

# Community Education Provider Networks (CEPNs)

A CEPN is a partnership of primary care organisations that coordinate education and workforce planning. Commissioned by Health Education England (HEE), the West of England Academic Health Science Network is facilitating the establishment of CEPNs. 5 have formed: Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire (BNSSG); Swindon; Wiltshire; Gloucestershire; and Bath & North East Somerset (via BEMS). The support for this programme started in April 2016 and runs until March 2018, when these networks aim to become sustainable.



## West of England Community Education Provider Networks

Coordinated by the West of England Academic Health Science Network

### Core functions

To better support general practice by providing support for workforce planning and development, responding to local needs and enabling the redesign of services within primary care and the community.

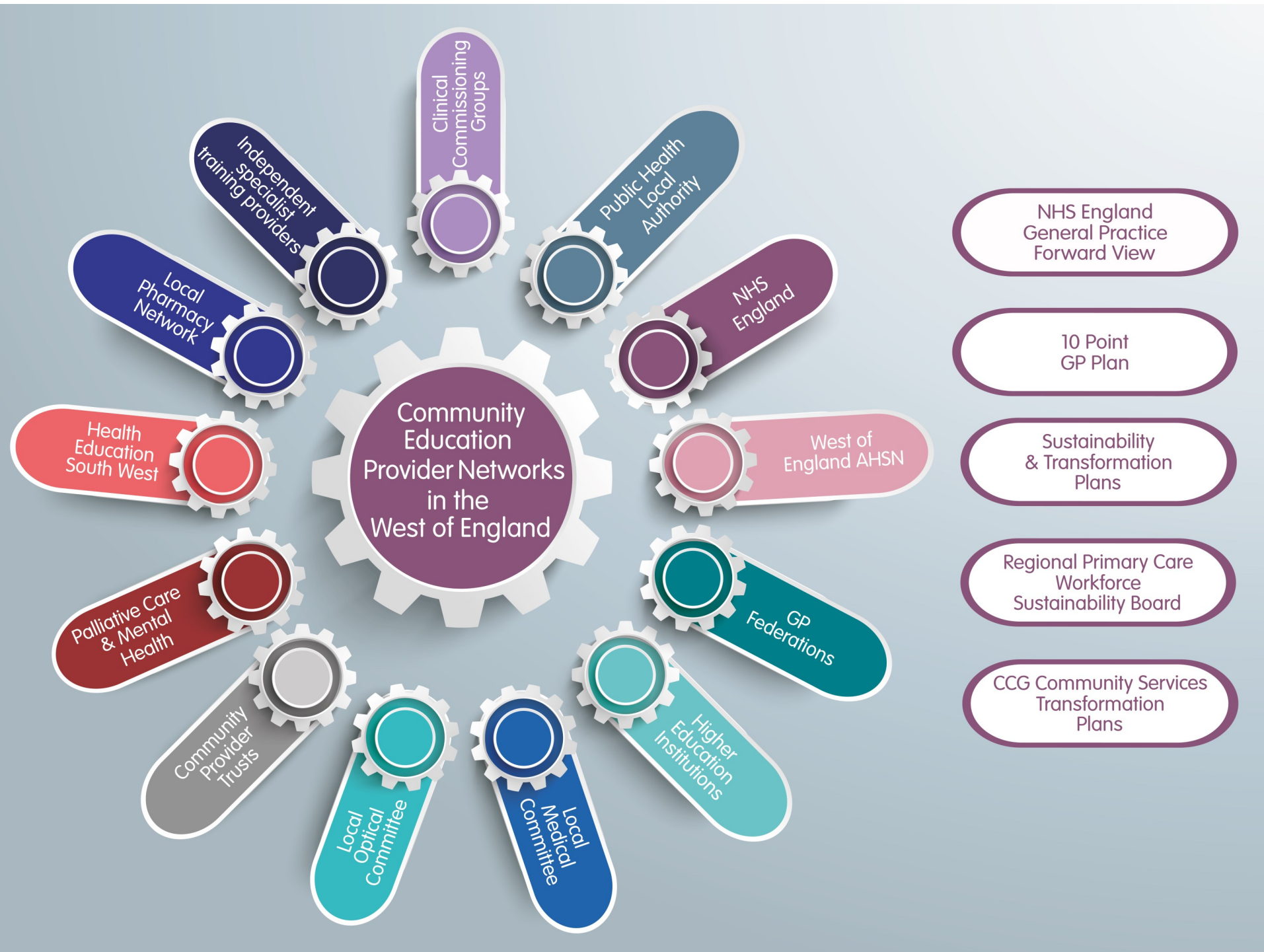
To improve education capability and capacity in primary and community settings through the development of multi-professional educators and the creation of additional learner placements.

To support general practice by improving education quality and governance and act as a local coordinator of education and training for primary and community care.

### Impacts and outcomes

- Joined up infrastructure
- Robust workforce planning for the future
- Increased education capability and capacity
- Consistent education quality
- Combined negotiating power
- Developing new roles to support new ways of working
- Transforming workforce development
- Better outcomes for patients and the public.

CEPNs provide a model for system leadership and infrastructure that individual services would be unable to manage and sustain in isolation. The network allows learning to take place in a range of settings, enabling shared learning and dissemination of best practice around the needs of local populations.



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