

## Which Practices are part of Blue PCN?

- St Luke's Primary Care Centre
- Park Avenue Medical Centre
- Bugbrooke Medical Practice
- County Surgery
- The Crescent Surgery
- Brook Medical Centre
- Kings Heath Medical Centre

### **We will be working alongside**

- Paramedics
- Clinical Pharmacists
- Social Prescribers

to deliver a holistic approach to healthcare, with a strong focus on prevention and personalised care.

Blue PCN have a collective patient population circa 62,000 and we believe we are the optimum size to enable us to continue to work effectively together and improve patient services and health out-comes.

## What is A Primary Care Network?

A primary care network consists of groups of general practices working together with a range of local providers, including across primary care, community services, social care and the voluntary sector, to offer more personalised, coordinated health and social care to their local populations. Networks would normally be based around natural local communities typically serving populations of at least 30,000.

They should be small enough to maintain the traditional strengths of general practice but at the same time large enough to provide resilience and support the development of integrated teams.

### **Our Vision**

Providing the best possible care to our patients

### **Our Values**

Learning and improving together, capitalising on our diversity

### **The core characteristics of a PCN are:**

Practices working together and with other local health and care providers, around natural local communities that geographically make sense, to provide coordinated care through integrated teams

Typically a defined patient population of at least 30,000 and tend not to exceed 50,000

Providing care in different ways to match different people's needs, including flexible access to advice and support for 'healthier' sections of the population, and joined up care for those with complex conditions

Focus on prevention and personalised care, supporting patients to make informed decisions about their care and look after their own health, by connecting them with the full range of statutory and voluntary services

Use of data and technology to assess population health needs and health inequalities; to inform, design and deliver practice and populations scale care models; support clinical decision making, and monitor performance and variation to inform continuous service improvement

Making best use of collective resources across practices and other local health and care providers to allow greater resilience, more sustainable workload and access to a larger range of professional groups.

## Our Aims

- To work at scale, efficiently and effectively in order to deliver Primary Health Care to the patients registered with each member Practice
- To deliver New Models of Care incorporating the GP Five Year Forward View, 10 high impact actions to release capacity in general practice
- To develop a suitably qualified skill mixed workforce fit to take the NHS into 2020 and beyond
- To listen to the views of our patient population in order to provide the most appropriate access to services
- To work together to ensure we provide good care for both patient and staff whilst continuing to maintain the independence and individuality of each practice.
- NB: For the foreseeable future there will be no changes to practice staff and their current roles. Staff and patients are an invaluable and important part of this process and will be kept informed and involved at all times. Practices will continue to operate as they do currently and patients may see some changes. Patients will be kept informed of any changes at all times via patient participation groups, notice boards, the Practice website, Facebook page etc.

## DATA PROTECTION -GDPR

During the course of our work we may share your information with these Practices and health care organisations/professionals. We will only share this information where it relates to your direct healthcare needs.

When we do this, we will always ensure that appropriate agreements are in place to protect your information and keep it safe and secure. This is also what the Law requires us to do. If you would like to see the information the PCN holds about you please contact your Practice Data Protection Officer

Any other queries on the PCN can be directed to your registered surgery Practice Manager or contact

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**PRIMARY CARE  
NETWORK (PCN)**

**Information Leaflet for patients**

