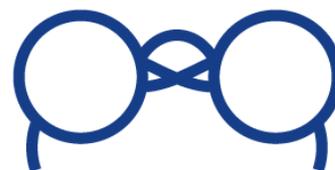


In focus

Healthy London Partnership



Primary care transformation in London: General practice forward view

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Primary care needs to meet an increasing and growing range and complexity of health needs. At the same time there is a pending workforce crisis, with a large proportion of London GPs nearing retirement age and practice nurses becoming increasingly difficult to recruit. GPs are also reporting the highest levels of stress since the national GP survey began in 1998.

The General Practice Forward View, published in April 2016, sets out a plan, backed by a multi-billion pound investment, to stabilise and transform general practice. It has been developed with Health Education England and in discussion with the Royal College of GPs and other GP representatives.

It commits to an extra £2.4 billion a year to support general practice services by 2020/21. This means spending will rise from £9.6 billion in 2015/16 to over £12 billion by 2021 – a 14 percent real terms increase. This investment will be supplemented by a one off five-year £500 million national sustainability and transformation package to support GP practices, and includes additional funds from local clinical commissioning groups (CCGs).

The plan also contains specific, practical and funded steps to grow and develop workforce, drive efficiencies in workload and relieve demand, modernise infrastructure and technology, and support local practices to redesign the way modern primary care is offered to patients.

Chapter 1: Money

- Investing a further £2.4 billion by 2020/21 into general practice services
- This means that investment will rise from £9.6 billion a year in 2015/16 to over £12 billion a year by 2020/21.
- This includes recurrent and transformational funding
- Additionally a review on Carr-Hill formula in progress to ensure it reflects derivation and workload.

Chapter 2: Workforce

- Create an extra 5,000 additional doctors working in general practice by 2020
- Attract an extra 500 GPs from abroad and targeted £20,000 bursaries that have found it hardest to recruit.
- A minimum of 5,000 other staff working in general practice by 2020/21
- 3,000 mental health therapists, 1,500 pharmacists
- £206 million in support for the workforce through:
- £112 million (in addition to £31m already committed) for the clinical pharmacist programme to enable a pharmacist per 30,000 population

- £15 million national investment for nurse development support including improving training capacity in general practice, increases in the number of pre-registration nurse placements and measures to improve retention of the existing nursing workforce and support for return to work.

Chapter 3: Workload

- Support for GPs to manage demand, unnecessary work, bureaucracy and integration with wider system
- £16 million extra investment in specialist mental health services to support GPs with burn out and stress.
- New standard contract measures for hospitals to stop work.
- 3 year 'Releasing Time for Patients' programme to reach every practice in the country to free up to 10 percent of GPs' time (£30m), new four year £40 million practice resilience programme (including £16m in 2016/17)
- Move to five yearly CQC inspections for good/outstanding practices.
- Introduction of a simplified system across NHS E, CQC and GMC, streamlining of payment for practices, & automation of common task.

Chapter 4: Infra-structure

- £900m for premises and IT (this is the continuation of the Primary Care Transformation Fund, now renamed).
- £45m for e-consultation support.
- New rules to allow up to 100% reimbursement of premises developments.
- Over 18% increase in allocations to CCGs for provision of IT services and technology for general practice.

Chapter 5: Care redesign

- Support to strengthen & redesign general practice by commissioning and funding of services to provide extra primary care capacity across every part of England, backed by over £500 million of funding by 2020/21 including £171 million one-off investment by CCGs starting in 2017/18, for practice transformational support, introduction of a new voluntary Multi-speciality Community Provider contract from April 2017.

Implementation events

Healthy London Partnership's Transforming Primary Care Programme is supporting London to take forward the national initiatives outlined in the General Practice Forward View (GPFV).

We are running a series of half day events in August and September to give CCGs, local medical councils, sustainability and transformation teams, and clinical and non-clinical practice staff the chance to quiz national and regional primary care leaders about the GPFV.

Those attending will be able to hear more about the implementation plans and consider the implications for their local plans.

To register to attend an event, visit the [NHS England website](#). Download the [General Practice Forward view: on a page](#). Download the full [General Practice Forward View](#).

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