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[Practice managers' development programme](#)

The advent of primary care networks creates a greater than ever need for practice managers to work together effectively and to develop their own skills and personal strengths.

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[Patient revolutionary tells all](#)

Few people have campaigned more energetically for patient-led healthcare services than David Gilbert, who also practises what he preaches as the first person to be appointed as a patient director at a healthcare provider.

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[Hospital eye services campaign](#)

NHS England and Improvement has launched a campaign to find out about the experiences of users of outpatient eye services.

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[NHS hospitals wind back the clock for dementia care](#)

NHS hospitals are decorating the wards and rooms of dementia patients in 1940s and 1950s style to create a familiar environment that can help jog memories, and reduce anxiety and distress.

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[What is commissioning and how is it changing?](#)

The King's Fund has updated an article that explains the changing role of commissioning and first appeared in 2017.

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[APMS dynamic purchasing system engagement events](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement is launching a new online procurement tool which will include a list of approved GP providers that local commissioners can invite to deliver their local GP service needs, including caretaker services.

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[Indemnity in general practice](#)

The government has provided further information on the development of a state-backed indemnity scheme for general practice in England.

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[Managing medicines for adults receiving social care in the community](#)

The Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal

Pharmaceutical Society have launched tips for managing medicines for adults receiving social care in the community.

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[Evaluation of the NHS workforce race equality standard \(WRES\)](#)

NHS England has published an interim report detailing the first six months of an evaluation of the WRES.

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[Effective team-working](#)

Teams have changed. Organisations are working in new ways, with teams that no longer sit next to each other, teams that work from home and teams that cross organisational boundaries.

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[People's experience of cancer care remains positive](#)

The results of the 2018 national cancer patient experience survey revealed overall experience is very positive, with patients rating it at an average of 8.8 out of 10.

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[Networks seek clarity on workforce funding](#)

From next April networks will be reimbursed for new workforce roles through a weighted capitation payment.

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[Important information for practices on NHS 111 direct bookings: free events in October](#)

As part of the new GP contract, patients will soon be able to book some urgent appointments for in-hours GP services directly from NHS 111.

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