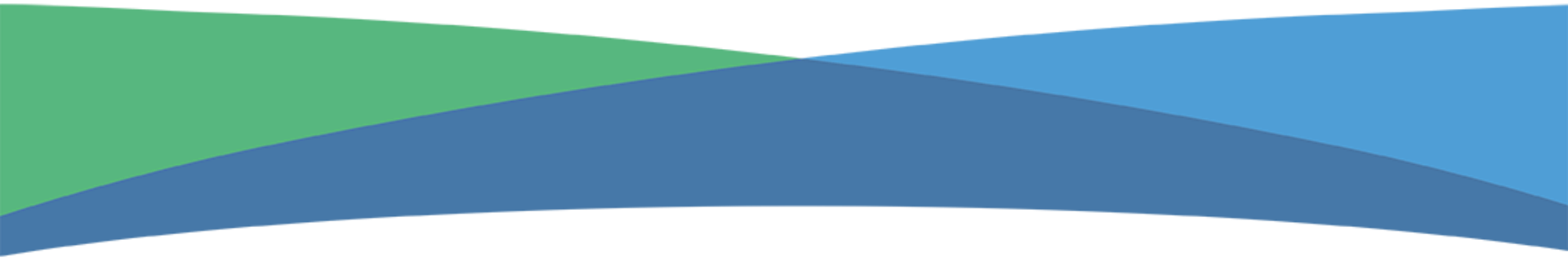


Primary Care Networks

Update for Stakeholders

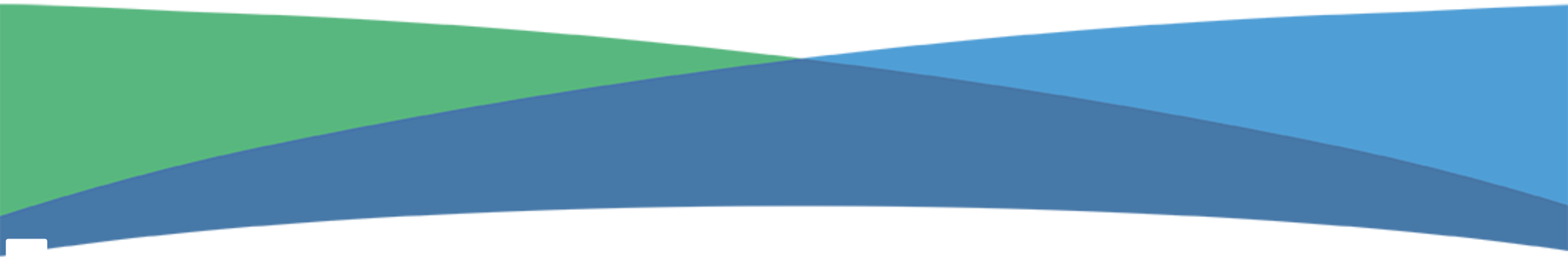


What are Primary Care networks ?


- Primary care networks form a key building block of the [NHS long-term plan](#).
- Formal way of bringing general practice together to work at scale to:
 - Improve the ability of practices to recruit and retain staff
 - To manage financial and estates pressures
 - To provide a wider range of services to patients
 - To more easily integrate with the wider health and care system.



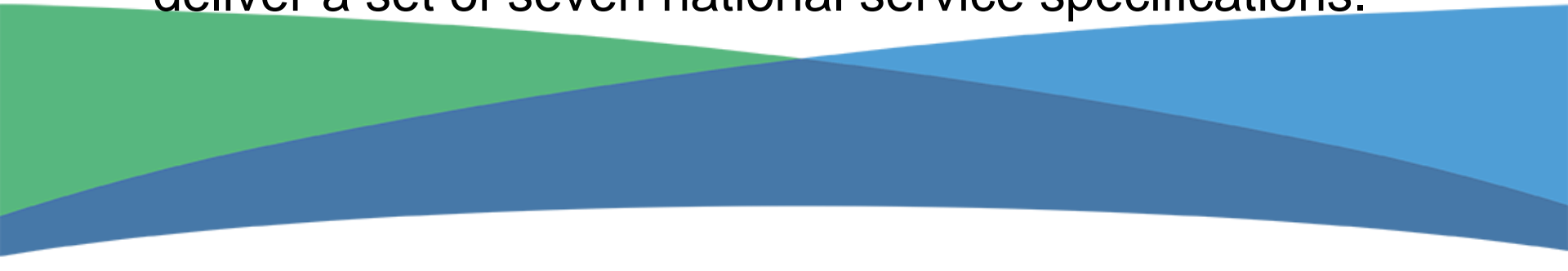
National Context

- The NHS Long Term Plan – 7th January 2019
 - Investment and evolution - A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement The NHS Long Term Plan – 31st January 2019
 - Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service 29th March 2019
 - Network Contract DES contract specification 29th March 2019
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PCN Model- 30-50k population of groups of general practice

