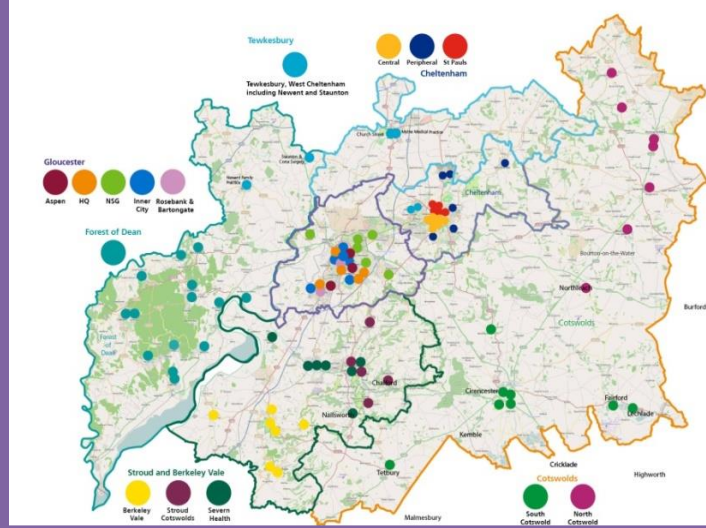


# Gloucestershire Primary Care Network (PCN) Newsletter

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This newsletter is produced monthly by the Gloucestershire ICB PCN Team and Primary Care Training Hub to provide you with a snapshot of updates relating to PCNs and workforce. If you have any feedback on the newsletter or any queries, please do contact the team via the [PCN mailbox](#).

## **Actions for this month:**

**Review ARR Claims:** Please can PCNs review their ARR claims for this financial year ahead of year end to ensure they are up to date and accurate. There are upcoming changes to the ARRs portal to link with PCSE, the PCN Team are awaiting further details from NHSE/I & PCSE and will share as soon as possible.

**Update NWRS data:** NHS Digital extract the GP and PCN workforce data from the [National Workforce Reporting Service \(NWRS\)](#) at the end of each month. Please continue to log into [accounts](#) at least monthly, to check / update workforce details as necessary. This should include all ARRS staff, including any changes to working hours including overtime.

**CQRS Reminder:** CQRS accounts will disable after 90 days of no activity – this means, if a user has not logged into CQRS for 90 days, their account will automatically disable to keep the account secure. If you need your CQRS account reset, please contact the PCN team via the [PCN mailbox](#).

**Proactive Social Prescribing (Personalised Care):** We would like to remind all PCN's that they must review their cohort definition and extend the offer of proactive social prescribing based on an assessment of the population needs and PCN capacity.

## **Latest Updates:**

### **Enhanced Health in Care Homes Framework Refresh – Relaunch of PCN Clinical Leads Network –**

Did you know that the Enhanced Health in Care Homes (EHCH) Framework is being refreshed and will hopefully be published soon? This refresh of the work will have an emphasis on living well. On **Tuesday 18 April between 12:15 and 1:45** NHSE will be holding a virtual event for the South West PCN Care Home Clinical Leads, hosted by Dr Matthew Dolman. If you are involved in supporting the work in Care Homes in your PCN and would like an invitation, please contact [england.swcommunityhealthandcare@nhs.net](mailto:england.swcommunityhealthandcare@nhs.net) to register your interest.

### **Primary Care Diabetes Network Meeting –**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the South West Diabetes Clinical Network are holding a virtual meeting to discuss Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) including flash, Libre and Dexcom One, and its eligibility for use in people with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. At the meeting there will be an overview of CGM, a user with personal CGM experience and a talk on how to interpret results. Please register for the meeting at [Primary Care Diabetes Network meeting | NHS England Events](#).

### **Community Pharmacist Consultation Service New Resources –**

[CPCS Communication resources](#) of patient-facing materials have been produced to support practice teams' engagement with patients when making referrals to CPCS and includes patient leaflet, easy read leaflet, poster, digital screen display, social media assets and toolkit briefing note which explains how to use all the materials. These resources are aimed at general practice staff and ICBs to support referrals to CPCS to increase confidence in and understanding of the CPCS referral process. For further information contact: [england.pharmacyintegration@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacyintegration@nhs.net)

## **Local PCN Dashboard:**

The local PCN Dashboard has been updated with data for mid-March and is now available on [CCG Live](#). There will one final dashboard produced for the 22/23 data, this will be available early April. The "Additional Information Reminder" emails that have been shared by the PCN Team can also be found on this page.

