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PCN Service Specifications Survey

As per an email we sent at the end of December, NHS England and NHS Improvement have published draft PCN service specifications and an accompanying <u>survey</u> (survey closes 15 January) asking for feedback. GPC England will engage with NHSEI in negotiations on the service specifications in the coming weeks and this will be influenced by the responses to the consultation. GPC England will be meeting on 16 January to discuss these proposals from NHSEI. We have received a few emails with views that we will feed into the local, regional and national discussions but encourage as many as possible to make their views known as soon as possible.

NHSEI are also running a series of webinars where the outline service specifications will be discussed, on Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 12.00-1.30pm and Thursday 9 January 2020 at 10am-11.30am. Nikki Kanani, NHSE Medical Director for Primary Care, will also be hosting a #primarycarenetworks Twitter chat on 7 January 2020 at 20.00. In addition a webinar focusing on the community services elements of the Enhanced Health in Care Homes and Anticipatory Care service specifications, aimed at directors and chief executives of community health providers will be held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 – 3pm-4.30pm.

For community health providers, NHSEI plan to commission service requirements via the NHS Standard Contract. These requirements form part of the consultation on the Standard Contract, which will run from 19 December 2019 to 31 January 2020 and can be found here.

Influenza 2020/21 Letter

NHS England and NHS Improvement has now published a <u>letter</u> based on the recommendations by Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) which sets out the vaccines that should be offered to eligible people and the reimbursement guidance for 2020/21.

RPS: New competency framework for designated prescribing practitioners

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) has published a <u>Competency Framework for Designated Prescribing Practitioners</u> for use by all the non-medical prescribing professions. The Framework supports individuals across all independent prescribing professions, training providers and universities to understand what competencies must be met to provide safe and effective prescribing supervision to independent prescribers.