

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

13:47pm, 9 September 2016

### [Contracting for new care models](#)

Creative use of the contracting process is a critical factor in making new care models happen. In the spectrum of current English contracting structures spanning a loose federation, through alliance contracts to prime contractor or lead provider models we are seeing multispecialty community providers, primary and acute care systems and accountable care organisations develop.

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### [Summary Care Record: adding additional information](#)

NHS Digital has announced a more efficient way to update Summary Care Records (SCRs) with additional information from a patient's GP record.

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### [Data Quality Maturity Index](#)

NHS Digital has published the latest Data Quality Maturity Index (DQMI). The DQMI provides CCGs with the opportunity to investigate and engage in data quality improvement with providers.

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### [Feedback sought on shorter-form NHS Standard Contract](#)

NHS England is in the process of developing the 2017/18 shorter-form version of the NHS Standard Contract, for use when commissioning certain non-primary healthcare services of relatively low complexity and monetary value.

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### [New funding for nursing projects to improve men's health](#)

The Queen's Nursing Institute has announced a new project funding opportunity for nurses working in the community and primary care.

13:37pm, 9 September 2016

### [School and mental health link pilots help more young people](#)

A pilot scheme linking schools and mental health workers is being rolled out further helping more children and young people, it was revealed at the NHS Expo conference.

13:35pm, 9 September 2016

[Great Manchester service change engagement](#)

A report, conducted in conjunction with ten local Healthwatch organisations in Greater Manchester, examines public and patient opinion on how health and care needs should be met in future.

11:45am, 8 September 2016

[Managing workload e-learning](#)

We all work in fast-paced environments, where there are tight deadlines that regularly need to be met. Do your to-do piles only ever seem to get bigger, your inbox only ever become fuller and do you seem to have an ever decreasing amount of time to complete your work in?

11:44am, 8 September 2016

[Medicines optimisation dashboard](#)

NHS England has published the latest update of the medicines optimisation dashboard data for CCGs and trusts.

11:43am, 8 September 2016

[Patient choice planning and improvement guide](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement have co-developed a CCG choice planning and improvement guide for CCGs to assess how well patient choice is working in the services they commission.

11:41am, 8 September 2016

[NHS RightCare asks for feedback on its 'commissioning for value' resources](#)

The NHS RightCare programme is seeking feedback on the "commissioning for value" resources it published this year. Improvements made as a result will be incorporated into future support tools.

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[New plans to expand the use of digital technology across the NHS](#)

Multi-million pound package to achieve NHS digital excellence in response to Wachter review alongside new digital services for patients.

11:39am, 8 September 2016

[How is the NHS performing? September 2016](#)

The latest quarterly monitoring report from the King's Fund provides an update on how the NHS is coping as it continues to grapple with productivity and reform challenges under continued financial pressure.

11:38am, 8 September 2016

[PwC report quantifies value of community pharmacy](#)

Community pharmacies contributed £3 billion to the NHS, public sector, patients and wider society in England in 2015 through just 12 services, according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) study.

21:06pm, 7 September 2016

[The leader as a coach: building stronger teams](#)

Using coaching techniques in the workplace can support effective team management by increasing the motivation and confidence of individuals.

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[Wanted: Associates with experience of primary medical care contracting and commissioning](#)

PCC is increasingly being asked to provide support and advice to both providers and commissioners of primary medical care.

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[Public Health England publishes 2016 health profiles](#)

The health profiles provide a snapshot of health and wellbeing for each local authority in England using a range of charts and text. They pull together existing information in one place and contain data on a range of indicators for local populations.

21:02pm, 7 September 2016

[CQC launches diabetes care review](#)

The Care Quality Commission has launched a review of the quality of care for people with diabetes in England.

20:59pm, 7 September 2016

[Understanding safe caseloads in the district nursing service](#)

The Queen's Nursing Institute has published a discussion document on safe caseloads in the district nursing service.

20:57pm, 7 September 2016

[Government postpones cut to community pharmacy funding](#)

Pharmacy minister David Mowat announced in a speech at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Annual Conference that the government's planned implementation of the 6% cut to community pharmacy funding in October would be delayed to "make sure that

we are making the correct decision and that what we do is going to be right for you, right for the NHS and right for the public."

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[CCG prescribing data, April to June 2016](#)

NHS Digital has published prescribing data for the quarter April to June 2016, by CCG.

11:01am, 6 September 2016

[Facilitation skills](#)

Facilitation skills have a positive impact on meetings, negotiations and relationships, which are essential for better commissioning and performance management. Confident, capable facilitators are an asset to any organisation.

11:00am, 6 September 2016

[Developing your board](#)

Health and care organisations are under pressure to form effective teams, whether to strengthen their own organisation or to work with others. Bringing together a team poses challenges for new provider organisations, commissioners and the wider collaborative ventures being set up to address the challenges of population health and integrated care.

10:59am, 6 September 2016

[2016/17 GMS technical requirements document - version 3](#)

NHS Employers has published the updated 2016/17 technical requirements document.

10:58am, 6 September 2016

[Plans launched for seven day hospital pharmacy services](#)

NHS England will deliver its first report on enhancing the quality of care and improving access to seven day pharmacy services for patients in hospital at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Annual Conference this week.

10:17am, 6 September 2016

[Vaccine cuts cases of meningitis and septicaemia in UK infants](#)

The number of cases of meningitis and septicaemia caused by meningococcal group B (MenB) infection in eligible infants has nearly halved over the last year after a new vaccine against the disease was introduced, according to Public Health England (PHE) research.

10:04am, 6 September 2016

[Research demonstrates success of community eye care schemes](#)

Two research papers arising from the College of Optometrists enhanced scheme evaluation project (ESEP) and published this month, show that optometrists involved in community schemes are able to provide cataract, glaucoma and primary eye care services to patients safely and effectively.

18:56pm, 5 September 2016

[Successful change agents](#)

This one-day workshop is for managers undergoing and supporting staff through change programmes.

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[Managing change and transformation e-learning](#)

PCC's "Managing change and transformation" e-learning course helps you to understand how to build a change-ready culture that can make smart decisions and successfully implement innovative ideas.

18:48pm, 5 September 2016

[Guidance for nurses treating patients with MND](#)

The RCN has launched a new online resource to improve knowledge and provide support for nurses treating people with motor neurone disease.

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[NICE recommends Cancer Drugs Fund treatment for prostate cancer for routine NHS use](#)

More prostate cancer patients will receive radium-223 after NICE approved it for routine NHS use. Radium-223 is offered to people who have prostate cancer which has then spread to the bone.

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[Public health post-2013](#)

A parliamentary report on public health in the wake of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 warns of widening health inequalities and a false economy due to cuts in local authority and public health budgets.