

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:12am, 24 July 2020

### [SocialPrescriberPlus - essential training for social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches](#)

With the additional roles reimbursement scheme now supporting social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches, practically focused training is essential for these posts to provide effective and efficient support to practices.

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### [Mental health and primary care networks: understanding the opportunities](#)

The establishment of primary care networks (PCNs) is one of the most important reforms to primary care in England in recent years.

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### [Face coverings](#)

New government guidelines around the use of face coverings and masks in hospital settings were announced on Friday 5 June. Some of these recommendations are now being extended to primary and community healthcare settings.

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### [Containing and managing local COVID-19 outbreaks](#)

The government has published guidance for local authorities and local decision-makers on containing and managing COVID-19 outbreaks at a local level.

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Supporting GP practices implementing remote consultations and digital triage

A new resource and process model from Digital First details the journey of Tollgate Medical Centre in London, which applied total digital triage and remote consultations for patients ahead of the COVID-19 outbreak and is seeing high utilisation of this service.

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Administration of seasonal flu vaccination 2020/21

Specialist Pharmacy Services were made aware of issues being encountered on the use of Patient Group Directions (PGDs) within healthcare organisations and occupational health services with regards to offering employees and peer to peer seasonal flu vaccinations.

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Future-proofing health care

As the system begins to recover and refresh it may be time to take stock of our approach to commissioning, and return to the essentials of what commissioning means and how we can approach it in a way that provides the best value, responds to needs equitably, and is sustainable into the future.

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Families and friends to be reunited with loved ones in care homes as visits restart

Care home residents are set to be reunited with friends and family as visits begin again following the publication of new guidance.

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[New information shows healthcare activity and outcomes for the shielded population](#)

A new aggregate data set that provides information on healthcare activity and outcomes of shielded patients has been published by NHS Digital.

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[Being a patient](#)

This is the first report from the Patients Association programme of work on patient experience. It suggests that it is time for a fresh look at patient experience.

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[Speaking up: how UK nursing staff expect to be valued](#)

In mid-May 2020, 42,000 RCN members responded to a survey on their experience of nursing during Covid-19.

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[Introduction to project management](#)

Good project management is the art of getting a successful outcome using the resources available.

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[NHS doctors and dentists to receive 2.8% pay rise](#)

NHS dentists and doctors in England will receive a 2.8% pay rise, backdated to April 2020.

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[Third record-breaking year for GP trainee recruitment](#)

GP trainee numbers in England have risen for the third year running, with recruitment up a record 15% compared to the same point last year.

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### [Wider impacts of Covid-19 on health monitoring tool](#)

The monitoring tool collates metrics across a range of wider impacts to provide stakeholders with a single point of access.

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### [The safer management of controlled drugs](#)

This year's Safer Management of Controlled Drugs annual update gives an overview of prescribing data and trends for controlled drugs across England, as well as information on key changes to legislation.

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### [Lessons from the last hospital building programme, and recommendations for the next](#)

As lockdown restrictions for Covid-19 are eased, attention is turning to economic recovery and the government's manifesto commitment to build 40 new hospitals.

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### [New service enables people to sign up to be contacted for COVID-19 vaccine studies](#)

A new NHS service has been launched to enable people across the UK to sign up for information on COVID-19 vaccine trials.

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### [Eye health commissioning - an introduction to the general ophthalmic services \(GOS\) contract](#)

This interactive virtual course introduces commissioners to the GOS contract that they will be managing.

10:06am, 21 July 2020

[Latest preparedness letter for primary dental care](#)

The latest Preparedness letter for primary dental care has been distributed.

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[SystemOne practices: new electronic notifications for the urgent supply of medicines](#)

General practices can now receive electronic notifications from pharmacies about the urgent supply of medicines made as part of the NHS Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS). This informs you that a patient registered with your practice has received an urgent supply of medicine from a community pharmacy.

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[Coronavirus test results now visible to GPs](#)

COVID-19 test results are now being automatically sent to GP systems as well as being communicated to the individual, giving GPs visibility of which of their patients have had COVID-19 tests and whether they have tested positive or negative.

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[Building a country that works for all children post Covid-19](#)

The purpose of this short discussion paper is: to put children, young people and their lived experiences of Covid-19 front and centre in national recovery planning; to articulate what is needed to restore the public support services they rely on; and to capture the positives and gains made during a very complex national, and indeed, global emergency.

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### [Next stages in the NHS Test and Trace plan](#)

Health and social care secretary Matt Hancock spoke about measures to increase testing and support the NHS this winter, and the latest vaccine developments.

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### [Managing high performing virtual teams](#)

The role of the manager has changed dramatically across the NHS, with over 55% of workers now working from home. This rapid change in team working dynamics is presenting managers with new challenges.

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### [Millions could be vaccinated against Covid-19](#)

Millions of people could be vaccinated against coronavirus as the UK secures early access to 90 million doses of promising Covid-19 vaccine candidates.

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### [Improving medical pathways for acute care](#)

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine with the Royal College of General Practitioners, Royal College of Physicians and the Society for Acute Medicine, have made recommendations for the immediate transformation of the urgent and emergency care pathway.

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### [Primary care networks: one year on](#)

This report assesses the progress of primary care networks (PCNs), a year after they were established.

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[Levelling up Yorkshire and Humber: health as the new wealth post-Covid](#)

This report, produced together with Yorkshire & Humber Academic Health Science Network and Yorkshire Universities, provides a plan to tackle ever-increasing socio-economic inequalities and boost health outcomes in Yorkshire and the Humber by encouraging and supporting more cross-sector working.

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

21:30pm, 23 July 2020

[Links of the week](#)

This week we are sharing two articles with you.

09:55am, 21 July 2020

[Link of the week](#)

The blog is from the perspective of the Company Chemist Association's Chief Executive Malcolm Harrison.