

# Primary Care Networks:

working in partnership with people  
and communities

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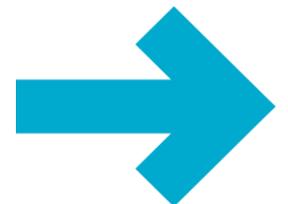
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# Why?

- Health and care services and the investment in them is about improving peoples health and wellbeing
- By 2023/24 a typical network of 50,000 people will receive £1.47million via network contract
- PCNs and GP Practices are the custodians of that funding on behalf of the communities they serve
- Involving people is health creating



# What are primary care networks?

- Local networks of primary and community health and care services
- Ambition to improve connectivity of services enabling smoother referrals
- Commitment to personalisation and social models of care including social prescribing
- There isn't a blue print so they will all look different
- Suggested population size of 30 – 50,000 people
- Some PCNs are developing faster – some are still working things out
- Collaboration and integration should be the core characteristic

- Additional funding has been allocated to each STP / ICS for PCN development support.
- Published in August the PCN development support ‘guidance and prospectus’ sets out the six development support domains for PCNs – one of which is ‘social prescribing and **community development**’.
- The ‘maturity matrix’ for PCNs was published alongside the prospectus – one of the domains is ‘**working in partnership with people and communities**’
- By now, most PCNs should have worked with their STP / ICS to assess themselves against this matrix and start to identify their development support needs.

# PCN Maturity Matrix



## Foundation

For PCNs:

- Approach agreed to engaging with local communities.
- Local people and communities are informed and there are routes for them contribute to the development of the PCN.

For Systems:

- Systems are providing PCNs with expertise to support local involvement of people and communities.

## Step 1

For PCNs:

- The PCN is engaging directly with their population and are beginning to develop trusted relationships with wider community assets.
- The PCN has undertaken an assessment of the available community assets that can support improvements in population health and greater integration of care.
- The PCN has established relationships with local voluntary organisations and their local Healthwatch.

For Systems:

- Systems have put in place arrangements to support PCNs to develop local asset maps in partnership with their local community to enable models of social prescribing for personalised care.

## Step 2

For PCNs:

- The PCN is routinely connecting with and working in partnership with wider community assets in meeting their population's needs.
- Insight from local people and communities, voluntary sector is used to inform decision-making.
- Community networks are understood and connected to the PCN.

For Systems:

- Systems are facilitating effective partnerships with local community assets within PCN footprints.
- The system is developing a strategy to support communities to develop and build particularly in those areas that face the greatest inequalities.

## Step 3

For PCNs:

- The PCN has fully incorporated integrated working with local Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations as part of the wider network.
- Community representatives, and community voice, are embedded into the PCN's working practices, and are an integral part of PCN planning and decision-making.
- The PCN has built on existing community assets to connect with the whole community and codesign local services and support.

For Systems:

- The community assets and partnerships developed by PCNs are being connected in to strategic planning at place and system level.

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### Prospectus Domain:

