



PRIMARY CARE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SUPPORT FOR CARE HOME RESIDENTS

We have been made aware of a proposal sent to Primary Care Network (PCN) Clinical Directors (CDs) over the Bank Holiday Weekend around Care Home provision across Sheffield. Sheffield LMC has not seen this document previously, despite reassurances from Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) that we could comment on it prior to circulation.

The document itself does not explain the amount of funding attached to the increased Care Home provision, nor the funding mechanism. It also does not fully address the NHS England (NSHE) commitment for CCGs to: "...working with general practice, community services providers, care homes, local medical and pharmacy committees and wider partners in their area."

Timescales are extremely tight and we note that, although Care Home proposals have been tabulated by PCN, the only way for Care Homes to change (red) or align (yellow) to a PCN is at practice level. Patient choice is a central tenet of the NHS and practices would need to consider this carefully if re-registering patients from a Care Home. It is, therefore, disappointing that these proposals have been sent to PCN CDs and not practices.

Care Home provision was a major concern of practices when we held our BMA Roadshow earlier this year. Practices need to be certain of their final Care Homes obligations before completing sign-up of the PCN Directed Enhanced Service (DES) by 31 May 2020. We revisit our concerns raised in January to the original PCN DES specifications for 2020. The Care Homes proposal will require significant input of time from general practice with no guarantee of recruitment through the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) to supplement these duties.

Could all practices please note final submissions must be sent by 12:00 on Wednesday 13 May 2020 to sheffieldccg.primarycare@nhs.net

This should include comments, observations and highlight any errors and omissions in the spreadsheet.