

Edition 2

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Your PCN Executive Team

PCN Clinical Directors (job share)

Dr Lesley Freeman

Dr Sagar Shanghavi

PCN Lead Nurse

Lisa Tindall

PCN Lead Practice Managers (job share)

Karen Nicholson

Karen Smith

PCN Operations Manager

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Primary Care Development Team PCN Support

Dawn Gunga

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LS25/26 Primary Care Network (PCN) Newsletter

PCN Workforce

As part of the Primary Care Network Contract the PCN has now appointed a number of PCN staff members to various positions within the PCN. We are in the process of developing a full staff directory to circulate to member practices, but shown below is a summary of the staff currently in place and a brief update in relation to their service.

PCN Pharmacy Team

- Michael Richards – Senior Clinical Pharmacist
- Scott Dagleish – Senior Clinical Pharmacist
- Alisha Clair – Senior Clinical Pharmacist
- Maariyah Pandoor – Clinical Pharmacist
- Shiv Mistry – Clinical Pharmacist
- Diana Apostolescu – Pharmacy Technician

The PCN Pharmacy team is supporting practices by offering medication clinics, practice workload support, product discontinuations, medicines harmonisation and prescribing safety. They are providing support to the fortnightly MDT meetings with Care Homes as part of the Enhanced Health in Care Homes service specification, and completing medication reviews, discharge medication reconciliation for care home patients. The team are also actively involved in supporting the Covid vaccination clinics where needed.

For more information in relation to the PCN Pharmacy Team please contact them directly at: lseccg.pcnpharmacists.ls2526@nhs.net

PCN Care Coordinators

- Sabiha Rani
- Danielle Gunga

The PCN Care Coordinators continue to provide support to practices in relation to their Covid vaccination clinics. They are also actively involved in the Care Home MDT meetings to ensure that these meetings are run effectively and actions are recorded and circulated in a timely manner. They are also working with Nova Scotia Medical Centre to help roll out the Minuteful app and will continue to support this project moving forward (further information regarding this project can be found below).

Physician Associate

- Bakhtawar Nawaz

Bakhtawar has recently joined the PCN and is aligned to work with Oulton Medical Centre as part of her induction.

PCN Member Practices

Garforth Medical Centre

Practice Manager: Lisa Carroll

Lead PCN GP: Dr Aparajit Kakkar

Gibson Lane Surgery

Practice Manager: Gill Collins

Lead PCN GP: Dr Clare Hirst

Kippax Hall Surgery

Practice Manager: Karen Taylor

Lead PCN GP: Dr Jacqueline Hawkhead

Lofthouse Surgery

Practice Manager: Karen Nicholson

Lead PCN GP: Dr Anna Tarr

Moorfield House Surgery

Practice Manager: Ade Brownlow

Lead PCN GP: Dr Nighat Sultan

Nova Scotia Medical Centre

Practice Manager: Karen Smith

Lead PCN GP: Dr Vishal Kapoor

Oulton Medical Centre

Practice Manager: Hilary Farrar

Lead PCN GP: Dr William Cowie

Social Prescribers/ Healthcare Assistants

- Jo Lee (LS26)
- Charlie Easter (LS25)

The PCN Social Prescribers/Healthcare Assistants are working with practices. They are doing home visits to housebound patients and patients in care homes, and also supporting with clinics in practices, and with the Covid vaccination clinics in practices and care homes. Over the next few months they will be developing the Social Prescribing part of the role.

First Contact Practitioners (FCPs)

- Rob Southern & Mark Wood (FCP leads)
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The First Contact Practitioners are employed via Leeds Community Healthcare on an employ/deploy model of employment.

The majority of their appointments currently remain on a virtual basis, but the team is seeing patients face to face when required. The referral data for the LS25/26 PCN shows that in January 2021 they had 360 contacts and in February 2021 they had 391 contacts. Practices are reminded that the service is for adults only and children should not be referred.

Covid Vaccination Programme

The Covid-19 Vaccination programme in LS25/26 has been a huge success and the PCN Executive Team would like to thank all practice staff who have been involved in the delivery of the programme.

The most recent data demonstrates that we have provided a first dose vaccine to 24,909 patients and we have provided a complete course to 8,522 patients. Over 63% of our patient population has had first doses and 19.9% second doses. This is a fantastic achievement and our PCN vaccination figures are some of the highest in the Leeds area.

PCN Organisational Development

The PCN Board Members have recently participated in two Organisational Development sessions facilitated by The Kings Fund.

A number of issues were highlighted as part of the discussions and activities, and we are planning to hold two further sessions later this year to progress this work. Some of the things that have already been implemented to date include: -

- Redesigned Board meeting templates into a standard format and we have committed to sharing information one week in advance of future Board meetings so that members feel prepared.
- Produced a forward work planner for Board meetings has been produced to schedule items for discussion on a rotational/ad-hoc basis.
- Produced a Planner which show key meeting dates and deadlines.
- Reviewed and organised the PCN folders on Microsoft Teams.

- Developed some draft Guiding Principles with a view to improving trust and strengthening relationships in the PCN. A link to the guiding principles can be found via the following link: -



Useful Publications

Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service: Investment and Impact Fund 2021/22 Guidance

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/investment-and-impact-fund-2021-22-implementation-guidance/>

Supporting General Practice in 2021/22

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/supporting-general-practice-in-2021-22/>

What is happening in the LS25/26 PCN

Livi

The Livi Service will soon be available to all practices and patients residing in the LS25/26 area. The service allows patients to download the app on their smartphone or tablet, register their details, select their practice from the list and book an online appointment with a Livi GP. The service is patient led and patients will need to be directed to the app to book their own appointments. However, the ability for practice staff to be able to book an appointment on behalf of their patients is under development.

Further information regarding the Livi service can be found via this link to their [website](#).

Minuteful App (developed by Healthy.io)

Nova Scotia Medical Centre are currently taking part in a pilot to support smartphone powered CKD screening to increase adherence to ACR testing via the Minuteful Kidney Test app. The early detection service involves: -

1. **Eligible patients are contacted**

The Healthy.io team contacts eligible patients by phone to provide information regarding the service and to see if they want to take part.

2. **Patients self-test at home**

Healthy.io sends a Minuteful test kit to the consented patients' homes. Patients perform the test using the kit and smartphone app, which guides them through the testing process.

3. **Results available for follow-up**

The test results are uploaded to SystmOne and tasked to a member of the practice team. Patients with an abnormal ACR result will be followed up by the admin team to perform a confirmatory test.

The outcomes and learning from the pilot will be shared with other practices in the PCN once complete. The PCN Care Coordinators will support other practices to roll out the project if they decide to participate. A leaflet providing further information about the service can be found via the following link: -



Coming Up

Enhanced Frailty Scheme

The CCG Enhanced Frailty Scheme is due to be introduced from April 2021. The scheme aims to foster a person-centered coordinated approach to care which is focused on patients in the severe frailty cohort. The scheme will be a phased approach over the next 3-years and a collaborative PCN approach will be encouraged. The scheme will be outcome based, with indicators and measures at PCN level linked to a number of frailty outcomes, The Leeds Carers Partnership Strategy 2020-25 and the Living with Dementia in Leeds Strategy.

PCN Newsletter – Your Feedback

We will be publishing a PCN Newsletter on a quarterly basis to provide information regarding the projects and developments in the PCN.

We would be very grateful if you could spend 5 minutes completing a short survey regarding the proposed content of the PCN Newsletter. We would be interested to know if you find the current information useful and if there is any other information which you would like us to include in future publications. A link to the survey is shown below: -

[Google Forms Link](#)