

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

13:47pm, 6 December 2019

[Fundamentals first, transformation later](#)

A few PCNs are getting involved in integrated care planning, but many are still working on their own relationships.

13:46pm, 6 December 2019

[Patient and community engagement indicator in the NHS oversight framework](#)

NHS England has issued guidance on the patient and community engagement indicator in the NHS oversight framework 2019/20.

13:43pm, 6 December 2019

[Quit smoking services for people with severe mental illness](#)

The Mental Health Consortium has been commissioned to investigate how to help people with severe mental illness to stop smoking.

13:42pm, 6 December 2019

[Winter vomiting bug closes 1,100 hospital beds](#)

The NHS is calling on the public to heed advice and stay at home if they have norovirus to avoid passing it on, as hospitals in England have been forced to close more than 1,100 hospital beds over the last week.

13:39pm, 6 December 2019

[Maternal intravenous immunoglobulin for the prevention of allo-immune fetal and neonatal haemochromatosis](#)

NHS England will commission maternal intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) for the prevention of allo-immune fetal and neonatal haemochromatosis in accordance with the criteria outlined in this policy.

13:38pm, 6 December 2019

[Unconventional health and care: five organisations delivering care differently](#)

How can we make sure that people always receive the compassionate care they need?

16:23pm, 5 December 2019

[Practice managers' development programme](#)

The advent of primary care networks creates a greater than ever need for practice managers to work together effectively and to develop their own skills and personal strengths. PCC has several years' experience of providing leadership development and skills training to practice managers.

16:22pm, 5 December 2019

[Better for women: improving the health and wellbeing of girls and women](#)

A survey of more than 3,000 women commissioned by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists found that women are struggling to access health care services locally.

16:20pm, 5 December 2019

[No evidence that hospital competition is good for us](#)

The Health Foundation has challenged a claim by the Competition and Markets Authority that competition between hospitals benefit patients.

16:19pm, 5 December 2019

[National general practice profiles: 2019 annual update](#)

Public Health England has published national general practice profiles. These are designed to support GPs, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and local authorities to commission effective, appropriate healthcare services for their local populations.

13:57pm, 4 December 2019

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

No-one wants to reach a point where conflict resolution between commissioner, contract manager and provider is necessary. Constructive relationships are vital for the successful provision of high quality services that meet the needs of patients.

13:56pm, 4 December 2019

[State of the nation's health in 2018 shown in new report](#)

The latest figures for the Health Survey for England have been released by NHS Digital, monitoring trends in the nation's health and featuring new data on gambling, asthma and longstanding conditions.

13:54pm, 4 December 2019

[Occupational therapy led vocational clinics get people back to work sooner](#)

Saving GP and practice nurse time is a key priority in primary care, particularly for those appointments that could be more appropriately dealt with by other professionals.

13:52pm, 4 December 2019

[Improving mental health services in integrated care systems](#)

This report sets out recommendations for local and national health and care leaders to support the prioritisation of mental health as local areas develop into integrated care systems.

13:41pm, 4 December 2019

[DHSC permits use of antiviral medicines against influenza](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has via its Central Alerting System (CAS) published a letter advising that due to increasing flu levels in the community, GPs and other prescribers working in primary care in England may now prescribe antiviral medicines for the prophylaxis and treatment of flu at NHS expense.

13:39pm, 4 December 2019

[A quarter of cancer patients experience avoidable delay to diagnosis](#)

One in four cancer patients experienced a delay to their diagnosis that could have been avoided, according to a new study by Cancer Research UK.

11:12am, 3 December 2019

[The secrets of successful change agents](#)

Seventy percent of change programmes fail. Successful change leaders are able to adapt to changing circumstances and to bring their teams with them. This requires sound judgement, decision-making skills in an uncertain environment, personal resilience and an ability to understand and support others at different stages of change.

11:11am, 3 December 2019

[Running a successful patient group: top tips](#)

Mike Etkind is chair of a Buckinghamshire patient participation group (PPG) that has teamed up with others in the area to form a primary care network-wide patient group, thought to be one of the first in the country.

11:09am, 3 December 2019

[Project to cut hospital admissions wins Sir Peter Carr partnership award](#)

A CCG has won this year's prestigious Sir Peter Carr partnership award for their innovative project which

prevents avoidable hospital admissions and provides care at the place of a person's choice.

11:08am, 3 December 2019

[Get Health Creation Done - NHS Alliance manifesto](#)

NHS Alliance has produced a manifesto - *Get Health Creation Done*. There is a persistent gap between poor and affluent areas of the UK in both life expectancy and the number of years people live in good health.

10:45am, 2 December 2019

[The stress-resistant manager: building your resilience](#)

Most of us will suffer work-related stress - and the problem is most acute for public sector staff, particularly those in the NHS. Many are faced with increasing complexity and rising workload, and report a poor work/life balance as they struggle to reconcile work priorities with home or family commitments.

10:44am, 2 December 2019

[PMS, GMS and APM contract 2019 guidance](#)

NHS England has published Personal Medical Services contract October 2019.

10:41am, 2 December 2019

[Cancer survival: index for CCGs](#)

This publication sets out and comments on cancer survival in CCGs in England for patients diagnosed in the period 2002 to 2017 and followed up to 2018.

10:40am, 2 December 2019

[GPhC launches new guidance for pharmacist prescribers](#)

The council of the GPhC has approved new guidance for pharmacist prescribers to ensure that they provide safe and effective care when prescribing.

10:37am, 2 December 2019

[Drug-related hospital admissions data for 2018-19 published in new report](#)

NHS Digital has published annual data on drug misuse in England including data on hospital admissions, deaths and the prevalence of drug use.

10:36am, 2 December 2019

[Guidance for local pharmaceutical committees on consultation service](#)

PSNC has issued guidance for local pharmaceutical committees (LPCs) on providing support to community pharmacies on the community pharmacist consultation service (CPCS).

10:33am, 2 December 2019

[Estimating need in older people: findings for England](#)

A report from Age UK outlines how ill health, poverty, unmet needs for care and support, poor housing, loneliness and social isolation are profound challenges for many older people.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

12:10pm, 5 December 2019

[Sustainability and transformation parties: mandatory guidance](#)

As Christmas fast approaches, system leaders are getting ready for so-called sustainability and transformation parties, the highlight of the year for those who enjoy kinky integration with strangers.
