

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

15:53pm, 25 October 2019

[Effective signposting relies on relationships not directories](#)

Relieving the strain on general practice and keeping people well calls for more than medical remedies. To fulfil their potential and to meet the ambitions of policymakers, PCNs need to work with the voluntary sector.

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[NHS England concludes wide-ranging deal for cystic fibrosis drugs](#)

NHS England has announced it has secured a definitive agreement with Vertex Pharmaceuticals to make available all three of their UK-licensed cystic fibrosis medicines.

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[Sexual health report: government response](#)

The government has published its response to the health and social care committee's report on sexual health.

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[PCNs could play key role in reversing 'alarming falls' in childhood vaccination](#)

The NHS wants primary care networks (PCNs) to play a bigger role in reversing what an NHS England statement called "alarming falls" in rates of childhood vaccination.

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[NHS winter pressures campaign gets under way](#)

A campaign is under way to reduce pressure on the NHS over the winter period.

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[Clinical audit reports](#)

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published six clinical audit reports containing recommendations for commissioners.

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[Influencing skills](#)

This session on 3 December in Birmingham includes top tips to make an instant improvement to the way you communicate and to achieve better outcomes.

16:09pm, 24 October 2019

[Social prescribing: new national academy set up](#)

Health and social care secretary Matt Hancock is setting out his ambition for every patient in the country to have access to social prescribing schemes on the NHS as readily as they do medical care.

16:06pm, 24 October 2019

[£184m loan funding for urgent hospital upgrades](#)

The health secretary has approved £184m of capital loan funding from the Department of Health and Social Care to go towards some of the most urgent hospital upgrades to protect vital frontline patient care.

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[National survey shows most people experience good urgent and emergency care, but lengthy waiting times remain a problem](#)

A survey of 50,000 people who received urgent and emergency care from services provided by 132 NHS trusts across England show that the majority are positive about most aspects of their care and treatment.

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[Adult social care statistics released by NHS Digital](#)

NHS Digital has published three reports which include the latest statistics on adult social care in England.

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[Nurses leading the way with group consultations](#)

Why explain long-term condition management separately to four patients in an hour when you could be talking to 10 in a group consultation that achieves better outcomes?

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[Introduction to project management](#)

Project management requires a specific set of skills, some of which we possess naturally and can learn to use more effectively. But it also requires knowledge and a well-defined approach.

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[Grant awarded to improve the health of people sleeping rough](#)

A £1.9m grant has been awarded to six projects to support people who are - or are at risk of returning to - sleeping rough.

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[Psychiatry is vital to ageing well](#)

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has issued guidance is to help local areas plan and deliver specialist services, led by old age psychiatrists, to meet the needs of older people.

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[Designing digital skills interventions for older people](#)

This report brings together recommendations for designing digital skills interventions for older people with care and support needs.

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[Practices must register for safety alerts, says MHRA](#)

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is urging to GP practices to register for safety alerts on its portal.

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[LGBT patients' experience of primary care](#)

LGBT patients are being asked about their experiences of primary care services in a survey from LGBT Foundation.

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[Developing leaders capable of delivering PCNs](#)

The Confident Leader programme is designed for those with a leadership role in primary care networks and emerging integrated care systems.

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[Improving identification of people with a learning disability](#)

The NHS long-term plan commits to improve health care for people with a learning disability. NHS England and Improvement has published guidance for practices to ensure they have an accurate and complete register of patients with a learning disability.

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[Tens of thousands get life-changing diabetes monitors](#)

Nearly 30,000 people across the country with Type 1 diabetes have received life-changing diabetes monitors.

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[World Antibiotic Awareness Week, 18-22 November](#)

World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) aims to increase awareness of antibiotic resistance as a global problem, and to promote best practice among the general public, health workers and policy-makers to reduce the impact of antibiotic resistance.

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[Suppliers on the GP IT Futures framework](#)

Sixty-nine GP IT system suppliers are to be awarded contracts to supply systems through the new GP IT Futures framework.

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[Network leadership](#)

Network leadership is not just a new way to lead, but also a new way of thinking. It is non-linear, dynamic, and very much relationship-based. It is a leadership style that shows you how you can improve others' performance and bring together other people's contributions to the benefit of your organisation.

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[National roll-out of electronic prescriptions](#)

In future all prescriptions will be issued electronically, with the national rollout of the existing service starting next month.

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[Mental health support for NHS doctors and dentists](#)

All NHS doctors and dentists in England now have access to a comprehensive mental health service, the government has announced.

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[UK alcohol clinical guidelines in development](#)

Public Health England is working on UK-wide clinical guidelines for alcohol treatment.

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[Analysis of inspection reports](#)

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) has published an analysis of CQC inspection reports of community pharmacies.

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[The right to appeal in adult social care](#)

A report from an older people's charity looks into how people can challenge decisions about the care and support they receive.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

13:11pm, 25 October 2019

[Toast](#)

"The biggest complaint about the NHS which is beloved by everyone is about the food, and the biggest complaint about the food is about the lack of toast."