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Subject: Primary Care Transformation Fund - update



Dear Colleague

The Primary Care Transformation (formerly Infrastructure) Fund is a multi-year £1 billion investment programme to help general practice make improvements, including in premises and technology. It is part of the additional NHS funding, announced by the Government in December 2014, to enable the direction of travel set out in the [NHS Five Year Forward View](#).

Stronger GP services are the cornerstone of delivering a new deal for primary care and this fund is designed to accelerate investment in infrastructure to enable the improvement and expansion of joined-up out of hospital care for patients. Alongside programmes like the [GP access Fund](#), it will support new ways of working that are needed to deliver a wider range of services and a new deal for primary care.

In January 2015, [GPs were invited to submit bids for investment](#) in 2015/16. The majority of bids have focused on helping GP practices make much needed improvements in access to clinical services by extending existing GP premises. In

March 2015, following a process of assessment, we announced that the first GP practices had bids supported in principle and they would move to the next stage to seek formal approval. In the first year. These investments in principle are subject to formal approval against technical, financial and governance criteria. We continue to work with GP practices that already have bids in.

Funding from 2016/17

In October 2015, [we invited Clinical Commissioning Groups \(CCGs\)](#) to put forward proposals for investment in primary care infrastructure in future years.

****NOTE: since this letter was sent out the timescale for the publication of guidance and the submission deadline for CCGs has changed (see below for updated timescales.)**

CCGs should start to prepare submissions based on the broad criteria set out in October and their local estates strategies and digital roadmaps. Submissions should request financial support for investment in premises or technology which will increase the capacity of general practice and out-of-hospital care. We will publish more detailed guidance on the criteria by the end of February and CCGs should submit proposals towards the end of April, using an online portal that we will publish details about in due course.

Further information

- [Primary Care Transformation Fund Q&As](#)

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