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Primary APMS Services and Emergency GP “Caretaking” Services

NHS England are notifying suitable providers of Primary Care Services, who are capable of undertaking GP contracts of its intention to initiate future procurement of a dynamic purchasing system (DPS) for primary APMS services and emergency caretaking (APMS) services. Further details and links are covered in this [document](#) and this [marketing](#) document has also been provided to cover some FAQs. We have also circulated this information to the local federations.

Clinical Pharmacist Scheme, Phase 2

NHS England has launched phase 2 of the clinical pharmacist scheme and applications are encouraged. The first wave saw over 490 clinical pharmacists begin working in practices.

Clinical pharmacists are highly trained experts in disease and medication that can work as part of the general practice team to provide specialist advice for patients, particularly the elderly and those with multiple conditions.

By taking responsibility for patients with chronic diseases, clinical pharmacists can free up GPs for other appointments and so reducing the numbers of people presenting at A&E departments. They will work closely with community and hospital pharmacists to provide joined-up NHS pharmacy services for patients and so ease pressures on other parts of the health service.

Further information available via the following:

- [Details of phase 2](#) – contains guidance for applicants and black application form -
- [PCPA guidance](#) to help practices wanting to employ a pharmacist

NHS England Microsite for General Practice

The new [General Practice microsite](#) is now live – NHS England has created this dedicated area of the website for those working in general practice so it's easier to navigate and find content that is relevant. This change has been made to meet the recommendations of the [Making Time in General Practice research](#), a recent discovery project to find out what users want from NHS England's digital communications channels and feedback from the General Practice Forward View implementation events. NHS England is now working on this area to pull in all primary care related content that is currently on the NHS England website to provide a clear platform and navigation. The aim is to publish this early 2017.

Draft Multispecialty Community Provider (MCP) contract published for engagement

The MCP Framework describes the MCP care model and introduces the emerging contract and business model that underpins it. NHS England has now published a draft version of the [MCP Contract and a set of supporting documents for engagement](#). While the package focusses on implementation of the MCP model, many of the principles are transferable to other new models of care.

The BMA have produced this helpful [guidance document](#) to help you navigate and understand the contract

The draft MCP Contract is the product of intensive joint work with a number of CCGs and their local systems across the country. A revised version of the MCP Contract will be published in early 2017 for early use by vanguards, informing subsequent revision and a formal consultation during 2017.

Informal feedback is sought on the draft MCP Contract and supporting documents until 20th January 2017. Please send any feedback via the [online survey](#).