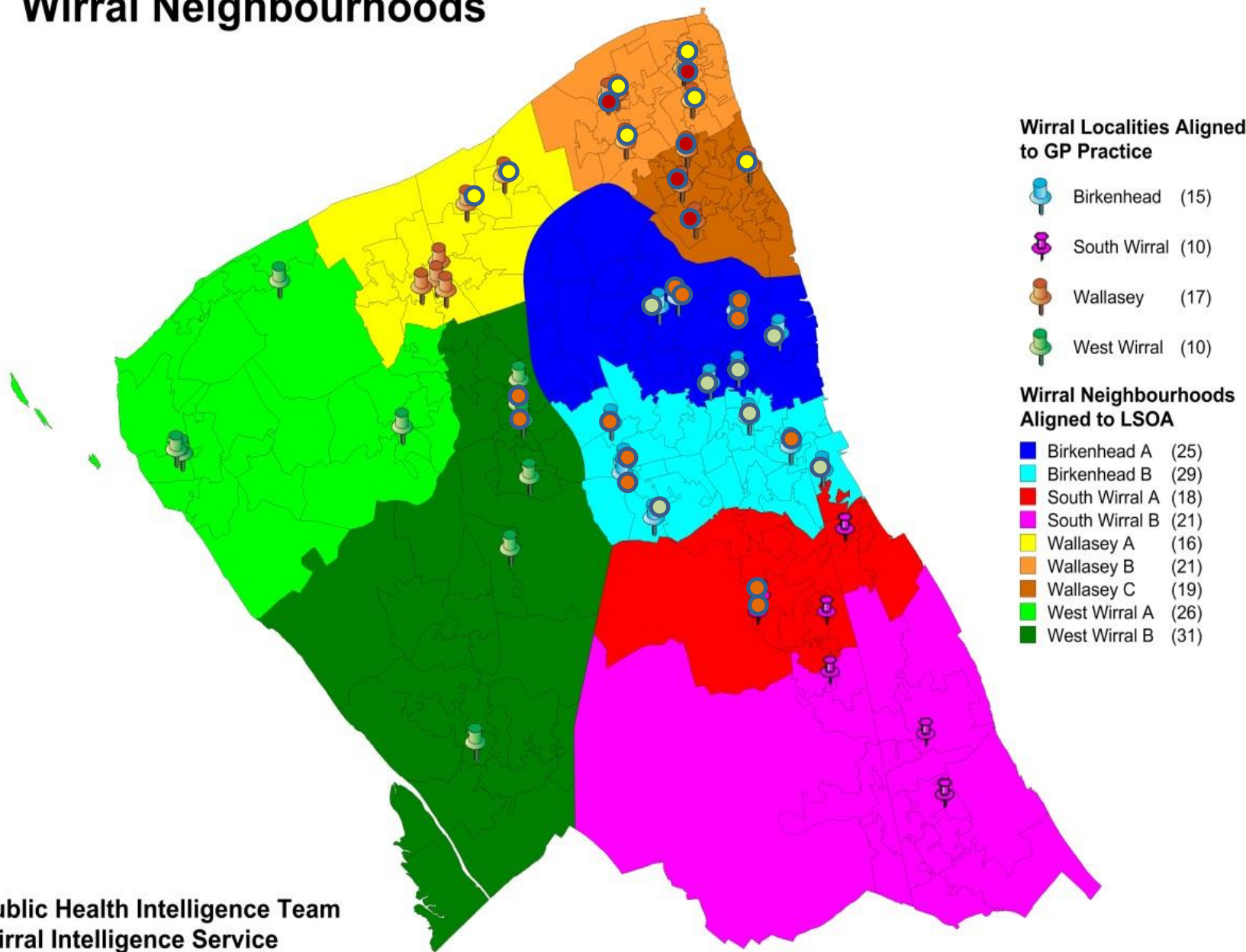


Wirral Neighbourhoods





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Primary Care Networks - background

Primary Care Networks (PCNs) form a key part of primary care. First developed within the NHS Five Year Forward View published in 2014, and formally established in July 2019, they are now part of a model of care in which commissioners and providers work together in different ways to achieve closer integration of services locally.

PCNs are a core component of the NHS Long Term Plan and as such are key to the delivery of digital services at scale. Developments since 2019 include online consultations; cloud-based telephony systems; SMS messaging to patients

PCNs provide services according to the Network Contract DES (Directed Enhanced Service) Specification which sets out their entitlements and requirements.

The range of services to be delivered under the DES include; Enhanced Access; Structured Medicines Reviews; Enhanced Health in Care Homes; Early Cancer diagnosis; Social Prescribing service;



Primary Care Networks – Overview

A PCN is a group of GP practices working closely together, aligned to other health and social care staff and organisations, providing integrated services to their local population.

A PCN covers a patient population, of 30,000 – 50,000 patients, although by approval of the commissioner, this may be lower in rural and remote areas, and higher where it is appropriate.

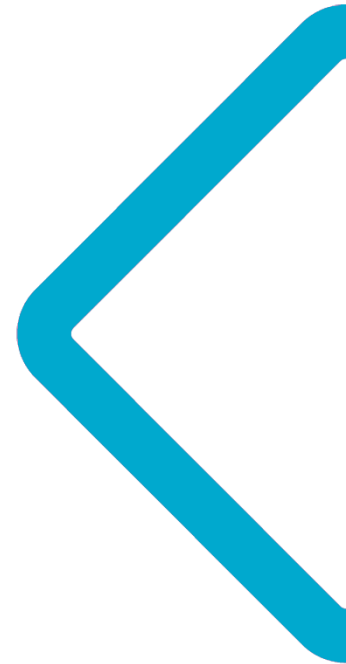
The ongoing aim is to offer a balance between effective and efficient care provision within the local population (at scale) whilst enabling the delivery of patient-centred care to meet the needs of individuals and the wider community.

