Manchester puts general practice at the heart of devolution plans
The creation of GP hubs forms a key part of the bold plan to enable greater local control of spending and decision-making for health and social care in Manchester.

NHS standard contract 2017-19: consultation on proposed national variation
When the NHS standard contract 2017-19 was published NHS said it would only be amended within the two year period except to reflect national policy changes.

Delegated commissioning approval process for 2018/19: submission process for CCGs
NHS England is encouraging CCGs to apply for delegated commissioning of primary medical services as part of a wider strategy to support the development of place-based commissioning.

Public Health England cancer board plan: 2017 to 2021
This plan outlines the approach to co-ordinating Public Health England’s cancer work for the next five years.

The impact of homelessness on health: a guide for local authorities
A report from the Local Government Association warns that that the rising number of older homeless people will create significant extra pressures for councils, for example in providing housing and social care.

Obesity prevalence increases in reception age primary school children
The prevalence of obesity has risen for the second successive year from 9.3% in 2015/16 to 9.6% in 2016/17 for children in reception.

How to be a better manager
Great managers are admired, good to be around, and make things happen. They understand their role, and engage with organisational objectives and their people with equal ability and confidence.

NHS England reports on better cancer care
The NHS is on track to transform cancer services in England by 2020/21 according to a report by NHS England’s national cancer programme.
12:15pm, 19 October 2017

**£15 million scheme to improve mental healthcare**

The Department of Health has launched a £15 million fund to better support people at risk of experiencing a mental health crisis.

12:14pm, 19 October 2017

**Most patients ‘definitely’ happy with emergency care, says CQC**

The results of the latest national survey emergency department patient survey published this week show that most people report a good experience of emergency care and describe positive interactions with doctors and nurses.

12:12pm, 19 October 2017

**Primary care home numbers top 200**

The National Association of Primary Care (NAPC) has announced that its primary care home programme has reached 200 sites serving 8 million patients across England.

12:10pm, 19 October 2017

**New guide for overseas doctors moving to the UK**

A guide for overseas doctors who want to move to the UK and work in general practice has been launched by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP).

12:09pm, 19 October 2017

**Falling nurse numbers paint a worrying picture**

Analysis by the King’s Fund shows that the number of nurses and health visitors has fallen every year since April 2013.

14:32pm, 18 October 2017

**Dealing with difficult people and situations – courageous conversations**

The session on 31 January in Birmingham, 8 February in London and 13 March in Manchester looks at workplace challenges and fears, what causes stress in these difficult situations, and how to cope with them.

14:31pm, 18 October 2017

**Children’s mental health care in England**

The children’s commissioner has published a report on the experiences of children with mental health needs.

14:29pm, 18 October 2017

**The regulation of medical associate professions in the UK**

A government consultation seeks views on the regulation of medical associate professions in the UK, including physician associates, physicians’ assistants, surgical care practitioners and advanced critical care practitioners.
14:28pm, 18 October 2017
**Commissioning for quality and innovation: enhanced supportive care data tool**
This updated version of the tool should be used to collect baseline data and return data relevant to each quarter’s payment trigger within the enhanced supportive care (for advanced cancer patients) commissioning for quality and innovation national goal.

14:26pm, 18 October 2017
**Making the case for quality improvement**
The King’s Fund has published a report setting out ten lessons for NHS leaders looking to embed quality improvement in their work.

14:25pm, 18 October 2017
**Sustainability and transformation partnerships: developing robust governance arrangements**
The Healthcare Finance Managers’ Association has published guidance for boards to consider when thinking about the governance of STPs.

14:22pm, 18 October 2017
**NAO finds CQC needs improvement**
A report from the National Audit Office concludes that the Care Quality Commission has improved as an organisation, but now needs to overcome some persistent issues with the timeliness of some of its regulation activities.

14:00pm, 17 October 2017
**NHS England’s revised policy and guidance manual for primary medical services 2017**
NHS England, with support from Primary Care Commissioning (PCC), is arranging a number of events to inform primary medical services commissioners of key points and updates contained in the revised policy and guidance manual due in autumn 2017. There is no fee for commissioners.

13:59pm, 17 October 2017
**Communicating for professional success e-learning**
Alongside your own technical expertise, communication is the key skill that influences your professional success. In a world where texts, emails and tweets are often sent without a second thought, the importance of a considered and effective approach to communication has never been greater.

13:57pm, 17 October 2017
**NHS targets super-sized chocolate bars in battle against obesity, diabetes and tooth-decay**
Hospitals have been ordered to take super-size chocolate bars and “grab bags” of sugary snacks off of the shelves in the latest step of the NHS plan to fight obesity, diabetes and tooth-decay.
13:56pm, 17 October 2017
**Regulation of nursing associates in England**
The Department of Health is seeking views on amendments to the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001, to regulate nursing associates in England.

13:54pm, 17 October 2017
**The sexual orientation monitoring information standard**
NHS England has developed a sexual orientation monitoring (SOM) information standard with help from LGBT Foundation.

13:51pm, 17 October 2017
**Self Care Week 2017**
Self Care Week 2017 runs from 13 to 19 November.

11:32am, 16 October 2017
**Reception teams are key to a better experience for patients and practice staff**
Reception teams can improve the experience of patients and practice staff by taking simple steps to improve customer service.

11:31am, 16 October 2017
**Nominations for the national tariff high cost drugs and devices lists**
A number of high cost drugs and devices are paid for over and above the national tariff price for the related service.

11:29am, 16 October 2017
**Groin hernia and varicose vein surgery removed from patient reported outcome measures**
Changes are being made to the list of elective surgeries covered by patient reported outcome measures, the “before and after” research to measure how much patients feel they have benefited from their operation.

11:28am, 16 October 2017
**Quality payments scheme - guidance for the November declaration**
NHS England has published further guidance for pharmacy contractors taking part in the quality payments scheme.

11:26am, 16 October 2017
**New guidance on dementia-friendly dentistry**
The Faculty of General Dental Practice UK has published new guidance on the practice of dentistry for patients with dementia.

11:19am, 16 October 2017
**Commissioning mental health services in primary care**
A report by NHS Clinical Commissioners showcases programmes that are
embedding mental health services in primary care and draws out advice from the commissioners and practitioners involved in their development and delivery.

11:16am, 16 October 2017

Clinical radiology: UK workforce census 2016 report
This report argues that the ongoing shortage of imaging doctors will result in late hospital diagnoses and delayed scan results for patients.