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Primary care home under the spotlight

General practice is under pressure to work together "at scale" to ease workload pressure, share skills and develop resilience.
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New guidelines on tackling conflicts of interest

NHS England has published new guidelines that will strengthen the management of conflicts of interest and ensure that the NHS is a world leader for transparent and accountable healthcare.
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Consultation on congenital heart disease

NHS England has launched a public consultation on how it will put in place new standards for hospitals providing congenital heart disease services in England.
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Performers list experts wanted

PCC is seeking associates with experience of working through medical performers list applications and changes to status.
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RCGP makes perinatal mental health a clinical priority

The Royal College of GPs has responded to new NICE guidelines on supporting new mothers with mental health problems.
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Take part in national audit of intermediate care

The national audit of intermediate care (NAIC) currently provides the only comprehensive data on intermediate care services. NHS Benchmarking was previously funded to manage this via a subscription model.
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Osteoporosis care pathway developed by NHS RightCare

NHS RightCare has developed a scenario using a fictional patient to illustrate an optimal osteoporosis care pathway, in comparison with a sub-optimal but typical scenario. Costs of care to commissioners have been modelled at each stage.
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Obesity in mental health secure units

This review summarises the latest evidence on obesity in secure mental health units.
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[Managing common infections: guidance for primary care](#)

Updated guidance is available for managing common infections, including upper respiratory, lower respiratory and urinary tract infections.
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[Leadership skills e-learning](#)

Many people make the mistake of thinking that leadership is something that only very senior people have to consider. In fact, leadership is a skill that every professional manager needs to master.
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[Better view of e-referral criteria](#)

On 13 January the latest improvement to the NHS e-referral service was introduced to improve the GP's view of information. It is now easier to see service referral criteria before referring the patient.
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[Going with the grain: new models for general practice](#)

GPs working at scale are central to the plan to transform the NHS. But before general practice can save the NHS it has to save itself.
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[Meds optimisation pilot wins widespread backing in Bucks](#)

A medicines optimisation project in Buckinghamshire care homes has proved so successful on a range of fronts that it has secured ongoing funding from a "jigsaw" of sources.
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[Clinical guidance for the management of elderly major trauma patients](#)

There are 11.5 million people aged 65 and older and this is the fastest growing age group in the UK, rising from 18% of the population now to 25% by 2040.
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[NHS Digital data quality maturity index: version 4](#)

NHS Digital has published version 4 of the data quality maturity index (DQMI), which reports on the quality of provider data across seven national datasets.
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[What's behind delayed transfers of care?](#)

A briefing from Nuffield Trust explores what the data tells us about delayed transfers of care and dispells some myths about how to prevent them.
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[What is social prescribing?](#)

Social prescribing enables GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.
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[Primary medical services contracts - effective decision making](#)

More CCGs are taking on delegated responsibility for the

commissioning and management of primary medical services. If not handled correctly any changes agreed in relation to primary medical contracts can be time consuming and costly.
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Updated NHS RightCare Where to Look packs

NHS RightCare's Where to Look packs, first published in October 2016, have been updated so that local health economies can base decisions on more timely data.
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Veterans' Trauma Network open for referrals

Commissioners are encouraged to cascade information about the Veterans' Trauma Network, a newly launched service for armed forces veterans with traumatic injuries and conditions.
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