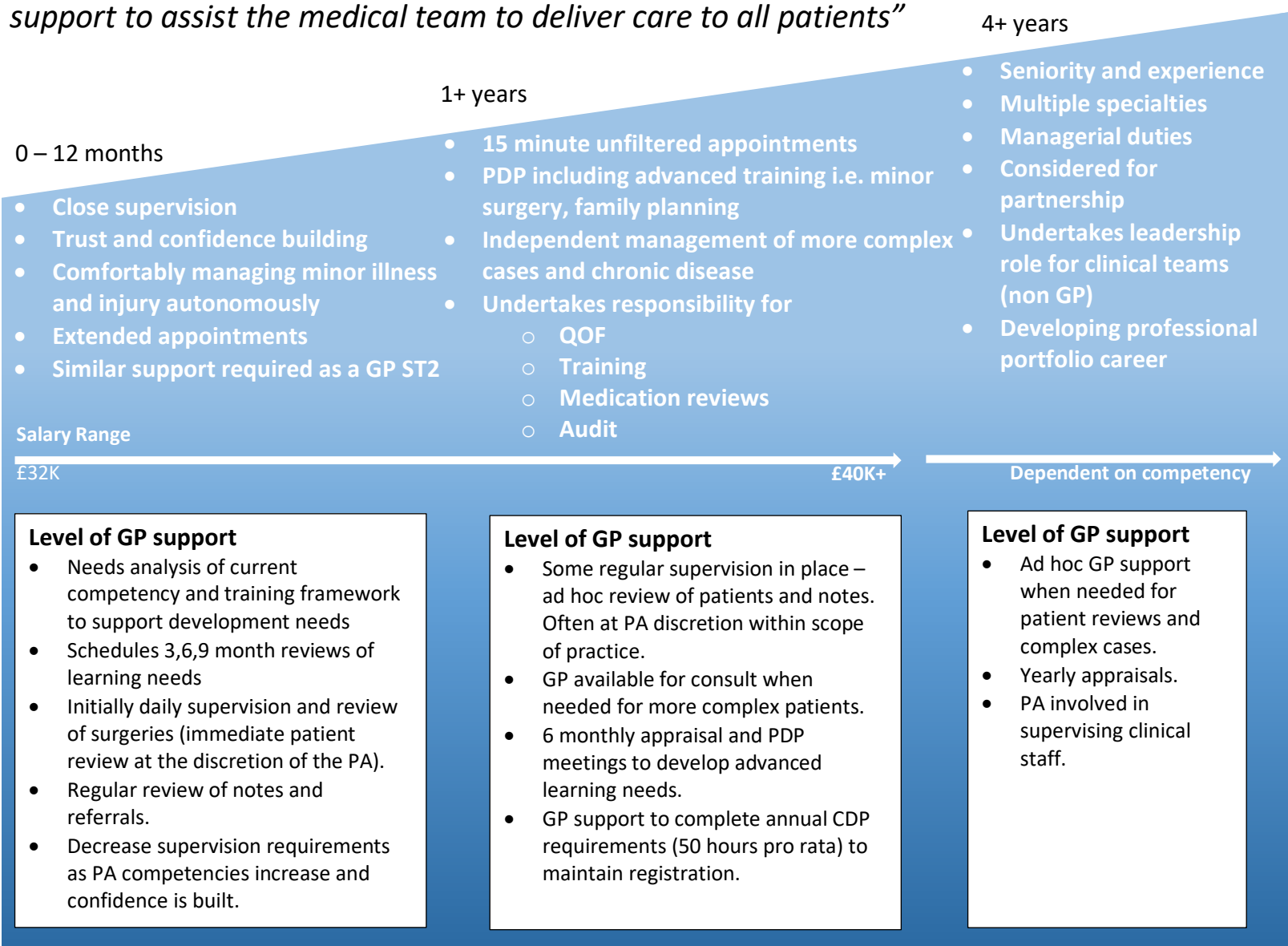

Physician Associates in Primary Care: A Summary



“a collaborative healthcare professional, trained as generalists under the medical model, who work under defined levels of supervision and support to assist the medical team to deliver care to all patients”



Core competencies
History taking, physical examination, diagnosis and management planning, medication reviews, chronic disease management, performing and interpreting diagnostic testing and advanced clinical management.

Prescribing
PAs are not currently able to undertake non-medical prescribing or ionising radiation requests due to a lack of statutory regulation. Regulation by the GMC is expected to be in place by Autumn 2021 with aim to confirm prescribing rights by 2023/24.

Indemnity
All NHS contract work is covered by the Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP) but it is recommended that PAs have additional cover for any private work and legal support.

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