**NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:**
15:26pm, 8 November 2019
[NHS Networks offline this weekend](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhs-networks-offline-this-weekend)
Essential maintenance work means that the NHS Networks website will be down this weekend (9 and 10 November).

15:25pm, 8 November 2019
[Introduction to project management](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/introduction-to-project-management-5)
Project management requires a specific set of skills, some of which we possess naturally and can learn to use more effectively. But it also requires knowledge and a well-defined approach. This one day training session is for everyone who has responsibility for projects or is part of a project team.

15:24pm, 8 November 2019
[Changes to GMS and PMS contract regulations](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/changes-to-gms-and-pms-contract-regulations)
Changes to the GMS and PMS GP contract regulations came into force on 1 October 2019 and can be found at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/1137/made>.

15:23pm, 8 November 2019
[Tariff engagement document published](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/tariff-engagement-document-published)
NHS England and Improvement has published details of the areas it is working on in preparation for the 2020/21 national tariff – the set menu of prices of services used by commissioners.

15:20pm, 8 November 2019
[Online portal promises intelligence on ICS](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/online-portal-promises-intelligence-on-ics)
Phase one of the ICS Benchmarker, a new online portal providing members of the NHS Benchmarking Network with insight and intelligence on their integrated care systems (ICS), is now available.

15:19pm, 8 November 2019
[NHS community pharmacist consultation service: guide for pharmacy staff](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhs-community-pharmacist-consultation-service-guide-for-pharmacy-staff)
NHS England and Improvement has issued a step-by-step guide on how to provide the NHS community pharmacist consultation service (CPCS), record service delivery and claim service payments.

15:12pm, 7 November 2019
[PCNs get practices talking again](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/pcns-get-practices-talking-again)
In the second part of our conversation with St Albans GP Dr Mike Smith, we get a clinical director's perspective on the opportunities presented by primary care networks.

15:06pm, 7 November 2019
[Supporting link workers in primary care networks](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/supporting-link-workers-in-primary-care-networks)
NHS England has published resources for social prescribing link workers in primary care networks (PCNs).

15:04pm, 7 November 2019
[New measures to secure MMR vaccine for private patients](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/new-measures-to-secure-mmr-vaccine-for-private-patients)
The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine has been added to a list of medicines which cannot be parallel exported out of the UK.

15:03pm, 7 November 2019
[Framework for care of autistic people and people with learning disabilities](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/framework-for-care-of-autistic-people-and-people-with-learning-disabilities)
New frameworks commissioned by Health Education England (HEE) will improve care and support for autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

15:02pm, 7 November 2019
[National workforce plan for approved mental health professionals (AMHPs)](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/national-workforce-plan-for-approved-mental-health-professionals-amhps)
The government has issued a document for agencies wishing to develop services involving approved mental health professionals (AMHPs).

15:01pm, 7 November 2019
[Community pharmacy NSAID safety audit 2018/19](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/community-pharmacy-nsaid-safety-audit-2018-19)
As part of the quality payment scheme 2018/19, contractors conducted an audit of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

16:19pm, 6 November 2019
[Social prescribing: getting connected with patients and the community](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/social-prescribing-getting-connected-with-patients-and-the-community)
This full day workshop on 28 January 2020 in Manchester is for newly appointed social prescribing link workers in primary care networks (PCNs).

16:17pm, 6 November 2019
[Guidance on patient access to records online](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/guidance-on-patient-access-to-records-online)
NHS England and the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) of the BMA has published guidance to support GP practices to provide online access to patient records, subject to existing safeguards for vulnerable groups and technical considerations.

16:15pm, 6 November 2019
[Adult inpatient rates for September 2019](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/adult-inpatient-rates-for-september-2019)
NHS England has published data on the number of adult inpatients with a learning disability, autism or both, in a hospital providing specialist mental or behavioural health care.