## **Dates for the Diaries:**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
2023  
5pm – 6pm  
**NHSE/I General  
Practice Webinar  
MS Teams**  
Sign up [here](#)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
2023  
**ARR Claims Due  
via NHSE/I ARR  
Claims Portal**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
2023  
9.30am – 4.00pm  
**NHSE - 10 Steps to  
working with  
people and  
communities**  
Register [here](#)

### **Changes to ARRS and GP Contract**

Changes to the ARRs scheme in 23/24 have been announced by NHSE (please see letter [here](#)), this includes:

- Increasing the cap from 2 to 3 advanced practitioners per PCN with a list size of 99,999 or fewer (applicable to all Gloucestershire PCNs)
- Advanced clinical practitioner nurses have been added to the eligible roles under ARRs, as advanced practitioners

We are awaiting full details of this, however, now might be a better time than ever if you or your primary care employer are considering advanced practice. Please note the funding is annual, so the next opportunity will not be until Feb/March 2024.

In addition to the above, Mental Health Practitioners (MHPs) are also referenced in the NHSE letter, with the previous cap on numbers a PCN could have in post being lifted entirely. We are in discussions with our partner in this programme, GHC, to progress the recruitment for those PCN's wishing to recruit a second MHP. Further updates on this to follow shortly.

Acknowledging the benefits that Physicians Associates (PAs) have had in general practice, the changes to the GP contract confirms that apprenticeship PA's are now a reimbursable role under ARR's.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON ARRs – Podiatrists**

We are shining a spotlight on individual ARRs roles within the PCN newsletter, in a series of bite sized briefings. Our next spotlight role is Podiatrists.

Did you know that Podiatrists in Primary Care can cover the below areas and more?

- Early identification of problems to prevent chronic foot health issues
- Specialist knowledge of foot and ankle health across a wide range of clinical presentations including MSK, cardiovascular, neurological, dermatological or age-related conditions
- Depending on experience and training, FCP podiatrists can request and interpret a range of diagnostic tests (this can include X-rays where local permissions are in place)
- Formulate treatment plans
- Depending on experience and training some can preserve foot and ankle function, reducing the risk of immobility
- Preserve foot and ankle health, reducing the risk of wounds, infection, or amputation
- Support identification and management of Peripheral Arterial Disease
- Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team (MDT)

The Roadmap for Podiatrists can be accessed [here](#).

For more details, including job descriptions, training pathways and supervision requirements please visit the training hub's ARRs repository podiatrist page [here](#).

### **Admin Away Days**

Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub are excited to announce that we will be running 3 half day Away Days for Practice Admin/ Reception Staff this Spring. The events will be held at the following locations:

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 12:00-15:00 at Forest Hills Golf Club, Mile End Road, Coleford GL16 7QD
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 12:00-15:00 at Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud GL5 4AF
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 12:00-15:00 at Dowty Sports & Social Club, Down Hatherley Lane, Down Hatherley, Gloucester, GL2 9QH

The Away Days will be a celebration of the our administrative roles within General Practice, providing the opportunity to network with peers and hear from brilliant speakers and stand holders. To register for one of these events please [click here](#).

### **New to Primary Care Induction sessions - Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub**

Are you new to Primary Care or do you know a colleague who is? After the successful initial Induction Sessions, the Primary Care Training Hub will be running regular induction sessions (bi-monthly) that will support people starting work in Primary Care, across all roles.

The induction session will include:

- An overview of the structure of General Practice/Primary Care (how do GP surgeries work, what is a PCN and an ICS/ICB)
- How can the training hub can support you
- An understanding of the varied roles in General Practice
- Digital/IT resources
- Training, education and supervision
- Health and wellbeing
- Personalised Care
- An opportunity to interact and speak with other colleagues new to Primary Care

In addition to the above, an induction pack containing a wealth of resources will be sent to you after the session, as a reference guide.

The next session has been scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 09:30-12:30, a break has been built into the session. To book please [click here](#). Further dates will be advertised soon.

For any other queries please contact the Primary Care Training Hub via [glicb.pcwc@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.pcwc@nhs.net).

### **Epilepsy In association with The Winfield Hospital**

Gloucestershire GP Education Trust, are running an Epilisey course in association with The Winfield Hospital.

This will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 19:30 via MS Teams.

For full details please click [here](#).