There are around 1,250 PCNs in England, with over 99% of practices signed up to deliver the DES. Whilst practices are not mandated to join a PCN, they will lose out on significant extra funding if they do not. Those that do not sign up to a network need to be aware that 100% of their patients will still have access to network services via neighbouring PCNs.



Primary Care Networks – Wirral specific

- 5 PCNs covering the Wirral population;
- **Birkenhead PCN** – c123k population
 - **Healthier West Wirral PCN** – c70k population
 - **Healthier South Wirral PCN** – c49k population
 - **Moreton & Meols PCN** – c30k population
 - **Wallasey PCN** – c66k population
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- Within Birkenhead and Wallasey PCNs there are locally agreed sub-divisions of practices working collectively in their respective geography;
 - ICB hold the 5 PCNs to account for delivery of the Network DES requirements to their patient populations;
 - Each PCN have Clinical Directors drawn from their network member practices to lead the networks;
 - Wirral PCNs have formed **Wirral Primary Care Collaborative** to enable Wirral-wide collaboration between the PCNs and act as a unified entity to engage with Wirral partners



Primary Care Networks – Wirral specific – GP Access

PCNs have been commissioned to deliver further improvements on patient access to primary care services via the **Primary Care Access Recovery Plan (PCARP)**;

PCARP seeks improvement in the following areas;

- Improving patient experience of contacting their practice and receiving a response;
- Accuracy of coding in GP appointment dataset;
- Improving overall patient experience;

There are payment incentives available to support PCARP - **Capacity & Access Support Payment (CASP)** and **Capacity & Access Improvement Payment (CAIP)**;

CASP offers 70% of total funding in advance to PCNs to organise/plan/mobilise changes in delivery;

CAIP offers 30% of total funding as an achievement payment for improvements in the three areas referenced above;

Total Wirral PCN PCARP funding available: £452,670



Primary Care Networks – Wirral specific
– Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)



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Under the Network Contract DES, funding is made available to PCNs through a new Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme;

The intention of the scheme is to grow additional capacity through new roles, and by doing so, help to solve the workforce shortage in general practice. It is not to fill existing vacancies or subsidise the costs of employing people who are already working in primary care;

Reimbursement through the new ARRS will only be for demonstrably additional people - additionality rule is also essential for demonstrating value for money for the taxpayer and reimbursement claims will be subject to validation



Primary Care Networks – Wirral specific
– Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)



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The Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme entitles PCNs to access funding to support recruitment across a number of reimbursable roles;

The PCN workforce baselines are fixed for five years (up to 2024). PCN reimbursement claims under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme will be assessed against the PCN baseline only;

PCN reimbursement claims must only be for staff additional to the PCN baseline.

2023/23 ARRS cumulative funding available for Wirral PCNs is £8.5m and is permanent



**Primary Care Networks – Wirral specific
– Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)**



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Range of roles available to recruit;

Advanced Clinical Practitioner Nurse
Advanced Paramedic Practitioner
Advanced Pharmacist Practitioner
Advanced Physiotherapist Practitioner
Advanced Practitioner
Care Coordinator
Clinical Pharmacist
Dietician
Digital and Transformation Lead
General Practice Assistant

Health and Wellbeing Coach
Mental Health Practitioner
Nursing associate
Occupational therapist
Paramedic
Pharmacy Technician
Physician Associate
Physiotherapist
Podiatrist
SPLW
Trainee nursing associate



**Primary Care Networks – Wirral specific
– Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)**

Additional Roles



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Current ARRS at Q2 23-24 and planned ARRS recruitment at Q4 23-24 WTE

	Birkenhead		Wallasey		HSW		HWW		Moreton & Meols		Total No. of roles	
	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned
Pharmacy Technicians	2.8	2.8	1	2.8	1	1			1	1.5	5.8	8.1
Clinical Pharmacists	18.4	19.4	6.6	6.6	0	2	9.2	9.8	1	1	35.2	38.8
Clinical Pharmacists (Advanced)					1	1			1	1	2	2
First Contact Physiotherapists	7	9	1.7	2	0	2			1	1	9.7	14
Paramedics	4.5	5.5	5.67	5.87	2	3	2	2			14.17	16.37
Podiatrists	3	3	1.3	1.8							4.3	4.8
Clinical Practitioner Nurses	1	3					0	1	0	1	1	5
Physician Associates	0.5	1	0.93	0.93	1	3	7.6	8.6	3	2.5	13.03	16.03
Care Co-ordinators	9.6	12.6	1.2	2.1	4	5.5	2	3	3	3	19.8	26.2
Health & Wellbeing Coaches	3.7	4.7	1.87	2.77	3	3			2	2	10.57	12.47
Social Prescribers	6.65	5.65	6.68	3.8	1.6	1.6	8	8	2	2	24.93	21.05
Nursing Associates			1.86	1.73	2	0	1	1	1	1	5.86	3.73
Digital & Transformation Lead	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	0.5	4.5	4.5
Adult Mental Health Practitioner (Band 7)	1	1							1	2	2	3
GP Assistant					6	6					6	6
Adult Mental Health Practitioner (Band 6)					0	2	0	1			0	3
Apprentice PA					0	1					0	1