**Primary Care Networks: Community Pharmacy Integration**

**Working with Primary Care Networks (PCNs)**

Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) will be leading and guiding local community pharmacy contractors to set up local community pharmacy networks and identifying a community pharmacist to lead on engagement with local GP practices on behalf of the network.

Once PCNs have been established, the LPC and local community pharmacy networks will collectively engage with PCN network leaders, clinical directors, NHS health and social care stakeholders and the Local Medical Committee (LMC) to identify key opportunities where they can support the aims and objectives of the NHS Long Term Plan and support meeting local health population needs through:

1. **Mobilisation:** Working to ensure all LPC members and local community pharmacists understand the NHS Long Term Plan and PCNs through local communication and engagement events. They will also develop local relationships to support integrated multidisciplinary team working with GP practices and other health and social care providers across care settings to support care closer to home.
2. **Communication:** Identifying ways to support PCNs to improve access and quality of care and with improved outcomes for patients to meet local health population needs through local conversations and local data analysis.
3. **Collaboration:** Co-developing proposals with PCN leaders to meet the healthcare needs of the local population.
4. **Implementation:** Developing and implementing local services with community pharmacy teams and the LPC.

**What will local community pharmacies be doing?**

Key actions for community pharmacists during this period will be:

* **Starting a conversation with other local pharmacies about how to collaborate within PCNs;**
* **Working together with other pharmacies to talk to local GPs about their plans for the future;**
* **Taking all opportunities for further training and to provide services; and**
* **Speaking to the LPC to find out if any local training events are available.**

**What happens next?**

[Add a line about how community pharmacy will be in touch in your area, e.g. community pharmacy network leads will be in touch you/PCN leaders shortly, or similar.]

If you would like to arrange a meeting and explore collaborative working with your local community pharmacy you may like to contact the LPC in the first instance, as they can help to coordinate that. You can contact XXX LPC at XXX.

If you are arranging a meeting directly with a community pharmacist, please be aware that many pharmacies are open long hours with a single pharmacist normally on duty. This means that it can be a challenge for pharmacists to attend daytime meetings, so as much advance notice as possible would be very much appreciated to give pharmacy teams the opportunity to plan their schedule and support local working.