

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:56am, 25 September 2020

### [Statistics for all routine childhood vaccinations in England in 2019-20](#)

NHS Digital has published childhood vaccination coverage statistics contains information on vaccinations measured at the ages of 12 months, 24 months and five years. There are 14 measures of vaccination coverage. At a national level, coverage has increased for 12 of these.

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### [Covid-19: guidance for those leading a nomadic way of life](#)

This guidance covers what to do if someone develops symptoms of Covid-19 when living on a traveller site, in a vehicle or on a canal boat.

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### [Resources to support infection prevention and control](#)

Resources to support communications about infection prevention and control (IPC) across all healthcare settings are available from Public Health England, including posters and a quick reference guide.

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### [NHS nurse numbers increase and nursing student acceptances rise](#)

The number of nurses in the NHS in England increased by 14,199 compared to last year, and the number of doctors has risen by 9,283, figures published up until the end of June show. All professionally qualified clinical staff, paramedics and support to clinical staff are now at record levels.

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### GP Referral to Community Pharmacist Consultation Service to be made available across England

GP practices across England will be able to refer patients with minor illnesses asking for a GP appointment for a same day consultation with a community pharmacist, as part of a new referral pathway to the NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS).

10:42am, 25 September 2020

### Be Clear on Cancer - awareness campaign evaluation results and materials

The National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) has published the final evaluation report for 'Be Clear on Cancer: local, regional and first, second and third national Blood in Pee' on their website.

10:38am, 25 September 2020

### Creating and maintaining change

Successful change agents are able to adapt to changing circumstances and to bring their teams with them.

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### Influencing skills

Influencing is a vital part of communication in the workplace. Influencing is a combination of persuasion and negotiation - being able to persuade and negotiate with others to reach a win-win solution. Learning influencing techniques leads to smarter and more effective working.

11:27am, 24 September 2020

### [NHS COVID-19 app launches across England and Wales](#)

People across England and Wales are being urged to download the NHS COVID-19 app to help control the spread of coronavirus.

11:26am, 24 September 2020

### [Primary care resources for CVD prevention and better respiratory care](#)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic primary care teams have had to change ways of working to keep patients and staff safe. UCLPartners have designed a series of resources to help clinicians deliver their care for patients with cardiovascular and respiratory conditions in the new world where a lot of care is delivered virtually.

11:25am, 24 September 2020

### [Refreshed eye care clinical pathway for people with learning disabilities](#)

Over 1.2 million people in England have a learning disability and face significant health inequalities compared with the rest of the population.

11:23am, 24 September 2020

### [Homes, health and Covid-19](#)

This report from Centre for Ageing Better, written in partnership with The King's Fund, summarises the role and impact of poor-quality housing on health, particularly in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

11:22am, 24 September 2020

[A market for residential care services](#)

This report analyses the performance of the residential care market in England and makes a series of recommendations following on from the Competition and Markets Authority's 2017 study of the care home market.

10:50am, 23 September 2020

[Medical commissioning \(primary care\) - an introduction to the medical contract](#)

This virtual course introduces commissioners to the primary care medical contracts (GMS, PMS, APMS) that they will be managing.

10:48am, 23 September 2020

[The courage of compassion: supporting nurses and midwives to deliver high-quality care](#)

The King's Fund has published a new report, The courage of compassion: supporting nurses and midwives to deliver high-quality care.

10:43am, 23 September 2020

[Support for personal health budgets](#)

NHS England has relaunched their support programme for commissioners and providers looking to develop or expand their work on personalised care through personal health budgets.

10:41am, 23 September 2020

[Advice and guidance: guide for general practice](#)

Advice and guidance (A&G) services provide GPs with continued access to specialist advice on investigations, interventions and potential referrals.

10:38am, 23 September 2020

[Flu vaccination services and registration with the Care Quality Commission](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is aware that providers are thinking about and planning the ways in which they will deliver flu vaccinations for winter 2020/21, potentially in different ways than usual as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

10:36am, 23 September 2020

[Independent review into gender identity services for children and young people](#)

The NHS has announced that Dr Hilary Cass OBE, former President of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, will lead an independent review into gender identity services for children and young people.

09:34am, 22 September 2020

[Commissioning and property occupation - how to get this right for the NHS](#)

NHS Property Services in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care will be holding a webinar on 1 October, to learn more about the next phase of work to align commissioning with the NHS estate and our newly agreed set of occupancy documents.

09:32am, 22 September 2020

[Pharmacy Quality Scheme Guidance 2020/21 \(Part 2\)](#)

The Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) forms part of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF).

09:30am, 22 September 2020

### [Nursing boost for England's NHS](#)

Hospitals, mental health and community trusts in England are set to receive a multi million-pound boost to help recruit thousands more nurses.

09:28am, 22 September 2020

### [New plan to help protect care homes from coronavirus over winter](#)

A new adult social care winter plan will aim to curb the spread of COVID-19 infections in care settings throughout the winter months, the Health and Social Care Secretary has confirmed.

09:26am, 22 September 2020

### [Surge in smokers trying to quit see increased success rates in 2020](#)

This Stoptober, smokers in England are being encouraged to put their lungs first, strengthen their immune system and breathe easier ahead of flu season by joining more than 2 million smokers who have made a quit attempt since 2012 with the annual campaign.

09:25am, 22 September 2020

### [Mask management: Dry eyes and misty glasses](#)

The College of Optometrists has issued advice on how you can wear a mask, maintain healthy eyes and see clearly.

10:00am, 21 September 2020

### [Commissioning and the legal implications of COVID-19](#)

COVID-19 has implications for commissioners, from disruption of processes, to making decisions on resource allocation, and assuring the quality and human rights compliance of provision.

09:59am, 21 September 2020

### Communications toolkit for GP practices

This toolkit has been developed to support general practice, Primary Care Networks and CCGs to explain to patients how they can safely access general practice during the coronavirus outbreak.

09:57am, 21 September 2020

### Structured medication reviews and medicines optimisation

This document sets out guidance for primary care networks (PCNs) implementing the structured medication review (SMR) and medicines optimisation service, as per the requirements set out in the 2020/21 Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) Specification; which states that PCNs must have due regard to this guidance when delivering the service.

09:55am, 21 September 2020

### Planning ahead for winter in community pharmacy

As we plan ahead for winter, community pharmacy must remain vigilant and safe regarding COVID-19 and maintain its focus on infection control and prevention.

09:50am, 21 September 2020

### Delivering the early diagnosis of cancer PCN specification: getting started and learning from others - briefing

The ambitions of the NHS Long Term Plan could mean 55,000 more people a year survive their cancer for at least five years after their diagnosis by 2028 through early diagnosis.

09:48am, 21 September 2020

[Waste management guidance for all healthcare facilities now updated](#)

An updated COVID-19 waste management standard operating procedure is now available.

**NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:**

15:22pm, 24 September 2020

[Celebrating innovation in eye research](#)

This week Julian Jackson from VisionBridge has shared a report on eye research.

11:19am, 24 September 2020

[Link of the week: Comprehensive Spending Review and Covid-19](#)

This week we are sharing a blog that outlines the funding pressures and uncertainties faced by the health and care system

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