

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:09am, 8 January 2016

[Effective negotiation: tapping your natural resources](#)

Negotiation is the essential skill for commissioners and providers of health services, the key to providing the best value for money for the taxpayer and the best services for patients.

11:07am, 8 January 2016

[Recruitment and selection for managers](#)

A practice's staff are its most precious resource. Ensuring you get the right people is crucial to the success and sustainability of your practice. Good recruitment is also a key outcome of the Essential Standards of Quality and Safety.

11:06am, 8 January 2016

[GP patient survey 2015](#)

NHS England and Ipsos MORI have published the latest statistics from the GP patient survey. The survey provides information on patients' experience of primary care services.

11:04am, 8 January 2016

[Closing date extended for friends and family test awards](#)

There is now an extra week to submit your entries for the friends and family test awards 2016.

11:02am, 8 January 2016

[GP collections bulletin, issue 31](#)

The Health and Social Care Information Centre has published the latest news and information for general practices.

11:01am, 8 January 2016

[Immunisation patient group direction templates](#)

Public Health England's national immunisation team has published patient group direction (PGD) templates.

10:02am, 7 January 2016

[Managing conflicts of interest](#)

Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) manage conflicts of interest as part of their day-to-day activities.

10:01am, 7 January 2016

[Start from here: support for federations](#)

GP federations are the building blocks of new models of care, but they need assembling with care and attention to detail.

09:58am, 7 January 2016

[QOF business rules v33.0](#)

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) has published v33.0 of the QOF

business rules.

09:56am, 7 January 2016

[NHS England announces preferred supplier of health and justice information services procurement](#)

Patients in the health and justice sectors are set to benefit from improved continuous healthcare with a new contract being conditionally awarded to The Phoenix Partnership (TPP), to supply the health and justice information system in places of detention.

09:53am, 7 January 2016

[Aneurysm screening programme reaches milestone](#)

January marks a milestone for the NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm programme, which is screening its one millionth 65-year-old man.

10:21am, 6 January 2016

[Planning guidance - implications for primary care](#)

The latest NHS England planning guidance (Delivering the Forward View: NHS planning guidance 2016/17 - 2020/21) underlines the importance of factoring increased investment in GP services into future plans.

10:20am, 6 January 2016

[Influencing skills](#)

As NHS and other organisations increasingly have to work together to solve common problems, influencing skills are more important than ever. Influencing is a combination of persuasion and negotiation - being able to persuade others and negotiate to reach an agreement.

10:18am, 6 January 2016

[Information Centre seeks views on indicators](#)

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) wants to gather views on a national library of quality assured indicators.

10:16am, 6 January 2016

[The digital revolution: eight technologies that will change health and care](#)

The past decade has seen rapid development and adoption of technologies that change the way we live.

10:14am, 6 January 2016

[Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme \(PPRS\) payment percentage 2016](#)

The Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS) payment percentage for 2016 will be 7.80 per cent.

10:12am, 6 January 2016

[Practice guidelines for independent health complaints advocacy services](#)

The Local Government Association has worked in partnership with providers and commissioners of independent health complaints advocacy services to develop practice guidance for commissioning these local services.

21:48pm, 5 January 2016

[Patient and family centred cultures: building the evidence base for outcomes](#)

Designers of value-based care systems face a challenge in making decisions that are both right for whole communities but also tailored to the needs of individuals.

21:47pm, 5 January 2016

[Reducing missed hospital appointments using text messages](#)

The Department of Health has published results of a trial of a system of text message reminders to reduce missed outpatient appointments.

21:45pm, 5 January 2016

[Five year olds eat and drink their body weight in sugar every year](#)

A new campaign has been launched encouraging parents to get "sugar smart" and take control of their children's sugar intake.

21:44pm, 5 January 2016

[Alcohol-specific activity in hospitals in England](#)

A report from Nuffield Trust investigates the growing burden of alcohol-related activity on hospitals in England and concludes that the NHS faces a stark challenge in trying to deal with the consequences of harmful drinking.

21:42pm, 5 January 2016

[Considerations for determining local health and care economies](#)

The NHS planning guidance, Delivering the Forward View: NHS planning guidance 2016/17 to 2020/21 asks every health and care system to produce its own sustainability and transformation plan (STP).

21:39pm, 5 January 2016

[Report explains why health is easier said than done](#)

This report sets out some of the reasons why we might find it hard to live in a healthy way, exercising, eating well, getting adequate sleep, and checking for early warning symptoms.

17:08pm, 5 January 2016

[App helps monitor medicines in treatment of bipolar disorder](#)

An app developed by the pharmacy team at a London mental health trust helps people with bipolar disorder to keep track of medicines critical to their treatment.

12:29pm, 4 January 2016

[Realise the potential of your whole team](#)

PCC's personal and team development programme can support you to get the best from your team.

12:28pm, 4 January 2016

[Guide to transforming end of life care in acute hospitals](#)

NHS England has published a revised version of a guide to improving the quality and experience of care at end of life for patients and their families.

12:26pm, 4 January 2016

[NHS clampdown on staffing agencies saves millions of pounds](#)

Hospitals are saving millions thanks to government and NHS crackdown on use of management consultants and agency staff, new figures show.

12:25pm, 4 January 2016

[Learning disability services monthly statistics November 2015](#)

The Health and Social Care Information Centre has published the latest data relating to patients with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum disorder receiving inpatient care commissioned in England.

12:23pm, 4 January 2016

[What are people's top five health and care issues for 2016?](#)

The work of the Healthwatch network is shaped by the concerns that local people raise with 152 local Healthwatch organisations.

NHS NETWORKS weekly message board updates:

16:27pm, 8 January 2016

[Healthcare Professionals Research - Invitation to participate](#)

Dear all, I am final year Psychology student at the University of Chichester and as part of my studies I...

14:26pm, 8 January 2016

[Workplace Challenge 2016](#)

" National 8 Week Activity Log Challenge 2016 Join our 3rd national New Year 8 week activity log challenge and...

23:15pm, 4 January 2016

[Oil Pulling & Tooth Oil](#)

This seems to be an upcoming topic with even adverts on the London Underground now. I tried jumping from tooth...

14:08pm, 4 January 2016

[Setting up Skype Consultations](#)

Hi All Has anyone come across the use of Facetime for Video Consultations?

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

22:23pm, 7 January 2016

[Time to release your elephants](#)

Issued just in time for Christmas, the new planning guidance looks harmless enough, with the usual talk about aligning footprints and local leadership providing plenty of unintentional laughs.

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