

## **Improving Access to General Practice: Buddying Network**

NHS England has launched an Improving Access to General Practice buddying network which will provide peer to peer support and shared learning to CCGs from GP Access Fund schemes.

The aim of the buddying network is to support CCGs to help deliver improved access to general practice across the country by March 2019, and meet the seven core requirements set out in the NHS England Operational Planning and Contracting Guidance 2017-19.

The network will launch with a series of **regional events** for CCGs to meet the buddies, taking place in January 2018. To register, follow the links below:

**North region:** Thursday 18 January 2018, Durham (please email [england.gpaccess@nhs.net](mailto:england.gpaccess@nhs.net) to register)

**Midlands and East region:** Tuesday 23 January 2018, Nottingham (please email [england.gpaccess@nhs.net](mailto:england.gpaccess@nhs.net) to register)

**[London and the South region: 31 January 2018, London](#)**

CCGs and general practices can also sign up to join our **online forum** which has been developed to provide further information and support for the network.

To join the forum, go to [www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/improving-access-to-general-practice-commissioner](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/improving-access-to-general-practice-commissioner) and click 'Apply to Join'

For further details, contact [england.gpaccess@nhs.net](mailto:england.gpaccess@nhs.net)

