. ● To comply with this, a PCN may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. directly employ Social Prescribing Link Workers; or b. sub-contract provision of the service to another provider, in accordance with this Network Contract DES Specification. 	<p style="text-align: center;"> Network Contract DES Contract specification 2023/24 - PCN Requirements & Entitlements (2 June 2023) </p>
<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">*For further information on Social Prescribing Service payments, please go to pages 53, and 84 to 87 of the above guidance link.</p>	

GMS Ready Reckoner

GMS Ready Reckoner	Guidance
<p>The (GMS) Ready Reckoner has been produced by NHS England and NHS Improvement in partnership with the BMA General Practitioners Committee (GPC) and are intended to provide an indication of the changes in income streams that may affect a GMS practice and Primary Care Network (PCN).</p> <p>The Ready Reckoner has three tabs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. About the Ready Reckoner – to provide a guide and useful information on current year payment figures2. A calculator – for indicative funding amounts3. ARRS maximum reimbursement details	<p>(GMS) Ready Reckoner 2023/24</p>

DES: PCN adjusted populations calculator

DES: PCN adjusted populations calculator	Guidance
<p>The DES PCN adjusted populations calculator has been produced by NHS England detailing PCN adjusted populations as at: 1 January 2023. PCN membership is also as at: 1 January 2023, taken from Organisation Data Service's (ODS) ePCN publication, available at:</p> <p>https://digital.nhs.uk/services/organisation-data-service/file-downloads/gp-and-gp-practice-related-data</p> <p>Raw list sizes are for 1 January 2023 from PCSE's quarterly GSUM capitation report.</p> <p>The calculator has three tabs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction2. PCNs3. GP Practices	<p>DES: PCN adjusted populations calculator</p>



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