



PMS Contract Reviews – Bulletin No.3

Welcome to the Londonwide Local Medical Committees' (LMCs) latest PMS (Personal Medical Services) contract review bulletin bringing you the current PMS contract review information as it emerges. In order to provide a high level illustration of the construction of the new PMS contract and to present the information in a logical and easily understandable form, three component parts have been detailed in this bulletin. You can also view a brief summary [here](#).

Part A – the national PMS contract

As a part of the government's national PMS contract review, a [new national PMS contract](#) will be issued to all PMS contractors. This will replace all other former PMS (core) contracts. Londonwide LMCs has reviewed the national contract and subject to an NHS England (NHSE) 'Gateway' notification addressing the requirement for PMS practices to comply with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines, we can confirm that the contract closely mirrors the General Medical Services (GMS) contract and doesn't include any additional elements or attract any additional funding. Both contracts are priced at a global sum equivalent. The national PMS contract provides the foundation for the 'London Offer'.

Part B – NHSE London's (NHSEL) PMS 'London Offer'

Alongside the national contract, NHSEL has produced its 'London Offer'. Londonwide LMCs has provided robust comments to NHSEL which they have used to refine their initial proposals. The three components are:

1. PMS contract 2016/17: service requirements

This specification represents NHSEL's expectations of, and clarifications on, how a practice should be implementing the national PMS contract. It closely reflects the same expectations of GMS contractors for the delivery of essential and additional services and therefore does not attract any further funding. [Read the full document here](#).

2. PMS mandatory Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The mandatory KPIs cover cervical screening, vaccinations and immunisations and two 'Patient Voice' indicators (which will be chosen by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) from the GP Patient Survey). Explanation of what is required, the reporting mechanism, numerators and denominators, band thresholds and additional funding per weighted patient are provided. Non-achievement of a KPI will not result in a breach of contract and the individual KPIs are not financially linked, ie, non-achievement of one KPI will not affect the payment for any achieved KPIs. The total amount of funding available on full achievement of all KPIs is £3.04 per weighted patient. As these KPIs are mandatory, NHSEL expects all London PMS contract holders to sign up to them as part of the 'London Offer'. [Read the full KPI information here](#).

3. PMS Premium Service specification

NHSE London has presented the specification of the 'London Offer' to your CCG.

The specification comprises two components: 'Weekend Additional Capacity' and 'Improving Access through the Use of Technology', which command funding of £4 per



raw patient and £1 per **weighted** patient respectively (please note uptake of the 'Use of Technology' is limited to one year).

Each component has its own detailed requirements. However, if the weekend additional capacity is not taken up through the PMS contract, NHSEL expects that your CCG will provide it through other means. The costing for providing this service is based on a practice level delivery model. [Read the full document here](#).

Part C – Locally commissioned services

These services will be determined by your CCG in collaboration with NHSEL and views on KPIs will be sought through local consultation with your locally mandated PMS group, which will include representation from your LMC. The number of services and the funding they attract will be dictated by the amount of premium funding the CCG has remaining after making a decision on the 'Premium Specification' of the 'London Offer'. Every CCG will have a different amount of premium funding available based on historic funding locally and will have different local service priorities which will have been captured in your CCG's commissioning intentions for PMS contracts. All CCGs were required to submit these to NHSEL by Friday 19 February 2016.

Next steps:

- Practices will have received financial data for verification from NHSEL. The validated responses are currently being processed.
- [Click here to access a pre-populated financial PMS calculator](#), developed by Londonwide LMCs, which can be used by practices to estimate the impact of the offer. You may wish to approach your practice accountant to help you make these calculations.
- In many places practices can also expect to receive mandate requests from LMCs for establishing local negotiating groups. Please support your local groups to negotiate the best alternative local PMS contract offer.
- Formal consultation with the locally mandated PMS groups with LMC representation will take place after NHSEL have approved the CCGs' PMS commissioning intentions. Transitional arrangements are still being discussed.
- NHSEL aims to get the complete PMS offer out to practices by Thursday 31 March 2016. This will consist of the 'London Offer' which is mandatory for all PMS practices, the Premium Specification which will be commissioned at CCG level and the locally commissioned services as agreed between each CCG and NHSEL. Practices, as members of the CCG, must reflect their concerns and their patients' concerns about any aspect of the local PMS offer to the CCG.
- As we explained in our first PMS bulletin, please be reminded that part of Londonwide LMCs' role in the PMS review was to engage with NHS England at a pan-London level, not to negotiate or agree anything on individual practices' behalf. You are not required to sign anything until you have received and fully considered the complete local PMS offer from your CCG.
- When you fully consider the complete offer from your CCG, you should ensure you take into account all costs to your practice associated with delivering any of the activities and KPIs required. You should not be expected to provide services which destabilise your practice, or are unviable.

This bulletin is for information only. Practices are strongly advised to seek independent professional advice as to whether acceptance or rejection of the local borough PMS offer is



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suitable for their individual practice requirements. This includes any consideration as to whether to opt to revert to a GMS contract.

Londonwide LMCs continues to support and advise your LMC, local PMS groups and individual practices and we will continue to provide regular updates as discussions proceed.

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