16:13pm, 6 November 2019
[NHS online training to help people get home from hospital quicker](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhs-online-training-to-help-people-get-home-from-hospital-quicker)
NHS England and Health Education England have launched ActNow, an e-learning tool developed for health service and care staff to help them reduce hospital delays for patients.

16:05pm, 6 November 2019
[MPs criticise “broken system” presided over by NHS Property Services](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/mps-criticise-201cbroken-system201d-presided-over-by-nhs-property-services)
The public accounts committee (PAC) says it is “unacceptable” that 70% of NHS Property Services tenants do not have rental agreements.

16:04pm, 6 November 2019
[NHSX report looks forward to AI](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhsx-report-looks-forward-to-ai)
NHSX, the technology unit formed by the Department of Health and Social Care has published an overview of the current state of play of data-driven technologies within the health and care system.

13:40pm, 5 November 2019
[The stress-resistant manager: building your resilience](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/the-stress-resistant-manager-building-your-resilience-2)
Most of us will suffer work-related stress – and the problem is most acute for public sector staff, particularly those in the NHS.

13:39pm, 5 November 2019
[Learning Disability Newsletter: Issue 10](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/learning-disability-newsletter-issue-10)
In this issue of the learning disability newsletter you can find out about looking after your teeth; mindfulness – learning to settle your mind and relax; reducing restrictive practices; stopping people dying too soon; social prescribing – getting help through other things rather than medicines and treatment.

13:38pm, 5 November 2019
[Paediatric critical care and surgery in children review](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/paediatric-critical-care-and-surgery-in-children-review)
NHS England has published a summary report of the national review into paediatric critical care and specialised surgery in children, which took place in October 2016.

13:36pm, 5 November 2019
[Case reviews for all inpatients with learning disability or autism](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/case-reviews-for-all-inpatients-with-learning-disability-or-autism)
All 2,250 patients with learning disabilities and autism who are inpatients in a mental health hospital will have their care reviewed over the next 12 months, the health secretary has announced.

13:35pm, 5 November 2019
[Increase in district nurse student numbers](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/increase-in-district-nurse-student-numbers)
The Queen’s Nursing Institute (QNI) has published its sixth annual audit of district nurse education in the UK.

13:32pm, 5 November 2019
[Painkiller use in childbirth is falling](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/painkiller-use-in-childbirth-is-falling)
The use of analgesics or anaesthetics before or during delivery has dropped from 67% of all deliveries in 2008/09 to 61% in 2018/19, according to figures from NHS Digital.

10:19am, 4 November 2019
[Avoiding conflict with clarity, openness and trust](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/avoiding-conflict-with-clarity-openness-and-trust-6)
No one wants to reach a point where conflict resolution between commissioner, contract manager and provider is necessary. Constructive relationships are vital for the successful provision of high quality services that meet the needs of patients.

10:16am, 4 November 2019
[£26 million to help hospitals introduce digital prescriptions](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/ps26-million-to-help-hospitals-introduce-digital-prescriptions)
Twenty-five trusts will receive a share of the funding to replace outdated paper systems, improving patient safety and reducing errors.

10:15am, 4 November 2019
[A guide to managing medicines supply and shortages](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages)
NHS England has published a guide for pharmacists and other NHS professionals to manage the supply of medicines including shortages.

10:13am, 4 November 2019
[Approval for new trial to prevent Group B Strep in newborn babies](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/approval-for-new-trial-to-prevent-group-b-strep-in-newborn-babies)
Health research authorities in England and Wales have given ethical approval to a trial aimed at preventing the most common cause of life-threatening infections in babies.

10:11am, 4 November 2019
[Leadership in strengths-based social care](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/leadership-in-strengths-based-social-care)
The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published a briefing about so-called strengths-based approaches and practice to support adults with social care needs.

10:09am, 4 November 2019
[Better care for patients and service users](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/better-care-for-patients-and-service-users)
The first in a new series of bi-annual reports from NHS Providers explores how trusts have responded to feedback from the Care Quality Commission in a positive and systematic way, encouraging ideas that have made a difference for patients and service users.