

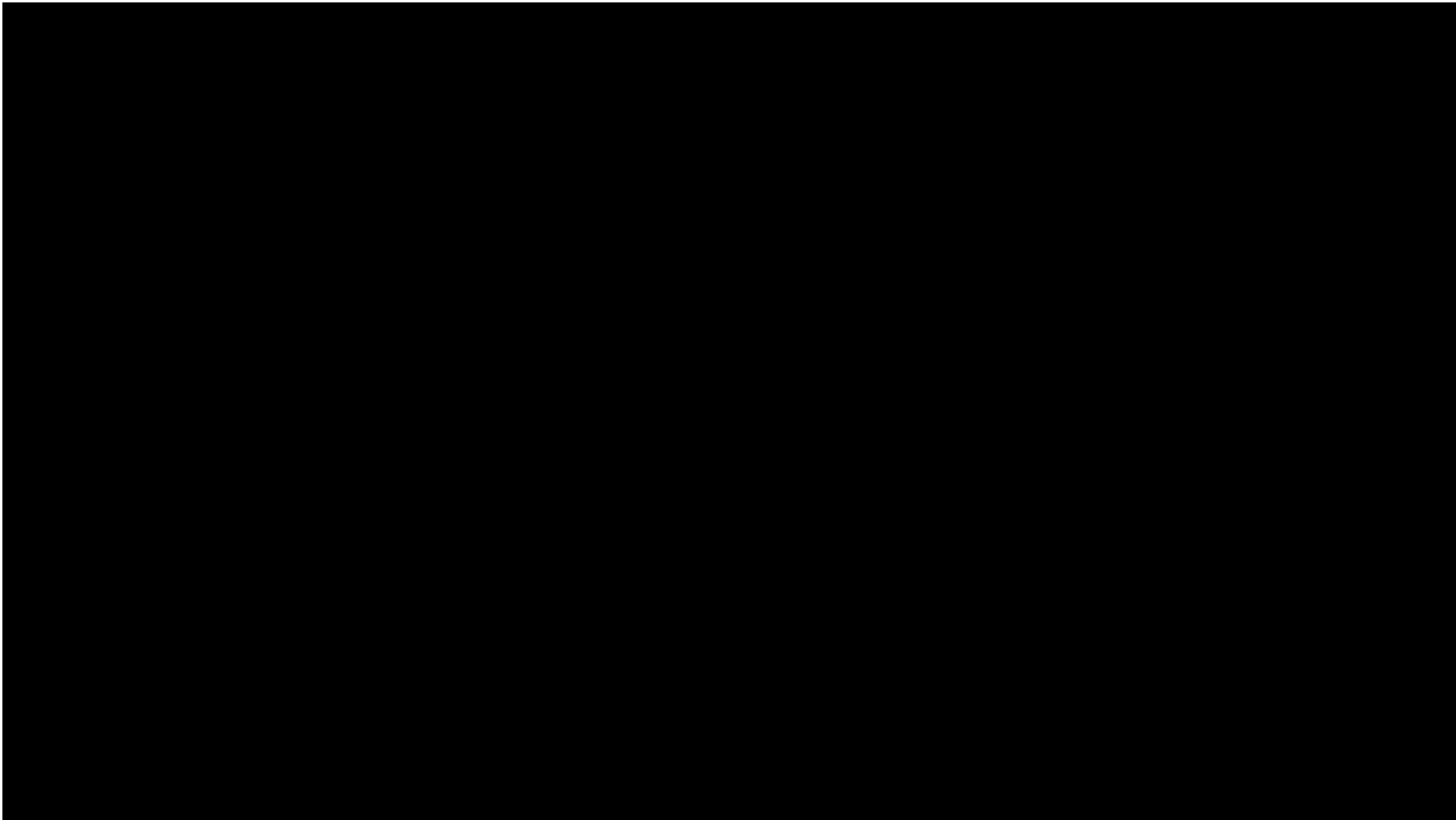
# Primary Care Networks

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# What is a Primary Care Network?

- A primary care network (PCN) consists of groups of general practices working together with a range of local providers to offer more personalised, coordinated health and social care to their local populations
- These networks are based around natural local communities typically serving populations of 30,000 – 50,000 patients and are geographically contiguous



# PCNs in Herts Valleys

- West Hertfordshire population, c. 640,000
- 16 PCNs in Herts Valleys
  - 4 in Dacorum
  - 2 in Hertsmere
  - 4 in St Albans and Harpenden
  - 6 in Watford and 3 Rivers
- One practice is not currently in a PCN, and work is taking place to support this practice to join a PCN



# Benefits for patients

- Joined up services:
  - providing a more efficient service to patients with the aim of improving their health and well-being.
  - Having joined-up services will lead to better sharing of information, so people only have to tell their story once to those involved in their care.



# Benefits for patients

- Services can be offered across a network of practices that could not reasonably be offered via an individual practice.
  - Examples of such services include embedding new care models for frailty, long term conditions such as diabetes and access to new healthcare professionals such as clinical pharmacists and social prescribers



# Benefits for patients

- Patients will be able to access a wider variety of health and social care services through PCNs and have options to access these services through more than one GP or health service
- Smaller GP practices will be more sustainable as they can share resources through the wider PCN



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- PCNs will be provided with additional funding for additional roles including:
  - Clinical Pharmacists, Social Prescribers, Physicians Associates, paramedics, physiotherapists, HCAs, and ANPs
- Year 1 – 2019/20
  - Social Prescribing Link Worker – 100% reimbursement
  - Clinical Pharmacists – 70% reimbursement
- Year 2 - 2020/21
  - + Clinical Pharmacist Physiotherapist and Physicians Associate – 70% reimbursement will apply for these roles and all other roles including paramedics in 2021/22
- Year 3 – 2021/22
  - + Paramedic



# Additional Roles

- March and July 2019  
CCG completed a baseline assessment of staff in post in primary care that fit the new role Additional role reimbursement
- July 2019  
PCNs able to recruit new additional workforce. Each PCN able to recruit and receive funding for 1 Social Prescriber and 1 Clinical Pharmacist
- August 2019 onwards  
Clinical Directors submit a monthly workforce claim return to Confirming staffing and to enable staffing reimbursement to be made to the PCN



# Additional Roles

## Clinical Pharmacists

- The CCG worked with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) to prepare an offer of community pharmacists for PCNs – currently 1 PCN has taken up this offer and is available in 2020/21
- Currently working with Acute and Community Trusts to develop an offer for PCNs
- PCN direct recruitment of Clinical Pharmacists – 4
- Clinical pharmacists transferred from the NHSE scheme – 5
- Total Clinical pharmacists 9 funded through the national DES



# Additional Roles

- Social Prescribers

HVCCG has worked with voluntary organisations to develop an offer for PCNs to recruit social prescribers and this has added benefits for the system.

- This offer has been well received and 15 of the 16 PCNs have accepted this offer. Good progress is being made and the staff should be in post before the end of the financial year
- The remaining PCN has directly recruited a social prescriber



# Additional Roles

- Physicians Associates (PA)
  - 2 year programme open to graduates with a first line science degree
  - Hertfordshire University provides the course locally
  - The CCG and STP workforce group have been working with the university and practices to identify practices/PCNs seeking to recruit PAs when they graduate and ensure that we secure in HVCCG area



# CCG Support for PCNs

NHS England have provided the STP with funding for PCN development

- The allocation received in October 2019 for HVCCG is £438k
- The CCG has worked with the Clinical Directors, Managers to develop a plan to use the funding to develop their PCNs
- The funding was approved by the Primary Care Commissioning Committee in December 2019. It includes funding support and training programme for CDs and their PCN Managers.



# Questions

