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[Services for people with neurological conditions: progress review](#)

Services and outcomes for people with neurological conditions need further improvement.

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[Taking the mystery out of media relations](#)

For NHS organisations, being able to explain clearly what you do and why you do it is vital, and that means working with the media.

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[Patient safety alert on ambulance dispatch and satellite navigation systems](#)

NHS England has issued a patient safety alert to ensure ambulance satellite navigation systems are up to date.

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[New rules about tobacco, e-cigarettes and smoking: 1 October 2015](#)

The Department of Health has published guidance on the changes to the laws on tobacco, e-cigarettes and smoking that come into force on 1 October 2015.

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[Fetal anomaly screening: programme handbook](#)

Public Health England has brought together all the guidelines and recommendations that relate to the NHS fetal anomaly screening programme (FASP) in a single handbook.

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[The new health and social care economy](#)

This report examines the new health and social care economy in the north-west of England, spanning Sefton, Liverpool and Greater Manchester.

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[Local Healthwatch governance toolkit for commissioners](#)

The Local Government Association has produced a self-assessment toolkit to support local Healthwatch and its commissioners to establish successful governance for an effective local Healthwatch organisation.

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[NICE recommends anticoagulants over aspirin for stroke prevention](#)

Adults with atrial fibrillation (AF) should be prescribed newer medications instead of aspirin for the prevention of stroke, says NICE.

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[Health check for CCGs worried about legacy contracts](#)

CCGs with delegated authority for commissioning services from general practice could soon find that out-of-date and inconsistent contracts are getting in the way of progress.

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[Making NHS patient feedback more inclusive](#)

Updated guidance has been published to help make the NHS's biggest patient feedback tool, the friends and family test, more inclusive.

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[CQC publishes examples of outstanding practice in new online toolkit for GPs](#)

The Care Quality Commission has published a collection of examples of outstanding practices that their inspectors have found in GP surgeries across England.

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[Consultation launched on joint targeted area inspections](#)

Local agencies that are failing to work together effectively to protect vulnerable children will be held to account by new joint inspections, it has been announced.

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[New appointments to tackle race equality across the NHS](#)

NHS England is pleased to announce two senior appointments to ensure employees from black and ethnic minority (BME) backgrounds have equal access to career opportunities and receive fair treatment in all NHS workplaces.

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[How is the NHS performing?](#)

Rising costs, cuts in the payments they receive for treating patients and increasing demand makes 2015/16 the most challenging year for NHS providers this century, according to the King's Fund latest quarterly monitoring report.

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[Realise the potential of your whole team](#)

With the pace of change in the NHS, teams are constantly changing and facing new challenges. PCC's personal and team development programme can support you to get the best from your team.

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[People with learning disabilities over-prescribed psychiatric drugs](#)

Public Health England study finds people with learning disabilities are regularly prescribed psychiatric drugs without a recorded diagnosis.

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[Working with Autism: GPs' perspectives](#)

Autism Spectrum Disorder has been identified as a clinical priority by the RCGP. As part of the College's efforts to improve primary care provision for this disorder, they have collaborated with colleagues at the Centre for Research in Autism and Education (CRAE) at UCL to design a knowledge and attitudes survey for GPs in the UK.

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[Project and programme management support](#)

Our adviser team has extensive experience in primary care contracting and commissioning. We can provide project managers for contract and service reviews, to support the development of federations, primary care transformation projects and to support procurement of new primary care services.

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[Developing outcomes-based indicators](#)

This event, for commissioners who already get the point of outcomes based commissioning, explains the next steps: how to develop indicators to measure services against the goals set for them.

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[Public Health England launches nationwide breast cancer campaign](#)

Public Health England has launched a nationwide 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign aimed at women aged 70 and over to drive awareness of the risk of breast cancer amongst this age group and to increase their knowledge of lesser-known breast cancer symptoms.

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[Psychological wellbeing and work: improving outcomes for people with common mental health problems](#)

This briefing summarises key findings and recommendations from a report that explores proposals to improve employment and health outcomes for people with common mental health problems.

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[Health and safety competencies for NHS managers](#)

This new guidance highlights the core skills managers at all levels need to manage health and safety in the workplace effectively.

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[Primary medical care contracting - effective decision making under co-commissioning arrangements](#)

As NHS England seeks further applications from CCGs who want to

assume more responsibility for primary care under delegated and joint commissioning arrangements, PCC is running an event to explore how primary care commissioning committees work for joint and delegated arrangements.

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[Social care grant determinations for 2015 to 2016](#)

These grant determinations set out how much money the Department of Health will pay local authorities for social care grants in 2015 to 2016.

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