- All GP practices are expected to come together in geographical networks covering populations of approximately 30–50,000 patients by June 2019.
 - Primary care networks will be focused on service delivery, rather than on the planning and funding of services.
 - Responsibility for planning and funding will remain with commissioners –New national network contract.
 - Expected to be the building blocks around which integrated care systems are built.
 - Community leadership. Primary Care Network Clinical Directors will provide strategic and clinical leadership to help support change across primary and community health services.
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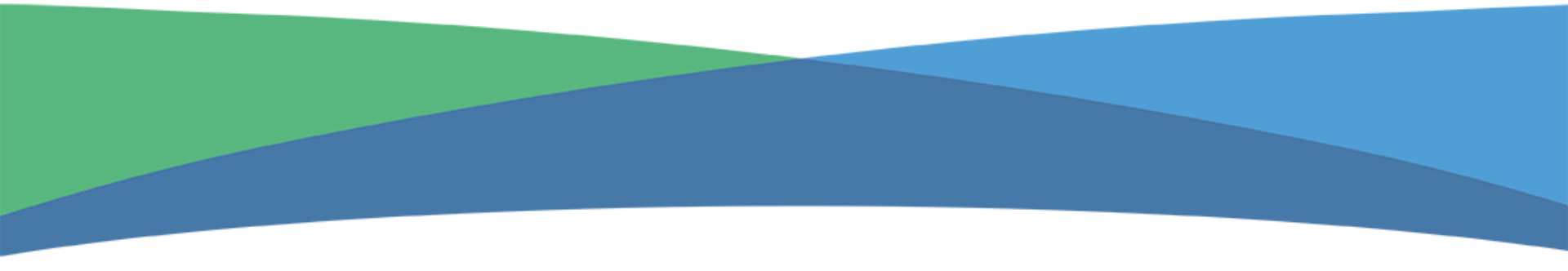
What will Primary Care Networks do ?

- NHS England has significant ambitions for primary care networks, with the expectation that they will be a key vehicle for delivering many of the commitments in the long-term plan and providing a wider range of services to patients.
 - In first year focus will be on establishing networks, staffing, development support and delivering increased GP access for patients.
 - Primary care networks will eventually be required to deliver a set of seven national service specifications.
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What will Primary Care Networks do ?

During 2019 and 2020, NHS England will develop seven specifications and seek to agree these as part of annual contract changes

The seven national service specifications are:

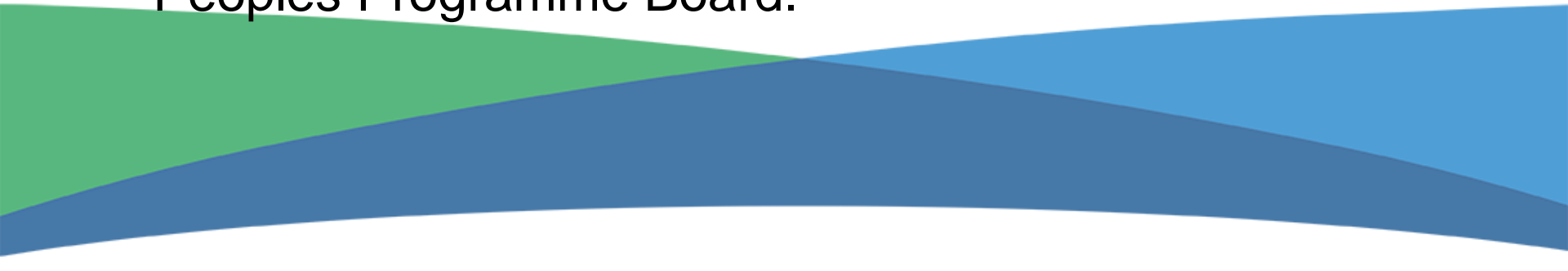
- i. Structured Medications Review and Optimisation;
 - ii. Enhanced Health in Care Homes, to implement the vanguard model;
 - iii. Anticipatory Care requirements for high need patients typically experiencing several long term conditions, joint with community services;
 - iv. Personalised Care, to implement the NHS Comprehensive Model;
 - v. Supporting Early Cancer Diagnosis;
 - vi. CVD Prevention and Diagnosis; (By 2021)
 - vii. Tackling Neighbourhood Inequalities(By 2021)
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What will Primary Care Networks do ?

