**GP PRACTICE**

Typical Size: 7,100

Contract Status: Independent contractor

Description: A single practice operating in isolation normally under a traditional partnership model

Notes: 7,674 individual practices operating in a “wild west” landscape according to Arvind Madan, NHS England Primary Care Director.

**LARGER AND MERGED PRACTICES**

Typical Size: 14,200

Contract Status: Independent contractor

Description: Two or more practices forming a single practice, often creating a new operating system from the best of each pre-existing system

Notes: There are 130 practices with a registered population of more than 20,000 and 643 with a population of more than 14,200. A good example is Beacon Medical Group, Plymouth.

**PRACTICE CHAIN**

Typical Size: 100,000+

Contract Status: Independent contractor

Description: Where multiple practices are merged and have a single operating system which any new practice joining has to adopt.

Notes: For example Modality.

**SUPER PRACTICE**

Typical Size: 100,000+

Contract Status: Independent contractor

Description: Where multiple practices are merged with a single contract and share some management/back office resource but have individual practice operating systems

Notes: For example Our Health Partnership. Confusingly, very large merged practices are referred to as “super practices” as are some practice chains.

**LOCAL CARE NETWORK/ PRIMARY CARE HOME**

Typical Size: 30-50,000

Contract Status: Independent contractors for activity outside the core GMS/PMS contract

Description: Practices forming an alliance to undertake some joint initiatives, usually without share management team or legal structure. Increasingly used by commissioners for deploying funding.

Notes: This has been popularised by the recent development of the NAPC-sponsored Primary Care Home

**FEDERATION**

Typical Size: 50,000+

Contract Status: Independent contractors for activity outside the core GMS/PMS contract

Description: Practices create a separate entity with membership from multiple practices to carry out work on behalf of the practices, primarily achieving efficiencies and offering extended services in primary care

Notes: For example City and Hackney GP Federation

**MCP**

Typical Size: 100,000+

Contract Status: NHS contract

Description: Where practices come together to form a single organisation with the local hospital, community trust and other local providers

Notes: None currently exist but a few contracts are out to tender. More information on the MCP contract types here.

**PACS**

Typical Size: 250,000+

Contract Status: NHS Contract

Description: Where practices come together to form a single organisation with the local hospital, community trust and other local providers.

Notes: Even less well developed than MCPs but look at the Symphony programme in South Somerset for an idea of how they might develop.