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## **NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:**

11:37am, 15 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.

11:36am, 15 January 2016

### [Progress report on strategy for adults with autism](#)

This report shows what has been achieved since the publication of Think Autism, which updated the cross-government autism strategy in April 2014. It also sets 31 new actions to continue to help local areas implement the autism strategy.

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### [Screening committee recommends new bowel cancer test](#)

The UK national screening committee has proposed improvements to screening programmes.

11:34am, 15 January 2016

### [Joint targeted area inspections to be launched this year](#)

Inspections of services for vulnerable children and young people will launch this year, involving CQC, Ofsted, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP).

11:32am, 15 January 2016

### [Transgender equality](#)

This report finds that, despite welcome progress, there is still a long way to go to ensure equality for transgender people.

11:30am, 15 January 2016

### [Statistics on smoking cessation](#)

The Health and Social Care Information Centre has published the latest figures from NHS Stop Smoking Services in England (1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015).

20:11pm, 14 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.

20:10pm, 14 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.

20:08pm, 14 January 2016

### [Ophthalmic services data for England - April to September 2015](#)

The Health and Social Care Information Centre has published General Ophthalmic Services activity statistics for England for April to September 2015.

20:06pm, 14 January 2016

### [New online diagnostic support tool set to transform children's health](#)

Paediatric Care Online, hosted by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, may reduce child deaths by ensuring children receive the best possible treatment before they become too unwell, say child health experts.

20:05pm, 14 January 2016

[Thyroid function testing in primary care](#)

A cross-sectional study at a single UK general practice found that only 2% of people who underwent thyroid function tests in primary care had thyroid disease.

20:04pm, 14 January 2016

[Dementia: post-diagnostic care and support](#)

This joint declaration across government, health, social care and the third sector aims to deliver better quality services to people with dementia.

09:59am, 13 January 2016

[Value, systems and an outcomes-driven health economy](#)

To implement outcomes based models, commissioners and providers need to understand the concept of value.

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[Using data to improve dementia care in England](#)

A new dementia profile, developed by Public Health England's national Dementia Intelligence Network, is claimed to change the way dementia data will be used locally.

09:57am, 13 January 2016

[2016/17 Better Care Fund: policy framework](#)

The Better Care Fund (BCF) will provide financial support for councils and NHS organisations to jointly plan and deliver local services.

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[Report on brain tumour treatment and care](#)

The Brain Tumour Charity has published a report on the struggles faced by those affected by brain tumours highlighting variations in rates of diagnosis.

09:55am, 13 January 2016

[Educating health professionals to support vulnerable groups](#)

The National Inclusion Health Board (NIHB) has published a report on the need for better support, access to services and care for homeless people and vulnerable groups.

09:54am, 13 January 2016

[Cold weather alert for large parts of England](#)

As colder weather sweeps across much of the country, the Met Office has issued a Level 2 cold weather alert.

09:52am, 13 January 2016

[Updated tuberculosis guidelines target most vulnerable](#)

Updated tuberculosis (TB) guidelines call for greater education and prevention to help target people from socially deprived backgrounds who are most vulnerable to contracting the infection.

20:01pm, 12 January 2016

[Better Care learning and success-sharing events](#)

The Better Care Support programme are running a series of free events running across every region to share learning around the delivery of integrated health and social care services.

20:00pm, 12 January 2016

[Optical practices can help deliver NHS reform says health minister](#)

High-street optical practices can be a force for reform, health minister Alistair Burt said following a meeting with leaders from the optical sector.

19:59pm, 12 January 2016

[CCG allocations 2016/17 to 2020/21](#)

NHS England has published detailed allocations for CCG geographies for programme funding and

NHS England has published detailed allocations for CCG geographies for programme funding and running costs for 2016/17 to 2020/21.

19:57pm, 12 January 2016

[Patient reported outcome measures: public consultation](#)

NHS England is consulting on the current patient reported outcome measures (PROMs) collections and the future for PROMs, regarding options around how to reduce variation in outcomes and indicators for future service improvement.

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[CCG 360-degree stakeholder survey](#)

The annual CCG 360-degree stakeholder survey will be conducted in early 2016.

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[Department of Health issues use of antiviral medicines letter](#)

The Department of Health (DH) has issued a letter advising that GPs and other prescribers working in primary care in England may now prescribe at NHS expense antiviral medicines for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza, in accordance with NICE guidance.

16:05pm, 11 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.

16:03pm, 11 January 2016

[GP patient survey dental statistics](#)

In July to September 2015, 1.1 million adults were asked about their views on NHS dentistry.

16:02pm, 11 January 2016

[New alcohol guidelines show increased risk of cancer](#)

Updated alcohol consumption guidelines give new advice on limits for men and pregnant women.

16:00pm, 11 January 2016

[Government invests more in mental health treatment](#)

The government is to invest nearly a billion pounds in mental health services.

15:57pm, 11 January 2016

[Gypsy and Traveller health: accommodation and living environment](#)

A report by the Traveller movement looks at how the living conditions of Gypsies and Travellers lead to poor health.

15:54pm, 11 January 2016

[PHE confirms flu is now circulating](#)

The chief medical officer has advised antiviral drugs may now be used for treatment of flu.

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### **NHS NETWORKS weekly message board updates:**

18:55pm, 15 January 2016

[Smartcard Printing](#)

We have hit a sudden and unexpected issue with printing Smartcards... we can't! All of a sudden when we try...

12:13pm, 15 January 2016

[Best practice examples mental health acute care](#)

Have a look at Mersey Care. They are exemplary. Joe Rafferty is the CX. In particular they have an excellent...

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[Best practice examples mental health acute care](#)

I work at Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. Our Clinical Development Director, Jacky O'Sullivan is leading a...

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[Getting a beneficial system adopted elsewhere.](#)

Hi, I was thinking of writing to my MP about this because people in my management chain say this is...

16:17pm, 12 January 2016

[Improving Rehabilitation Services 2015-16](#)

Please see below completed answers: 1. What data you are gathering that satisfies both clinical and commissioning drivers for improvement?...

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[Improving Rehabilitation Services 2015-16](#)

Hi Katherine I have provided brief answers below from the services we are commissioned to provide. If you need more...

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[Improving Rehabilitation Services 2015-16](#)

Here is a brochure from Portsmouth CCG/ Portsmouth City Council that includes a number of reablement projects supported by the...

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[Improving Rehabilitation Services 2015-16](#)

1. We are starting to use Cost per case for: Wheelchair services Neuro rehabilitation out patients Rheumatology out patients includes...

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[Improving Rehabilitation Services 2015-16](#)

Previously you told us (Soft Intelligence Bulletin March 2015) that aligning objectives for improvement and how we use data and...

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**NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:**

14:56pm, 15 January 2016

[Picket line: do not cross](#)

There is no blog this week due to an industrial dispute.

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