

ePCN.xlsx

Description:

Primary Care Networks in England.

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for Primary Care Networks (PCN) in England. The Clinical Commissioning Group whose boundary the PCN sits within (predominantly) is provided in column 24.

A second tab provides data relating to which GP Practices are core partners within each PCN.

PCNs were introduced into the National Health Service in England as part of the NHS Long Term Plan, published in January 2019, and form the building blocks of Integrated Care Systems. A PCN consists of a group of general practices working together with a range of local providers (pharmacy, mental health, social care, community and voluntary sector), serving a population of at least 30,000 and not tending to exceed 50,000. They build on the core of current primary care services and enable greater provision of proactive, personalised, coordinated and more integrated health and social care.

From 1 July 2019, the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) provides the opportunity and funding for general practices to form and develop networks. It also sets out the national requirements in terms of service delivery and access to new workforce funding.

How Maintained:

The initial allocation of PCN codes was completed by ODS using information provided by Clinical Commissioning Groups or NHS England Regions. The PCN GP practice partner data was taken from the CQRS Clustering Functionality, populated by Clinical Commissioning Groups. From the point of publication, all PCN data (including the practice partner relationships) will be maintained by the relevant Clinical Commissioning Group informing ODS of changes to PCNs in their area.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Primary Care Network	U	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	

Tab 1 – PCN Details

Field	Field Content	Field Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	PCN Code	6	Yes	UNNNNN
2	PCN Name	40	Yes	
3	Current Clinical Commissioning Group Code	3	Yes	If a PCN crosses CCG boundaries, then the lead CCG is stated/CCG with majority of practices within the PCN)

4	Clinical Commissioning Group Name	40	Yes	
5	Open Date	8	Yes	
6	Close Date	8	No	
7	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
8	Address Line 2	35	No	
9	Address Line 3	35	No	
10	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
11	Address Line 5	35	No	
12	Postcode	8	Yes	

Tab 2 – PCN Core Partner Details

Field	Field Content	Field Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Partner Organisation Code	6	Yes	GP Practice code
2	Partner Name	40	Yes	GP Practice name
3	Practice Parent CCG Code	3	Yes	
4	Practice Parent CCG Name	40	Yes	
5	PCN Code	6	Yes	UNNNNN
6	PCN Name	40	Yes	
7	PCN Parent CCG Code	3	Yes	
8	PCN Parent CCG Name	40	Yes	
9	Practice to PCN Relationship Start Date	8	Yes	Start date of GP Practice to PCN relationship
10	Practice to PCN Relationship End Date	8	No	End date of GP Practice to PCN relationship
11	Practice CCG and PCN CCG Match?	5	Yes	TRUE / FALSE Checks if the Practice CCG is the same as the PCN lead CCG. A value of 'false' indicates a cross boundary PCN.