Asset based community development & social prescribing

# PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS REIMAGINING RELATIONSHIPS

## POWER SHIFT



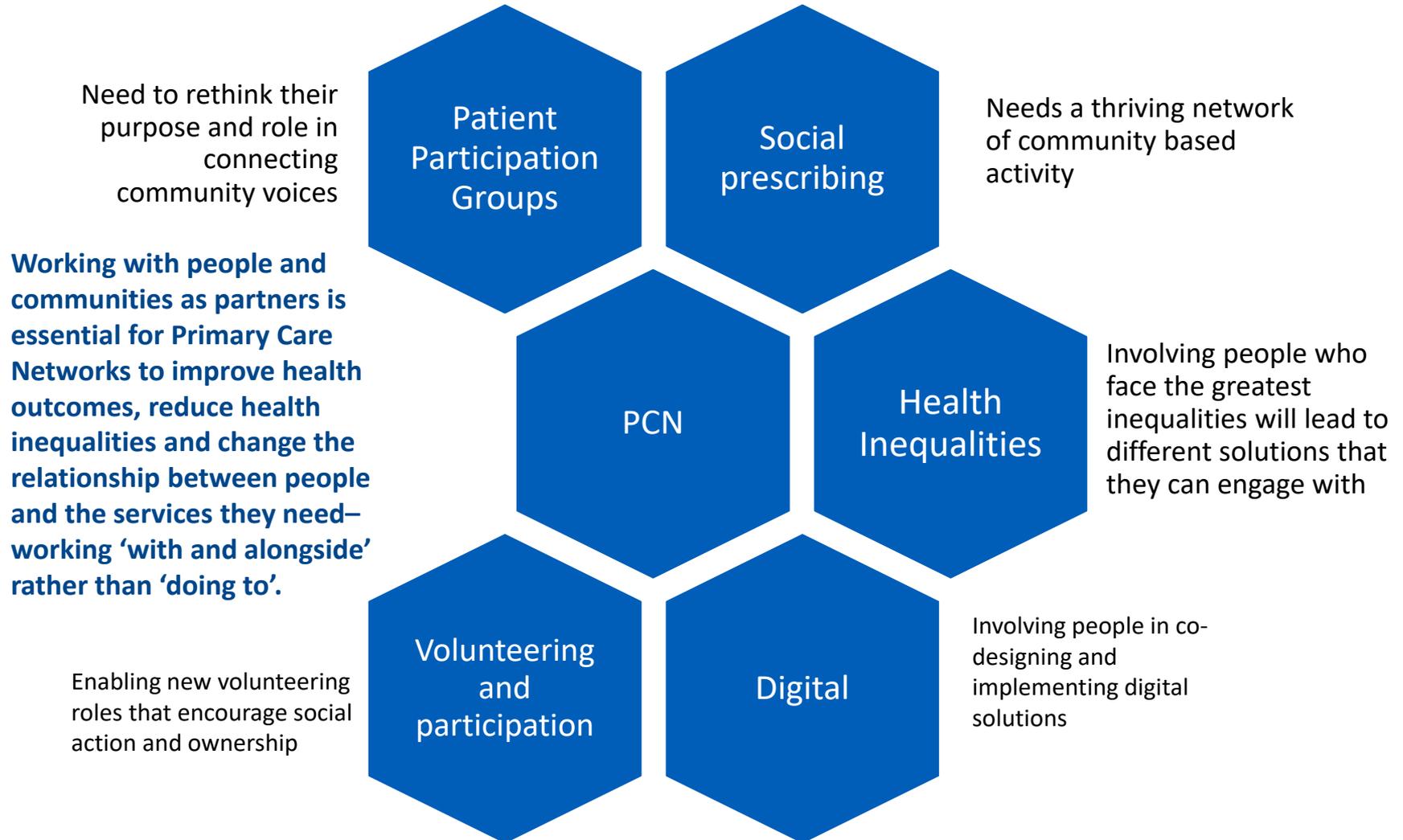
- ### WHAT NEEDS TO BE PRESENT?
- JOINT PROGRAMME GOALS
  - VALUING PARTNERS
  - A FOCUS ON PREVENTION
  - ENGAGING IN AN EQUAL WAY
  - CHALLENGING THE SYSTEM
  - PARTNERSHIPS EG LGAs
  - DATA - UNDERSTANDING & RESPONDING TO
  - PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
  - TRUST

