

The weekly newsletter from NHS Networks

Top stories

[NHS England finalises development guidance for PCNs](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement has published the final version of the PCN development guidance and prospectus, including a refreshed maturity matrix with a simple diagnostic Excel tool to help PCNs understand their local support needs. PCC provides a range of support to PCNs including leadership and team training. [Read more >](#)

[The state-backed indemnity scheme: what it means in practice](#)

Rising indemnity costs have been seen as a key factor in the escalating GP crisis, causing many GPs to reduce the sessions they work or quit the profession altogether. After years of complaints about the issue from general practice the government has finally responded. [Read more >](#)

[South Tyneside PCNs make it over the line – and look forward to getting started](#)

First signalled in the NHS Long Term Plan in January, primary care was given just a few months to come together by 1 July to provide care at greater scale in local networks. [Read more >](#)

[More harm than good: why more isn't always better with older people's medicines](#)

A report from Age UK calls for a more considered approach to prescribing medicines for our older population. [Read more >](#)

[Medicines project delivers £11 million savings](#)

A collaboration between hospitals and pharmacies in Cheshire and Merseyside has saved the NHS £11 million and improved patient care. [Read more >](#)

[The stress-resistant manager: building your resilience](#)

Most of us will suffer work-related stress – and the problem is most acute for public sector staff, particularly those in the NHS. [Read more >](#)

[Primary medical care commissioning internal audit ratings for delegated CCGs as of 31 June 2019](#)

This document, published by NHS England is the first cohort of new ratings on delegated CCGs, highlighting where internal audits are finding CCGs are performing delegated primary medical care

commissioning really well, but also helping to identify where improvements can be made.

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[Guidance on the seasonal influenza vaccination advanced service 2019/20](#)

PSNC has published this briefing which provides guidance for community pharmacy contractors and their teams on the 2019/20 NHS seasonal influenza vaccination advanced service.

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[Avoiding conflict with clarity, openness and trust](#)

No-one wants to reach a point where conflict resolution between commissioner, contract manager and provider is necessary. Constructive relationships are vital for the successful provision of high quality services that meet the needs of patients. Investment in building relationships can save a lot of time and stress later on should performance or contract compliance issues arise.

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[NHS oversight framework for 2019/20](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement has released documents that outline their joint approach to oversee organisational performance and identify where commissioners and providers may need support.

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[CCG 360° stakeholder survey national report 2018/19](#)

A central part of the CCG assessment process is the CCG 360 stakeholder survey, the findings of which are presented in this report.

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[Health and Social Care Committee launch inquiry into dental services](#)

Dentistry has been a part of the NHS since its inception in 1948. Previous governments have acknowledged that NHS dentistry has been too focused on treatment rather than prevention. The government is currently testing prototypes for a new dental contract with an emphasis on prevention.

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[MMR catch-up for 10 to 11 year old children: information for GPs](#)

In April 2019, NHS England and the BMA General Practitioners Committee (GPC) agreed to a catch-up campaign for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

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[Social prescribing: what's in it for practices and their patients?](#)

Social prescribing link-workers were among the first of the funded additional roles practices have been encouraged to employ under the network contract, so clearly policymakers think they could make a difference.

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[What is population health?](#)

What is a 'population health' approach? And what role do we all play in keeping our communities healthy?

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[Hospital food review](#)

The government will work with the NHS to ensure that food in hospitals is safe, nutritious and tasty.

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