

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Presentation on Barking and Dagenham Primary Care Networks and emergent thinking around locality governance
Report of Director of Public Health	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: ALL	Key Decision: No
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Summary: Since 1 July 2019, all GP practices in Barking and Dagenham have come together in 6 geographical Primary Care Networks (PCN's) covering populations of approximately 30–50,000 patients. GPs and BHR CCGs have been working with haste to launch their primary care networks across Barking and Dagenham. They are the key element in the NHS' overhaul of primary and community care services and will form the base of integrated care systems. We are now one month into life under the networks, which are alliances of GP partnerships that aim to deliver expanded services through multidisciplinary teams and integrated with the Council and other local health service providers. PCNs do represent a potential revolution in the delivery of neighbourhood-level health and care across the country. They may be the key to unlocking the potential of new system-wide models of care; grounding them in local communities and providing holistic, continuing and coordinated care for patients, that is based on strong, trusting relationships with professionals who know them and their communities. The promised speed of change is rapid, and the scale and complexity of the implementation challenge should not be underestimated, with PCN's aiming to impact the way that the whole population experiences local health and care over the next five years. The development of networks has implications that reach far beyond primary care as community health and community mental health services will be expected to 'align' around networks. To be successful, network development will need to be seen through a broader lens than just general practice, involving the Council, the voluntary community sector and other providers of community-based services as well	
Recommendations The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note and comment on the observations of the Director of Public Health2. Help with raising awareness of the plans for the Primary Care Networks and the different levels of the ICS in order to build a consistent and shared understanding of how the system will work together to improve health and care in Barking and Dagenham.3. Consider the role that partners could play in the development and implementation of the PCN's.	
Reason(s) Primary Care Networks (PCN's) are a key part of the NHS Long Term Plan, with all general practices being required to be in a network by June 2019, and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) being required to commit recurrent funding to develop and maintain them. The new five-year framework for the GP contract, published in January 2019, put a more formal structure around this way of working, but without creating new statutory bodies.	

The networks will have expanded neighbourhood teams which will comprise a range of staff such as GPs, pharmacists, district nurses, community geriatricians, dementia workers and Allied Health Professionals such as physiotherapists and podiatrists/chiropractors, joined by social care and the voluntary sector.

Under the plans, all general practices will be aligned to a PCN, covering 30,000-50,000 patients, with local Enhanced services funded by CCGs and provided through the new network contracts. The networks will provide the structure and funding for services to be developed locally, in response to the needs of the patients they serve. It is important that community pharmacy teams are fully involved in the work of their PCN.