**NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:**

13:43pm, 6 October 2017

**Practical support that goes beyond checklists**
Practices are increasingly asking for practical support that goes beyond checklists and diagnostics and makes a genuine difference to their ability to plan for change and make it happen.

13:42pm, 6 October 2017

**NHS England appoints local government leader as national learning disability director**
NHS England has announced the appointment of Ray James as its first national learning disability director, whose role is to improve services to people with a learning disability, their families and carers.

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**CQC reports on how it has reviewed care collaboration in Sutton and Cornwall**
The Care Quality Commission has published reports on how health and social care services in Cornwall and Sutton work together to respond to risk and provide joined-up care to the people in these two areas.

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**GMC seeks views on skills needed by newly-qualified doctors**
The General Medical Council (GMC) has launched a consultation on the knowledge, skills and professional behaviours needed by newly-qualified doctors in order to help shape the future development of undergraduate medical education.

13:38pm, 6 October 2017

**Latest guidance for the 2017/18 flu season**
Immform, the influenza vaccine uptake monitoring programme from Public Health England, has released new guidance on how to report the number of flu vaccinations given to frontline healthcare workers.
Older persons fellowship - applications open
Applications to become an expert in providing high quality care for older people are now open.

Survey of adults receiving social care and support services shows slight rise in reports of feeling safe
More people receiving social services care feel "as safe as they want" according to the results of a survey published by NHS Digital.

Facilitation skills, level one
Facilitation skills have a positive impact on meetings, negotiations and relationships. Confident, capable facilitators are an asset to any organisation.

Government announces consultation on organ donation opt-out system
The prime minister has announced the intention to launch a public consultation on increasing rates of organ donation. The proposals will include a new opt-out system for organ donation for England. The consultation will be launched by the end of the year.

Prime minister announces review to tackle detention of those with mental ill health
The independent review will look at how the legislation is used and how practice can improve.

New PHE figures show decline in HIV diagnosis rates
Public Health England (PHE) figures show there has been a significant decline in new diagnoses of HIV in the UK in gay and bisexual men.
15:39pm, 5 October 2017

**Prevention in action**

A report by the Red Cross finds that local authorities in England must do more in their areas to provide services that prevent, reduce or delay the need for care and support.

15:37pm, 5 October 2017

**Adult and older adult mental health services 2012-2016**

The NHS Benchmarking Network has made their mental health data available to the Centre for Mental Health to provide an independent commentary on what the data suggests about mental health provision in England and Wales between 2012 and 2016.

14:17pm, 4 October 2017

**Perio made easy - implementing healthy gums do matter in practice**

Would you like your primary dental care team to meet high standards of periodontal care, influence behaviour change of patients and fulfil their medico-legal and General Dental Council professional standards? Clinical leaders need the knowledge and confidence to mentor their teams to deliver best practice and improved outcomes for patients.

14:16pm, 4 October 2017

**Health secretary announces nursing workforce reforms**

Jeremy Hunt has announced wide-ranging reforms to increase nurse training places and retain staff.

14:14pm, 4 October 2017

**Safe and effective staffing: nursing against the odds**

The Royal College of Nursing has launched the results of a survey of nursing and midwifery staff in the UK.

14:12pm, 4 October 2017

**Sustainability and transformation plans and partnerships**

This House of Commons Library briefing covers the context in which sustainability and transformation partnerships have been developed,
their funding and accountability arrangements as well as their progress so far.

14:11pm, 4 October 2017
Quality checking health checks for people with learning disabilities
This audit tool consists of six questions and is designed to support practices, primary care liaison staff and health facilitators to improve the uptake and quality of annual health checks, and reduce the health inequalities experienced by people with learning disabilities.

14:09pm, 4 October 2017
Hospital admissions report
NHS Digital has published details of all hospital inpatient, day case and adult critical care episodes in England for the 2016/17 financial year.

14:14pm, 3 October 2017
How to be a better manager
Great managers are admired, good to be around, and make things happen. They understand their role, and engage with organisational objectives and their people with equal ability and confidence.

14:12pm, 3 October 2017
New guidance for community pharmacies claiming quality payments
NHS England has issued new guidance for community pharmacies wishing to claim payments this year under the quality payments scheme.

14:09pm, 3 October 2017
Safety and quality of emergency care
Chief inspector of hospitals Professor Ted Baker has written to England’s NHS trusts to highlight good practice from successful emergency care departments.

14:07pm, 3 October 2017
Winter indemnity scheme 2017/18
In recognition of the winter pressures faced by primary care services, NHS England and medical defence unions will run a winter indemnity scheme from 1 October 2017 until 2 April 2018.

14:05pm, 3 October 2017  
NHS Benchmarking Network audit of community mental health services  
NHS England has commissioned the NHS Benchmarking Network to undertake an audit of adult community mental health services.

14:03pm, 3 October 2017  
Health care on the brink: how parliamentarians can support their local NHS  
A briefing from the NHS Confederation outlines the extent of the challenges facing the NHS and explains how MPs and peers can support the health service at national and local level.

15:49pm, 2 October 2017  
Get the most out of NHS Networks  
Over 100,000 people use NHS Networks, the free-to-use virtual networking and document sharing platform.

15:47pm, 2 October 2017  
NHS hospital bed numbers: past, present, future  
This new report published by the King’s Fund puts the debate around hospital bed capacity into context and takes a look at trends both here and abroad.

15:44pm, 2 October 2017  
Initiative on children and young people’s mental health services  
Government departments are seeking 20 more areas to join a scheme to promote better children’s mental health in schools.

15:41pm, 2 October 2017  
Latest trends in district nurse student numbers  
The Queen’s Nursing Institute has launched its annual report on district nurse education.
Alcohol, drugs and tobacco: commissioning support pack
Public Health England has produced a commissioning support pack to help local authorities to develop joint strategic needs assessment and local joint health and wellbeing strategies that effectively address public health issues relating to alcohol, drug and tobacco use.

Learning from accident investigations to ensure patient safety
Health secretary Jeremy Hunt has written an article explaining the thinking behind the Health Service Safety Investigations Bill, and recent steps to improve patient safety.

New deputy chief medical officer appointed
Professor Jonathan Van-Tam has been named as the new deputy chief medical officer for England.

Payments increased for victims of infected blood scandal
The Department of Health has published its response to the consultation on payments to people who received infected blood during NHS treatment in the 1970s and 1980s.

£10 million boost for GP indemnity
NHS England is to strengthen out-of-hours GP services during the winter period by making £10 million available for indemnity costs.

Home-testing bowel cancer kits could halve invasive examinations by 2020
A major NHS England funded study is expected almost to halve the number of invasive procedures by 2020 by improving the accuracy of
home-testing kits that detect bowel cancer from invisible amounts of blood.

**NHS NETWORKS weekly message board updates:**

17:24pm, 2 October 2017

*Organisation based clinical networks*

My Trust is a mental health/community physical health provider, geographically spread with services delivered in a borough by borough structure. We want...

16:34pm, 2 October 2017

*Upgrading BT Identity Agent to Identity Agent v1/v2*

An update on the issue, it is now resolved. You were right Khalid, it was a problem with the...

**NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:**

23:59pm, 5 October 2017

*Word of the Year*

This is going to be hard. The organisers of the NHS Bottom 50, the awards for people who hate awards, have asked for your help in drawing up a shortlist for Word of the Year.