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Dear Contractor,

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## 3, 2, 1 countdown to PCN payments

The importance of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) is clear and our professional involvement across Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen is essential to support a prosperous future for community pharmacies throughout our area. We are committed to facilitating formation of local, pharmacy PCN groups to support the following:

1. Your ability to claim the PCN domain of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) worth a minimum of £800 and up to £2,880 for Pharmacy PCN leads
2. Your ability to contribute to engagement with the wider PCN and shape the future of the locally services you deliver in your pharmacy

The first is a short-term goal to meet the PQS requirements by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020. You have 3 months to form collaborative Pharmacy groups, select a PCN lead, complete the relevant documentation and register with us. Full details of the PQS requirements can be found in the enclosed documents.

This process will necessarily involve a number of steps and we'd like to facilitate each of these steps.

### 3 months to payment deadline

We've shared a range of relevant documents with you as part of this communication and have also made those available on our website at <https://pharmacylancashire.org/pcn-hub/>. These documents include a list of the pharmacies we initially believe to be in each of the 41 PCN groupings across our area. Take the time to read them and understand the important actions you need to take and why. We are here to help if you have any queries. You can begin communicating with the other pharmacies in your group.

### 2 months to payment deadline

We will hold a PCN Formation meeting as per the details below at which we will provide updates to relevant documentation, facilitate face to face group discussions, share PCN group communication platforms and assist with queries. The more proactive may be ready to register your PCN group and lead with us at this point.

In addition we will benefit from an update on the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) from Bruce Prentice, Clinical Advisor, NHS England & NHS Improvement. We hope that this session will support your implementation of the new service and help you to maximise patient care and service revenues.

#### **PCN Formation and CPCS Update Meeting**

Venue Samlesbury Hotel

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Finger buffet: 6:45pm to 7:30pm

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> December - 7:30pm to 9:30pm

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## Book your place now!

You can book your place at the meeting here: <https://pcn191203.eventzilla.net/>

## 1 month to payment deadline

Pharmacy PCN groups are by definition local and it may prove challenging to gather everyone who wants to be involved in their formation together in one place at the beginning of December.

To that end we will host five PCN Formation events across the five key geographies which will enable those involved to come together for final, face to face discussions and confirm their PCN group, lead, complete the relevant documentation and register with us. The events will be held during the first two weeks of January. Full details will follow.

The objective at these events will be to complete the work that enables contractors in your PCN group to claim the relevant PQS payments on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

We will also provide details of continued support for PCN groups and their leads that will enable you to perform these challenging new roles with confidence and success. At this time we will begin work to support you with the second, longer term objective stated at the top of this communication.

## PQS PCN payment deadline – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

As part of your PQS submission on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 you will be able to claim a minimum of £800 and up to and up to £2880 when you have successfully formed a Pharmacy PCN Grouping.

## Get involved and shape the future

It is not within our gift to be able to form 41 PCN groups across our area but it is our responsibility to help you do so. We are seeking to provide you with the opportunity, resources and support to complete this important work and to prosper in the PCN environment in the future.

We know that there are overwhelming demands on your time and we hope to help alleviate some of the pressure rather than add to it. It is not obligatory for you to be involved in PCN formation but your enthusiasm for getting involved and even taking the lead locally will make a difference.

If you have any queries or questions relating to PCN Formation please get in touch at [office@pharmacylancashire.org](mailto:office@pharmacylancashire.org).

Yours sincerely,



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Community Pharmacy Lancashire

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