**NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories: 27tth April**  
13:54pm, 26 April 2019  
[From primary care networks to integrated care systems](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/from-primary-care-networks-to-integrated-care-systems)  
The NHS Long Term Plan puts primary care at the heart of plans for integrated care systems (ICS). Primary care networks (PCNs) will be the building blocks for general practice to work at neighbourhood level with other community based services.  
  
13:52pm, 26 April 2019  
[Primary medical care policy and guidance manual updated](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/primary-medical-care-policy-and-guidance-manual-updated)  
NHS England has updated the Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual (PGM).  
  
13:48pm, 26 April 2019  
[£50m workforce development funding for 2019/20](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/ps50m-workforce-development-funding-for-2019-20)  
Health Education England (HEE) has confirmed arrangements for the £50m available in the first phase of the workforce development fund to help employers develop their existing workforce in 2019/20.  
  
13:44pm, 26 April 2019  
[Trends in social care](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/trends-in-social-care)  
The King’s Fund takes issue with claims of a lack of data about social care, but acknowledges that it can be hard to find.   
  
13:42pm, 26 April 2019  
[Respiratory disease – new learning hub](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/respiratory-disease-2013-new-learning-hub)  
A new online hub promises to bring together resources about respiratory disease, which affects one in five people and is the third biggest cause of death in England.   
  
13:38pm, 26 April 2019  
[Occupancy regularisation for NHS Property Services tenants](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/occupancy-regularisation-for-nhs-property-services-tenants)  
NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care, and NHS Property Services are working together to encourage GP practices and other tenants of NHS Property Services to formalise their tenancy.   
  
15:54pm, 25 April 2019  
[Network leadership](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/network-leadership)  
Network leadership is not just a new way to lead, but also a new way of thinking. It is non-linear, dynamic, and very much relationship-based. It is a leadership style that shows you how you can improve others' performance and bring together other people's contributions to the benefit of your organisation.   
  
15:53pm, 25 April 2019  
[Standard General Medical Services contract 2019](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/standard-general-medical-services-contract-2019)  
NHS England has published the General Medical Services contract for 2019.  
  
15:52pm, 25 April 2019  
[Public Health England highlights ‘vaccine heroes’](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/public-health-england-highlights-2018vaccine-heroes2019)  
Chief executive of Public Health England, Duncan Selbie, is urging everyone in healthcare to promote the value of vaccines and has dubbed GPs and nurses on the frontline “vaccine heroes”.   
  
15:51pm, 25 April 2019  
[Impact of waiting times review on A&E](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/impact-of-waiting-times-review-on-a-e)  
The King’s Fund has reviewed the issues faced by A&E departments posed by the review of NHS performance targets, led by the NHS England national medical director Professor Steve Powis, who published an interim report in March 2019.   
  
15:49pm, 25 April 2019  
[Impact of delayed discharge on terminally ill people in Northern Ireland](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/impact-of-delayed-discharge-on-terminally-ill-people-in-northern-ireland)  
A report from cancer charity Marie Curie focuses on the extent – and underlying causes – of delayed discharges across local hospitals in Northern Ireland, the impact these delays are having on terminally ill people and what can be done to address the issue.   
  
15:48pm, 25 April 2019  
[Antimicrobial resistance: 2019/20 improvement schemes](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/antimicrobial-resistance-2019-20-improvement-schemes)  
National medical director Professor Stephen Powis has written to CCG directors of quality, nursing and medicines optimisation about two new antimicrobial resistance schemes supporting NHS acute providers to implement the five-year UK antimicrobial resistance (AMR) national action plan in 2019/20.   
  
15:47pm, 25 April 2019  
[GP ‘systems of choice’ – have your say](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/gp-2018systems-of-choice2019-2013-have-your-say)  
Have the clinical IT systems and services delivered to you through the GP systems of choice contractual framework benefited your practice and enabled you to improve your service?   
  
11:54am, 24 April 2019  
[Get ready for a good CQC inspection](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/get-ready-for-a-good-cqc-inspection)  
CQC practice inspections have changed.   
  
11:53am, 24 April 2019  
[Regulators clarify tenancy arrangements](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/regulators-clarify-tenancy-arrangements)  
As part of a drive for “lease regularisation” NHS England and NHS Improvement have written a letter to NHS Property Services’ tenants setting out the types of tenancy arrangements available.  
  
11:52am, 24 April 2019  
[New supporting information for people using TPP SystmOne](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/new-supporting-information-for-people-using-tpp-systmone)  
Organisations who use TPP’s system can find out how others have used the new access control functionality for sharing patient records across care settings by listening to a recording of one of the webinars hosted by NHS Digital and NHS England.   
  
11:51am, 24 April 2019  
[Report on audit of specialist rehabilitation following major injury](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/report-on-audit-of-specialist-rehabilitation-following-major-injury)  
The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published a synopsis of the third and final report on the provision of specialist rehabilitation following major trauma.   
  
11:50am, 24 April 2019  
[System update will help GPs remove national data opt-outs from data disclosures](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/system-update-will-help-gps-remove-national-data-opt-outs-from-data-disclosures)  
Updates to GP systems are taking place from May which will allow GP practices to remove those patients who have registered a national data opt-out from data disclosures. 

11:49am, 24 April 2019  
[Annual NHS cancer checks top two million for the first time](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/annual-nhs-cancer-checks-top-two-million-for-the-first-time)  
For the first time last year, the NHS in England carried out more than two million checks on people who feared they might have cancer.   
  
18:13pm, 23 April 2019  
[Dealing with difficult people and situations – courageous conversations](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/dealing-with-difficult-people-and-situations-2013-courageous-conversations-12)  
This workshop looks at workplace challenges and fears, what causes stress in these difficult situations, and how to cope with them. We discuss how to build personal resilience and develop assertiveness skills, followed by a session on courageous conversations – things to consider and top tips.   
  
18:12pm, 23 April 2019  
[NHS introduces mental health job coaches](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhs-introduces-mental-health-job-coaches)  
NHS England is to expand a scheme to help patients with serious mental health problems to find employment.   
  
18:11pm, 23 April 2019  
[NHS England to fund pioneering brain surgery for deaf children](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhs-england-to-fund-pioneering-brain-surgery-for-deaf-children)  
Pioneering brain surgery that allows children who are deaf to experience the sensation of hearing for the first time is being made routinely available, NHS England has announced.   
  
18:09pm, 23 April 2019  
[NHS productivity grows more than twice as fast as wider economy](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhs-productivity-grows-more-than-twice-as-fast-as-wider-economy)  
A new study by health experts has shown that the productivity of the NHS has improved almost two and a half times as fast than the wider economy over the last 12 years, meaning more care and treatments for patients and better value for taxpayers.   
  
18:07pm, 23 April 2019  
[NHS RightCare video explains high intensity user service](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/nhs-rightcare-video-explains-high-intensity-user-service)  
The 2019/20 NHS operational planning and contracting guidance set out that all health systems in England must implement a high intensity user service.  
  
18:05pm, 23 April 2019  
[Fewer full GMC investigations after pilot scheme success](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/fewer-full-gmc-investigations-after-pilot-scheme-success)  
Changes being made by the General Medical Council (GMC) will reduce the number of full investigations into one-off mistakes by doctors – known as single clinical incidents.