- Expected to provide a wider range of primary care services to patients, involving a wider set of staff roles than might be feasible in individual practices.
- For example, first contact physiotherapy, extended access and social prescribing.
- Networks will receive specific funding for clinical pharmacists and social prescribing link workers in 2019/20,
- Funding for physiotherapists, physician associates and paramedics in subsequent years
- Each Network will have a named **accountable Clinical Director** – they will play a critical role in shaping and supporting their Integrated Care System and dissolving the historic divide between primary and community care



What will Primary Care Networks do ?

- They will also be the footprint around which integrated community-based teams will develop, and community and mental health services will be expected to configure their services around primary care network boundaries.
 - These teams will provide services to people with more complex needs, providing proactive and anticipatory care.
 - Will build upon the work undertaken within the BSOL system through Solihull Together /Birmingham Older Peoples Programme Board.
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Network Area- How will they be formed

- Each Primary Care Network must have a boundary that makes sense to: (a) its constituent practices; (b) to other community-based providers, who configure their teams accordingly; and (c) to its local community, given it marks the extent of PCN accountability for the health and wellbeing of a defined place.
- Through the registration process, all the 'Network Areas' will be agreed with the local CCG at the same time. The CCG does this on behalf of, and with the agreement of, the local Integrated Care System (ICS) or Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). Subsequent changes to network areas will require CCG approval. Boundaries will require active support from both the local CCG and NHS England.



Network Agreement

A national Network Agreement has been developed to support the Network Contract DES and PCNs will be required to use it.

- The Network Agreement sets out the collective rights and obligations of GP providers within the core of the PCN and is required to claim its collective financial entitlements under the Network Contract DES. It also sets out how the practices will collaborate with non-GP providers which make up the wider PCN
- PCNs will be required to submit an initial Network Agreement by 15 May 2019. PCN will be required to:
 - By 30 June 19; complete Network Agreement and confirm to the commissioner that the completed Network Agreement has been signed by all GP practices in the PCN



Timetable

Date	Action
Jan-Apr 2019	PCNs prepare to meet the Network Contract DES registration requirements
By 29 Mar 2019	NHS England and GPC England jointly issue the Network Agreement and 2019/20 Network Contract DES
By 15 May 2019	All Primary Care Networks submit registration information to their CCG
By 31 May 2019	CCGs confirm network coverage and approve variation to GMS, PMS and APMS contracts
Early Jun	NHS England and GPC England jointly work with CCGs and LMCs to resolve any issues
1 Jul 2019	Network Contract DES goes live across 100% of the country
Jul 2019-Mar 2020	National entitlements under the 2019/20 Network Contract start: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • year 1 of the additional workforce reimbursement scheme • ongoing support funding for the Clinical Director • ongoing £1.50/head from CCG allocations
Apr 2020 onwards	National Network Services start under the 2020/21 Network Contract DES

BSOL approach

- **BSOL STP Task and Finish Group** established to liaise with STPs (BSOL /Black Country) Agreed a set of principles for the system and General practice to work to in considering the formation of PCNs .Meeting scheduled for 25th April 2019 .
- **STP integration-** Building on STP work through Ageing well/ Solihull Together around integration of networks.
- **Localities – supporting the practices** Locality teams working closely with General practice to support them with discussions and issues. Early submission on progress requested on 5th April 2019 to review level of coverage and support any areas further.
- **LMC engagement** – Task and Finish members /meetings /member of review panel
- **PCCC** – sub group to recommend proposed PCNs.
- **PCN development and support-** Led by Director of OD and Partnership/Locality teams



BSOL approach

- Commissioning responsibilities
 - BSOL CCG will enter into network contract with PCNs
 - Primary Care Commissioning Committee has delegated authority for managing the contracts ,funding and commissioning of any additional local services that the system wishes them to deliver .
 - Ensuring 100% coverage of networks across BSOL

Lead SRO Karen Helliwell ,Director of Integration
- Support and Development to PCNs
 - BSOL CCG will lead the co-ordination and development of a PCN development plan (with engagement from the STP and providers)
 - Support through Locality teams within the CCG on delivery

Lead SRO Paul Sherriff, Director of OD& Partnerships