NHS Networks new content summary

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:
14:22pm, 11 August 2017
Survey on role of specialist palliative care in care homes
A survey of organisations providing specialist palliative care services to care homes highlights the work they do and the challenges they face.

14:20pm, 11 August 2017
The principles of project management
Good project management is of the art of getting a successful outcome using the resources available.

14:18pm, 11 August 2017
Thinking strategically e-learning
Professionals in all walks of life sometimes struggle to get their issues heard at the strategic level. This e-learning course has been designed for professionals who want to develop their strategic thinking skills and influence the strategic direction of their organisation.

14:17pm, 11 August 2017
Faster access to cancer drugs
NICE has approved liver cancer drug, sorafenib for routine NHS use. Three-quarters of drugs covered by the cancer drugs fund (CDF) have now been approved without a negative decision.

14:16pm, 11 August 2017
National maternity and perinatal audit 2017
This report finds that there have been improvements in maternity services with a large increase in midwife-led units co-located with obstetric units and increasing birthplace choice for pregnant women.

14:14pm, 11 August 2017
PSNC publishes resources on pharmacy cashflow changes
PSNC’s funding team has published further materials to help community pharmacy contractors to understand how recent changes may be affecting their cashflow.

15:49pm, 10 August 2017
Facilitation skills level one
Facilitation skills have a positive impact on meetings, negotiations and relationships. Confident, capable facilitators are an asset to any organisation.

15:48pm, 10 August 2017
More people survive heart failure
Improvements in patient care mean hundreds more people are surviving heart failure, a
new independent study has found.

15:47pm, 10 August 2017
**Changes to statement of financial entitlement for dental contracts**
The Department of Health has published the Primary Dental Services Statements of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) directions 2017.

15:46pm, 10 August 2017
**1,500 extra medical undergraduate places confirmed**
The number of student places at medical schools in England is to increase by 1,500.

15:45pm, 10 August 2017
**General surgery: GIRFT programme national specialty report**
This report argues that the NHS could see a significant reduction in the amount of people unnecessarily admitted for emergency general surgery if more acute hospitals introduced consultant-led surgical assessments at their ‘front door’.

15:43pm, 10 August 2017
**Case study on improved staff engagement**
A case study from NHS Employers looks at how Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust has significantly improved its staff engagement levels using new and innovative methods.

15:29pm, 10 August 2017
**Thousands more could benefit from drugs to prevent bone fractures**
NICE has published new guidance on the use of drugs called bisphosphonates for preventing bone fractures in people at increased risk.

15:51pm, 9 August 2017
**Maternity programme moves towards delivery**
NHS England has published a blog by the chair of the maternity transformation programme.

15:49pm, 9 August 2017
**£500m could be saved by ‘new medicine service’**
An economic evaluation looking at the cost-effectiveness of the new medicine service (NMS) has found that the service increased patient medicine adherence by 10% compared with normal practice, which translated into increased health gain at reduced overall cost.

15:48pm, 9 August 2017
**Issues when implementing pharmacy access to local electronic health records**
A briefing by professional body the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee lists issues to be considered by local pharmaceutical committees (LPCs) and community pharmacy contractors when pharmacy access to local electronic health record systems is
being planned.

15:46pm, 9 August 2017
**NHS Digital calls for general practice workload data**
NHS Digital has issued a data provision notice to all general practices in England to notify them of a monthly collection of general practice appointment information which will commence on 10 September 2017.

15:42pm, 9 August 2017
**Protecting victims of drug gangs**
The Home Office has developed guidance for health and care staff to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from so-called “county lines”.

15:40pm, 9 August 2017
**New GP resource on cancer prevention**
A Manchester cancer network has launched a pioneering online learning platform to help GPs detect cancer symptoms faster.

20:22pm, 8 August 2017
**Carers who struggle with money also likely to suffer feelings of social isolation**
Almost 40% of carers who reported the most serious financial difficulties also felt socially isolated according to a survey of 55,700 carers published by NHS Digital.

20:21pm, 8 August 2017
**Current global shortage of hepatitis B vaccine**
There is currently a global shortage of hepatitis B vaccine which has been caused by problems in the manufacturing process.

20:20pm, 8 August 2017
**Genomics issues for the national data guardian**
A paper by the national data guardian outlines the key issues from an evidence session held to explore how the national data guardian might help to address concerns about the legitimacy of genomic data sharing within the NHS for direct care and routine service delivery.

20:18pm, 8 August 2017
**Improving the working environment for safe surgical care**
A paper from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh makes recommendations to government to improve safety in the delivery of surgical treatment and patient care.

20:17pm, 8 August 2017
**University College London launches national innovation survey**
University College London (UCL) has launched a national survey to investigate the evidence NHS decision-makers prefer to use when considering adoption or diffusion of innovations.
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.

Integrating care: contracting for accountable models
NHS England has published information on contractual arrangements for accountable care organisations.

NHS equality and diversity mapping exercise 2017
NHS Employers and NHS England are gathering information from NHS organisations about what additional support they need to help them deliver against key equality and diversity mandates and standards.

Falls and fracture prevention commissioning resource pack
Public Health England and others have published a resource pack to support commissioning of falls and fracture prevention.

Improving new starter turnover: case study
A case study from NHS Employers outlines how East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust worked to improve experiences of staff in their first year of employment at the trust and saw a 20% improvement in turnover as a result.

A personalised approach to quality assurance
A case study of Surrey County Council explains how their quality assurance team works closely with local CCGs to ensure a high quality of care in care homes, home care providers and supported living schemes.

Screening consultation on rare condition in babies
The UK’s independent expert screening committee has launched a consultation on whether screening for severe combined immune deficiency (SCID) in babies should be tried within the NHS