NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

14:53pm, 8 September 2017

Going with the grain: new models for general practice

National policy poses a dilemma by insisting on the one hand that general practice is key to the development of new care models but recognising on the other that parts of general practice are badly in need of support. Evolutionary models of change represented by the primary care home (PCH) and other kinds of GP hub promise to resolve the dilemma, creating building blocks of the necessary scale to work in larger systems such as multi-speciality community provider (MCP) or accountable care systems.

13:40pm, 8 September 2017

Service specification for integrated urgent care

NHS England has published a national service specification for integrated urgent care services. It outlines the steps that commissioners must take to deliver this important transformation and to move from an 'assess and refer' to a new 'consult and complete' model of service delivery.

13:37pm, 8 September 2017

Macmillan warns of effects of workforce pressures on cancer patients

According to this report from Macmillan Cancer Support, current workforce pressures are affecting the level of care being delivered to cancer patients.

13:36pm, 8 September 2017

Managing the costs of clinical negligence in trusts

A National Audit Office report urges the government to tackle the rising cost of clinical negligence claims across the health and justice systems.

13:34pm, 8 September 2017

Survey on education and training in the NHS

Health Education England's technology enhanced learning team wants to find out how the NHS workforce currently learn, what their preferences for learning are and the role that technology and digital may play in enhancing this learning.

10:55am, 7 September 2017

The principles of project management

Good project management is of the art of getting a successful outcome using the resources available. This is more important than ever in health and social care where managers are under increasing pressure to deliver better outcomes and greater efficiency in every aspect of their work.

10:54am, 7 September 2017

Managing workload e-learning

We all work in fast-paced environments, where there are tight deadlines that regularly need to be met. Do your to-do piles only ever seem to get bigger, your inbox only ever become fuller and do you seem to have an ever decreasing amount of time to complete your work in?

10:52am, 7 September 2017

Community pharmacy: public health interventions

This document sets out a range of opportunities for pharmacy teams working in communities, and through their daily interactions with patients and the public, to play an important role in protecting and improving the health of the nation.

10:38am, 7 September 2017

New Acas guidance: managing employees with premature or sick babies

Acas has produced new guidance for employers to help manage employees with premature or sick babies.

10:35am, 7 September 2017

Suspect endometriosis in women with chronic pelvic pain says NICE

Delayed diagnosis is a significant problem for women with endometriosis as new guidance aims to raise awareness amongst healthcare professionals.

10:33am, 7 September 2017

Mental health at work: the business costs ten years on

This report finds that mental health problems in the UK workforce cost employers almost £35 billion last year.

18:58pm, 6 September 2017

Reception teams are key to a better experience for patients and practice staff

Reception teams can improve the experience of patients and practice staff by taking simple steps to improve customer service.

18:56pm, 6 September 2017

Work, health and disability green paper: data pack

The government has published a technical annex to the work, health and disability green paper.

18:51pm, 6 September 2017

NHS Providers praises winter plans but calls for more funding

A report from NHS Providers, the representative body for the acute care sector, assesses NHS planning for the upcoming winter season and finds that while the level of planning and support is more developed than last year, the system still requires emergency funding to ensure patient safety.

18:48pm, 6 September 2017

Checklist for induction and training of CCG lay members

NHS Clinical Commissioners has published a checklist to support CCGs with the induction and training of lay members.

18:44pm, 6 September 2017

CCG prescribing data - April to June 2017

This release contains prescribing data for the quarter April to June 2017, by CCG at British national formulary (BNF) section level. The data is made available via a tool called iView which will allow users to access the quarterly timeseries and to manipulate and extract data.

18:41pm, 6 September 2017

NICE warns of risk of missing ADHD diagnosis

NICE is urging doctors to think about a potential ADHD diagnosis in people who are at higher risk of having the condition, but who are usually overlooked.

14:07pm, 5 September 2017

Working with the media

Communication is a key determinant of success for NHS organisations, but few do it well.

14:06pm, 5 September 2017

One in ten men in their 50s have a heart in its 60s

New analysis from Public Health England's heart age test shows many have a heightened risk of a potentially fatal heart attack or stroke. One in ten males over 50 have a heart showing the wear and tear you would expect in someone ten or more years older.

14:04pm, 5 September 2017

Reducing health inequalities in local areas

Public Health England has published guidance to support local action on health inequalities to improve outcomes.

14:03pm, 5 September 2017

NICE says benefits of breast cancer drug fulvestrant too uncertain to make it cost effective

NICE has published draft guidance saying the evidence on using fulvestrant to treat a type of breast cancer does not prove it prolongs survival more than existing, less expensive treatments.

13:59pm, 5 September 2017

HEE announces results of GP training consultation

Health Education England has announced the outcome of a consultation on a number of proposals that could enable doctors who did not successfully complete their GP training to re-enter the programme and another that acknowledges previous experience of doctors from other specialties to be taken into account.

13:57pm, 5 September 2017

Improvement in patient experience of cancer diagnosis and care

Findings from the annual cancer patient experience survey (CPES) show an improving picture, with patients scoring their overall experience at 8.74 out of 10 (compared with 8.7 last year) and giving more positive feedback about the diagnostic stage.

16:31pm, 4 September 2017

Improved support for personal health budgets

NHS England says it has improved support for personal health budgets. It includes training courses for professionals who are new to the subject, introductory webinars and workshops for teams who want to expand local support for the programme.

16:30pm, 4 September 2017

Vacant space handback scheme launched

Commissioners can hand back vacant space under a new scheme run by NHS Property Services (NHSPS).

16:29pm, 4 September 2017

Campaign to provide legal advice to optometrists

The Association of Optometrists (AOP) has launched "Who's got your back?" - a campaign designed to highlight the support available to professionals facing legal issues.

16:28pm, 4 September 2017

Provision of information on general practice access data

The next bi-annual extended access collection will open for submissions from 1 September 2017 to 29 September 2017 inclusive.

16:26pm, 4 September 2017

Better mental health: JSNA toolkit

This toolkit aims to support the joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) process in relation to mental health needs.

16:24pm, 4 September 2017

Europe moves towards tobacco free future

Several member states in the WHO European region are moving towards becoming tobacco-free, defined as smoking prevalence of 5% or less.

NHS NETWORKS weekly message board updates:

14:45pm, 5 September 2017

Tramadol

i have just recently left a childrens hospital and although oramorph was opiod of choice both that and tramadol where...

14:36pm, 5 September 2017

Reconstitution of mycophenolate and valganciclovir suspensions

hello i worked at alderhey and we always made this up for our patients in laminar cupboard and at monthy...

10:30am, 5 September 2017

EMIS Web Remote Consultations v Clinical Services (Patient Trace)

For those EMIS Web GP Practices/Federations/providers looking to deliver services that can be run in or outside of GP practices...

10:06am, 5 September 2017

EMIS Anywhere Laptops

Hi - I work for the GP Federation and CCG's in Worcestershire. I'm interested to see how other EMIS Web...

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

00:15am, 7 September 2017

Where now for Simon's beard?

Everyone remembers where they were when they first heard the news. For many it was this dramatic announcement on Twitter by David Williams of the HSJ: