



**Principles underpinning Primary Care Development, or “Local Health and Care”, within STPs**

(Sustainability and Transformation plans)

**The LMCs accept and support the overall direction for primary care as outlined in STPs:**

- ❖ General practice will form the heart of the locality
- ❖ GP practices should be encouraged to work more collaboratively
- ❖ Capacity should be developed outside of hospitals
- ❖ A wider healthcare workforce will be developed across primary care
- ❖ Improved patient safety must be the primary outcome of all reform and the basis for all proposed new models of care

**LMC Principles underpinning this strategic direction:**

- ❖ Recruitment and retention of staff must be the key priority in order to ensure the sustainability of general practice
- ❖ GP workload must be controlled for reasons of patient safety and GP burnout
- ❖ Resources related to the GP Forward View must be made available at practice level with the minimum of delay, such as that necessary to secure adequate governance
- ❖ Practices must be given all possible assistance, by CCGs and others, to implement their plans for locality working
- ❖ All collaborative working between GP practices must be initiated and led by practices
- ❖ No practice must feel it is being forced or in any way unfairly pressurised into collaborative working
- ❖ Primary care transformation must retain the traditional values of general practice
- ❖ Clinical/care pathways must only be implemented after appropriate involvement of GPs and when the primary care locality has the capacity, resources and organisation to deliver care safely
- ❖ Any proposed new models of care need to offer a sustainable service

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