Primary Care Network Improvement Leads programme
***Starting 5 February 2020 (Bristol) and 3 March 2020 (Leeds)***

Following an initial pilot in 2019, NHS England and NHS Improvement’s Time for Care team is continuing to test a new programme for Primary Care Network (PCN) leads. The programme will bring together those with lead roles in PCNs to learn together and help achieve large scale change across their networks. It builds on the success of the principles behind the General Practice Improvement Leads programme, but with an approach and focus on PCN challenges and opportunities.

Participants must bring an improvement challenge/priority to work on during the programme, for example, reforming a clinical pathway or developing a service across the PCN. This will be required at application.

Who is it for?
Individuals in a formal or informal lead role in a PCN. This could include GPs, nurses, practice managers and others. There are up to 35 places per cohort.

What does it look like?
Coaching in style and practical in approach, the programme is for PCN leads to mobilise and lead teams through change using tried and tested tools and techniques applied to a change priority. Each module builds personal learning and the ability to use quality improvement techniques. Participants will present their progress and learning at the end of the programme.

The programme comprises of:
- six full days (three two-day modules) over three to four months
- support webinars offered in between the modules.

**What are the benefits?**
The objectives are to help PCN leads working on a chosen change priority.
- Accelerate improvement at pace and scale using tried and tested tools and techniques.
- Equip themselves with transferable practical improvement skills for working at scale, to help achieve their improvement goals in a complex environment.
- Understand the key principles for large scale change and how to apply these to their network’s challenge, helping create transformational change.
- To be confident in applying quality improvement tools and techniques, demonstrating the ability to lead in improvement for quality and safety locally.
To be considered for a place, participants will need to:
- have knowledge and experience of using basic quality improvement tools and techniques, evidenced at application
- commit to attend all workshop days
- complete all pre-work and other exercises within the timescales given
- share their learning and provide progress updates
- sign and return the learning agreement.

What does it cost?
- There is no cost to those attending the programme. You will need to fund and arrange your own travel. Please note backfill is not provided.
- Overnight accommodation (bed and breakfast only, booked centrally) is available for the middle night of each module at no cost to the individual.

Dates and how to apply

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Applications can be made online:
- Bristol at [https://tinyurl.com/ujq5p49](https://tinyurl.com/ujq5p49)
- Leeds at [https://tinyurl.com/w4y6a3u](https://tinyurl.com/w4y6a3u).

Please apply individually for your own place; you will be asked to give a short description of the priority you intend to work on during the programme.

What participants in the pilot programme said

"I feel more confident in taking my learning forward with PCNs and other strategic development." (Practice Manager)

"Helping to build relationships with other CDs has been invaluable." (GP)

"The opportunity to discuss with others who are also in the process of forming a PCN. The opportunity to share and learn new ideas while also learning very useful techniques to use with the members of the PCN." (Practice Manager)

"We are getting to know each other a lot better and share ideas." (GP)