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Topic **The future of GP primary care**

Description The GP Partnership Review, the Long Term Plan and the 5 Year Framework for GP Contract Reform constitute the most significant reshaping of GP primary care since the NHS was established. The strategic plan of the NHS for the next 10 years will have a significant impact on all aspects of primary care, in particular the integration of primary and community services, a shifting of service delivery from secondary care to Primary Care Networks and the development of Integrated Care Systems. The Framework for GP Contract Reform also introduces substantive changes to create the structure required to deliver the Long Term Plan.

Training outcome We will explore key themes of each of these important publications, the future direction for primary care and opportunities and threats facing GP practices. We will provide an analysis of the Primary Care Network Agreement that all practices will be required to enter and a checklist of practical steps to prepare for the changes ahead.

Topic **Reducing risk and liability**

Description The GP Partnership Review identified an increasing level of personal risk as one of the major reasons GPs are opting not to join partnerships or to leave them prematurely. The new shape of primary care – with practices working within Primary Care Networks and/or Integrated Care Partnerships and delivering new types of service – present new areas of risk that GPs have never had to consider before.

Training outcome We will explore key aspects of risk for GP practices in terms of core business and when working as part of a Primary Care Network and/or Integrated Care Partnership or when entering new territory such as mergers or non-core service delivery. We will also explore ways in which risk can be managed and mitigated.

Topic **Digital/health tech**

Description The GP Partnership Review recommends that “digital solutions should be introduced for every practice”. The NHS Long Term Plan also provides that, over the next five years, every patient will have the right to telephone or online consultations, with the emphasis on digital access. For outpatients, technology will be used to redesign services to avoid up to a third of outpatient visits.

Training outcome We will provide practices with a thorough understanding of the main digital solutions available (including GP at Hand, Livi and Push Doctor), the key opportunities and issues involved with digital consulting and treating patients remotely, how these issues can be addressed and how practices can develop their own digital delivery service and apps whilst protecting intellectual property rights.

Topic **Networks and collaborations**

Description The Long Term Plan identifies Primary Care Networks as the means to “operate in a way that makes constituent practices more sustainable and enables partners to address workload and safe working capacity, while continuing to support continuity of high quality, personalised, holistic care”. Whilst collaborations between GP practices are not new, the switching of funding from collaborative bodies to practices places responsibility for a number of non-core services back with practices. The Network Agreement that each practice will be required to enter will be crucial.

Training outcome We will provide an overview of the Long Term Plan and an understanding of Primary Care Networks, the Network Agreement and issues associated with collaborative working, including data sharing, clinical liability, employee sharing, subcontracting, risk and cost sharing and premises sharing - and a checklist of practical steps that practices can take.

We offer training on these and other topics including partnership agreements and disputes, employment, mergers and premises in a format that suits you and your team.

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