## Collaboration

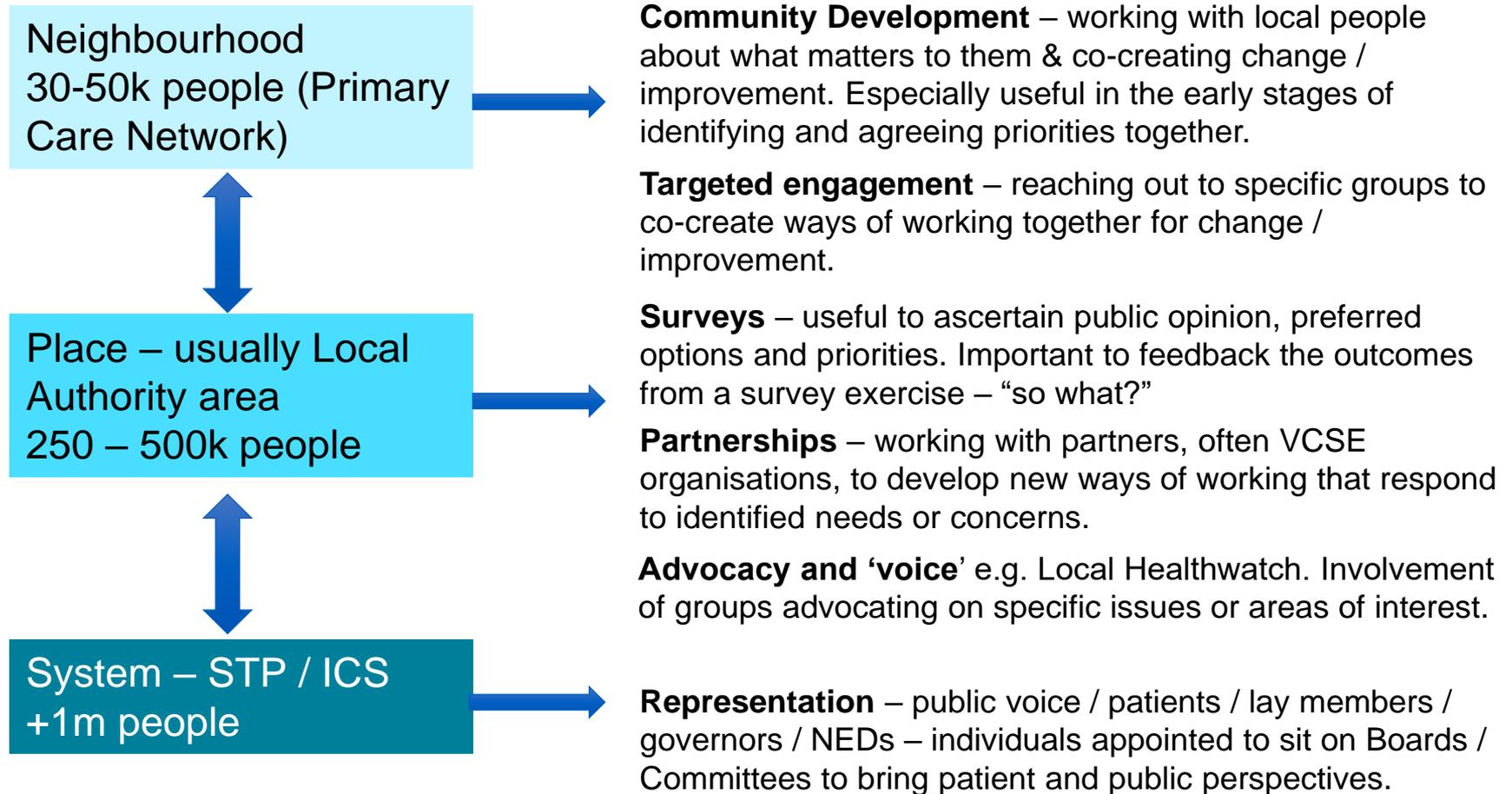


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# Primary Care Networks – involving people and communities as partners



# How does this fit with involvement at CCG and STP / ICS level?



# Discussion

1. How do PCNs fit with other networks / partnerships operating at neighbourhood and place levels?
2. How can TLAP Partners support?
3. What do you need to support you to connect?
4. Anything else?

# Resources and support

- Lots of (free) resources on the NHS England Involvement Hub ([www.england.nhs.uk/participation](http://www.england.nhs.uk/participation)), including good practice examples and case studies, [resources](#), such as ‘bite-sized guides’, NHS England policies and templates.
- Training, including [free-to-access online courses](#) on topics such as using social media to engage and developing excellent relationships with patient / public partners.
- To connect with others working in emerging PCNs, sign up to the ‘Future NHS’ online collaboration platform – contact [england.PCN@nhs.net](mailto:england.PCN@nhs.net)
- Upcoming guidance for VCSE organisations and for PCNs will be published on this platform.
- Email [england.nhs.participation@nhs.net](mailto:england.nhs.participation@nhs.net) with queries about working with people and communities.

# Thank you!

Any questions?

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