NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:
14:53pm, 13 October 2017
**New programme promises way forward for practice managers**
Practice managers are crucial to the success of primary care, but their leadership development needs can be overlooked.

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**Action to boost flu vaccination and manage winter pressures**
NHS England, Public Health England, the Department of Health and NHS Improvement have unveiled measures to boost the uptake of flu vaccinations along with package of new contingency actions to respond to pressures on frontline services this winter.

14:50pm, 13 October 2017
**GP indemnity: development of state-backed scheme for England**
The government is planning a state-backed indemnity scheme to protect GPs from the costs of clinical negligence claims.

14:48pm, 13 October 2017
**The state of hospice services in England 2014 to 2017**
Hospice care across England has the highest percentage of services rated outstanding, according to the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

14:46pm, 13 October 2017
**CCGs reminded about what not to prescribe in primary care**
NHS England has reminded CCGs of items that should not be prescribed in primary care, as part of a drive to reduce unnecessary costs.
14:45pm, 13 October 2017
**Better IT for commissioners of personalised care.**
NHS England has published the findings of a campaign to develop better IT for personalised care, as part of work to develop the IT supplier market for personal health budgets.

14:51pm, 12 October 2017
**First-hand insights into contracting for accountable care**
As policy makers continue to push the NHS towards integrated services at scale, commissioners and providers continue to wrestle with contractual issues that threaten to slow progress or stop it in its tracks.

14:47pm, 12 October 2017
**Electronic prescription service saves NHS £130 million over three years**
The electronic prescription service (EPS) has managed to save the NHS £130 million over three years.

14:45pm, 12 October 2017
**Cost of failure in social care funding**
This report warns government that the chronic under-funding of social care must be reversed.

14:42pm, 12 October 2017
**Struggling to cope: mental health staff and services under pressure**
A report from Unison finds that reduced funding to mental health services across the UK is leaving staff vulnerable to violence and aggression from patients and means they cannot provide the level of care needed.
14:41pm, 12 October 2017
Waiting time data collection from general practices
NHS England has commissioned the North of England Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) to collect data to improve understanding of waiting times in general practice.

14:40pm, 12 October 2017
Mental health learning campaign from CPPE
The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has launched a new learning campaign.

13:15pm, 11 October 2017
Enabling providers to develop new care models
Commissioners will play an important role in empowering providers to work together to establish the collaborations that may evolve to become the accountable care systems of the future.

10:33am, 11 October 2017
Prime minister launches world-leading project on impact of ethnicity on everyday life
The prime minister will challenge society to “explain or change” disparities in how people from different backgrounds are treated, as the government publishes the findings of a groundbreaking audit of public services in a document titled Ethnicity Facts and Figures.

10:27am, 11 October 2017
New £15m programme to train a million in mental health first aid
A new £15 million programme will see up to 1 million people trained in basic mental health “first aid” skills. The programme will improve personal resilience and help people recognise and respond effectively to signs of mental illness in others.

10:26am, 11 October 2017

*The state of health care and adult social care in England 2016/17*

The CQC’s annual report shows that the quality of care has been maintained despite some very real challenges.

10:25am, 11 October 2017

*What happens when people leave hospital and other care settings?*

When discharge goes wrong, it comes at a cost, both to individuals and to the health and social care system, according to a report from Healthwatch.

10:23am, 11 October 2017

*Musculoskeletal conditions: return on investment tool*

A tool to help local commissioners provide cost-effective interventions for the prevention and treatment of musculoskeletal conditions.

10:22am, 11 October 2017

*NICE advises on care of people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour*

Local authorities and NHS bodies should provide specialist community care for people with learning disabilities who behave in a way that challenges to avoid admissions to psychiatric wards or residential homes, new draft guidance from NICE says.
Successful change agents
This one-day workshop is for managers undergoing and supporting staff through change programmes.

Clinical pharmacists helping to transform the NHS workforce
GP practices are now invited to apply for funding in the second phase of a successful pilot scheme which offers clinical pharmacists the chance to develop their role in general practice.

Help for NHS to recover costs of care from visitors and migrants
The Department of Health has published advice for doctors and dentists to help recover costs of care from visitors and migrants.

Social prescribing fund to help deliver General Practice Forward View
The Department of Health has launched a new £5 million fund, supporting local health and care partnerships to develop social prescribing - one of the General Practice Forward View's (GPFV) 10 high-impact actions.

New end of life resources from Age UK and the malnutrition taskforce
Age UK and the malnutrition taskforce have published a booklet and accompanying animation designed to help people have positive conversations about death with the people they care about.

22:29pm, 10 October 2017

**Changes to cancer waiting times system and dataset**

NHS England is planning changes to the cancer waiting times (CWT) system and dataset, which will come into effect from April 2018.

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**GMS contract changes 2017/18**

NHS Employers and the British Medical Association’s General Practitioners Committee (GPC) have announced changes to the General Medical Services (GMS) contract in England for 2017/18.

19:50pm, 9 October 2017

**Half of older adults have experienced mental health problems, says Age UK**

Nearly half of adults aged 55 and older (7.7 million people) say they have experienced depression and around the same number (7.3 million) have suffered with anxiety, according to new YouGov research for the charity Age UK - revealing the scale of the mental health challenge facing older people in the UK.

19:48pm, 9 October 2017

**New hexavalent vaccine including Hepatitis B for primary immunisations**
From 1 October 2017, all babies born on or after 1 August 2017 will become eligible for a hexavalent vaccine which includes Hepatitis B (HepB) for their primary immunisations.

19:47pm, 9 October 2017
Bones and Joint Week - 12-20 October 2017
NHS England, Public Health England and the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance are collaboratively supporting Bone and Joint Week to improve awareness of bone, joint and muscle health at a national and local level, and to tackle the enormous impact of Musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions on individuals and society.

19:45pm, 9 October 2017
General Medical Services contract requirement on routine frailty identification
NHS England has updated guidance for general practices to support implementation of the new frailty requirements in the 2017/18 GP contract.

19:43pm, 9 October 2017
Child weight management services: systematic review
A systematic review, commissioned by Public Health England, addresses the critical features of successful tier 2 weight management programmes for children aged 0 to 11 years.

19:41pm, 9 October 2017
Partnerships for improvement: ingredients for success
This briefing looks at a range of current organisational partnerships.
Here is a new twist on the Radio 4 panel game Just a Minute. It has been suggested by the overwhelming response to the call for nominations for the NHS Word of the Year, which attracted hundreds of entries, all of them truly dreadful. Thank you.