

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

13:02pm, 1 March 2019

[Local authorities told to get developers to address air pollution](#)

NICE has published a quality standard urging local authorities to put pressure on building developers to tackle air pollution.

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[Race equality in the NHS workforce](#)

What can be done about race inequality in the NHS workforce?

13:01pm, 1 March 2019

[New leaders announced to help deliver the NHS Long Term Plan](#)

A leading GP and one of England's foremost health experts have been chosen to co-chair a new forum which will help oversee the delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan.

13:00pm, 1 March 2019

[Controlled drugs now available through electronic prescription service](#)

NHS Digital is making Schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs available through the electronic prescription service (EPS), following trials involving 64 GP practices in England.

12:58pm, 1 March 2019

[Slight fall in breast screening take-up](#)

A report from NHS Digital shows that slightly fewer women aged 50 to 70 took up routine breast screening invitations last year.

12:57pm, 1 March 2019

[New statistics on England's social care workforce](#)

NHS Digital has published its latest report on the social care workforce in England.

12:56pm, 1 March 2019

[Avoiding practice disputes: why a partnership deed is more important than ever](#)

The NHS Long Term Plan expects general practices to move quickly to form closer working relationships.

12:55pm, 1 March 2019

[Slight fall in scarlet fever cases](#)

The latest report by Public Health England (PHE) shows that 6,316 cases of scarlet fever have been reported since mid-September 2018.

12:53pm, 1 March 2019

[PrEP impact trial to be expanded](#)

NHS England is to expand the PrEP impact trial, citing the success of the existing trial in which 11,500 have benefited from the HIV prevention measure.

12:51pm, 1 March 2019

[Integrated care systems - practical steps for primary care](#)

The NHS Long Term Plan puts primary care at the heart of plans for integrated care systems (ICS).

12:50pm, 1 March 2019

[Financial support needed for dental practices for FP17 paper switch-off, says BDA](#)

The British Dental Association has called for more financial support for dental practices faced with an imminent move from paper to electronic forms.

12:48pm, 1 March 2019

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

A new workshop promises to equip delegates to prevent conflict in commissioning and contract management relationships.

12:47pm, 1 March 2019

[Call for mental health guardians across the NHS](#)

Guardians of workforce mental wellbeing should be introduced across the NHS, according to a report published by HEE (Health Education England).

12:45pm, 1 March 2019

[Measuring outcomes in integrated services](#)

With the accelerated development of integrated care systems, one of the major success factors will be to demonstrate positive patient outcomes rather than counting activity.

12:43pm, 1 March 2019

[New training for health visitors to boost early language skills](#)

A thousand health visitors are to be trained to support children's early language and communication needs during routine home visits

12:42pm, 1 March 2019

[NHS must lead the world in genomic healthcare](#)

The government has announced a new national genomic healthcare strategy to ensure the UK is able to offer the best possible care for people with rare diseases.

12:40pm, 1 March 2019

[NHS tackles social media harm in treatment for eating disorder](#)

Hundreds of people will receive therapy to counteract the impact of harmful social media as part of a new NHS service for the rare eating disorder diabulimia.

12:39pm, 1 March 2019

[Sign up for Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Week](#)

Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Week is a joint campaign from NHS England, Public Health England and Diabetes UK.

12:37pm, 1 March 2019

[Striking the balance on antibiotics prescribing 'extremely challenging', says RCGP](#)

Responding to two papers published in the BMJ on antibiotics prescribing, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "GPs are in an incredibly difficult position when it comes to antibiotics prescribing. We are under huge pressure not to prescribe - and publicly vilified when we are deemed to do so too readily - yet, we know that in some cases antibiotics are a matter of life or death.

14:05pm, 27 February 2019

[Staff survey shows workforce under pressure](#)

While NHS England has put a positive spin on the results of the latest NHS staff survey, other organisations take a more critical view.

14:04pm, 27 February 2019

[NHS publishes latest NHS staff survey results](#)

NHS England has published the 2018 staff survey of NHS trusts and foundation trusts which shows that more than seven in ten staff would recommend their organisation to their family and friends for treatment, a proportion that has increased every year for the past four years.

14:02pm, 27 February 2019

[Regular e-cigarette use remains low among young people in Britain](#)

A Public Health England report on e-cigarette use finds that regular vaping remains low among young people, and has plateaued among adults.

14:00pm, 27 February 2019

[Gender reassignment is a specialist area of medicine, says RCGP](#)

Dr Jonathan Leach, honorary secretary of the Royal College of GPs, has made a statement on care of trans patients in general practice.

15:14pm, 26 February 2019

[Deadly diet drug DNP can kill](#)

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society has issued a warning about an industrial chemical used in pesticides and explosives which is unfit for human consumption but sold illegally on the Internet for weight loss.

15:13pm, 26 February 2019

[20,000 women get help from NHS maternity advice line](#)

A helpline staffed by midwives has seen tens of thousands of new and expectant mothers get guidance on labour, breastfeeding, sleep and other health problems.

15:11pm, 26 February 2019

[Learning disability resources](#)

NHS England has published resources for its "Stomp" and "Stamp" programmes, which aim to improve the use of medicines for people with a learning disability, autism or both.

15:10pm, 26 February 2019

[Update on medicines and medical products supply as we exit the EU](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued an update on plans to secure the supply of medicines and medical products in the event of a no-deal EU exit.

15:08pm, 26 February 2019

[GPs have saved UK from 'opioid crisis' - RCGP](#)

Responding to an investigation into opioid prescribing by the Sunday Times, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, chair of the Royal College of GPs, defended UK GPs against the report's allegations of overprescribing.

15:06pm, 26 February 2019

[Matt Hancock bans pagers from the NHS](#)

The health and social care secretary has ordered the removal of pagers for non-emergency communications by the end of 2021.

16:36pm, 25 February 2019

[Effectiveness concerns for drug used in Batten disease](#)

NICE has published draft guidance confirming that it will not recommend cerliponase alfa (also called Brineura and made by Biogen) for children with Batten disease - a very rare inherited condition affecting between one and six babies each year in the UK.

16:34pm, 25 February 2019

[Children's vaccine 87% effective against prevailing flu strain](#)

Public Health England (PHE) has published mid-season data on the effectiveness of this year's flu vaccines.

16:31pm, 25 February 2019

[Reservoirs of antimicrobial resistance](#)

The widespread use of antimicrobials, particularly antibiotics, has accelerated the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in microbes. A recent report by the health and social care committee called for AMR to be a top five policy priority.

16:22pm, 25 February 2019

[Mental wellbeing commission report](#)

As part of Health Education England's health and care workforce strategy, the NHS staff and learners' mental wellbeing commission reviewed evidence of good practice for the mental health and wellbeing of staff and learners in NHS organisations.

16:19pm, 25 February 2019

[Surge in male nurse applications](#)

A record breaking number of male school leavers have applied to be nurses following an NHS England recruitment campaign.

16:18pm, 25 February 2019

[Positive result from trials of physios in general practice](#)

Tens of thousands of people have been helped to overcome back pain, arthritis and other muscle, bone and joint conditions without going to hospital, thanks to additional specialist care at local GP surgeries.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

10:19am, 1 March 2019

[NHS plan is the new Brexit](#)

The NHS Long Term Plan could save the UK from a critical shortage of NHS related news in the wake of Brexit. Milking the plan for all it's worth will keep the PR machine spinning and save hundreds of jobs in NHS communications.