

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

15:43pm, 9 April 2020

[Enabling remote working for GPs and practice staff](#)

Currently 30% of GPs are self-isolating, most are more than capable of working, but cannot access the systems they need, and this is putting huge stress on their colleagues and the primary care system.

15:42pm, 9 April 2020

[People not conditions - the cultural shift needed for population health management](#)

Primary care networks are expected to adopt a population health management approach to care. What does the term mean, what are the benefits and what are the challenges involved?

15:39pm, 9 April 2020

[Call for dental workforce to help](#)

The dental workforce has a wide range of skills and experience that can be used to help clinical colleagues and the wider workforce during Covid-19.

15:38pm, 9 April 2020

[Remote working in primary care - guidance for GP practices](#)

An appendix to the primary care digital services operating model supports remote working across general practice during the Covid-19 pandemic.

15:36pm, 9 April 2020

[Industry responds to call for diagnostics industry at scale](#)

The UK's top pharmaceutical and diagnostic companies are teaming up to roll out millions of coronavirus tests in the coming months as part of the next phase of the government's national testing strategy to identify if people have the virus.

15:34pm, 9 April 2020

[Support for children during the Covid-19 crisis](#)

A report from IPPR examines how Covid-19 is affecting children. It covers topics including mental health, childcare issues, school closures, social interactions and access to food.

15:32pm, 9 April 2020

[Public believes Covid-19 communications have been ineffective](#)

Findings from online surveys of members of the public carried out by the Patient Experience Research Centre, reveal that the public thinks ineffective communication is the biggest issue to have emerged during the pandemic.

16:24pm, 8 April 2020

[NHS England volunteering scheme](#)

NHS England is encouraging general practice and community pharmacies to make better use of the volunteers who have stepped up to help during the crisis.

16:23pm, 8 April 2020

[NHS launches mental health hotline for staff tackling Covid-19](#)

The NHS has launched a mental health hotline as part of a package of measures to support the NHS's 1.4 million staff as they help people deal with the coronavirus.

16:21pm, 8 April 2020

[Movement of pharmacy employees between their residence and place of work](#)

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the General Pharmaceutical Council have produced a letter for community pharmacists in support of the legitimate movement of pharmacy employees between their home and place of work.

16:19pm, 8 April 2020

[Secure messaging available in the NHS App](#)

Patients registered with practices that use the EMIS system can now use the NHS App to send and receive non-urgent messages to the practice.

16:16pm, 8 April 2020

[Doctors' lives still at risk despite government pledges on PPE, says BMA](#)

Despite repeated assurances by the government that millions of units of protective equipment have been delivered to the front line, a BMA survey with over 2000 responses, revealed that large numbers of doctors are still expected to care for Covid-19 patients with little or no PPE (personal protective equipment).

16:14pm, 8 April 2020

[Two thousand new doctors sign up to join Covid-19 battle](#)

A total of 2,213 new junior doctors have already signed up to join the NHS frontline early, and hundreds could begin as soon as next week (13 April).

16:06pm, 7 April 2020

[General ophthalmic service fees and voucher values from April 2020](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has published details of NHS general ophthalmic fees and optical voucher values for the financial year 2020 to 2021.

16:04pm, 7 April 2020

[NICE publishes new Covid-19 guidelines](#)

New guidelines published by NICE cover the management of patients with severe asthma, pneumonia, rheumatological autoimmune, inflammatory and metabolic bone disorders and the management of Covid-19 symptoms in the community.

15:57pm, 7 April 2020

[Public satisfaction with the NHS and social care in 2019](#)

The latest survey on NHS satisfaction was carried out between July and October 2019 with a sample of 3,224 people.

15:56pm, 7 April 2020

[Community pharmacy letter to support health and justice services: 4 April 2020](#)

NHS England has written to community pharmacies with information about supporting people to access medicines who have been released from prisons and other places of detention for adults and children.

15:55pm, 7 April 2020

[Coronavirus \(Covid-19\): letter to pharmacists](#)

The health minister Jo Churchill has written to thank pharmacy teams for their response to coronavirus so far.

15:53pm, 7 April 2020

[Covid-19 funding for local authorities](#)

The government has published details about additional funding of £1.6bn for local authorities to help them respond to Covid-19 pressures across all the services they deliver.

12:08pm, 6 April 2020

[Update on the government's shielding policy and implications for general practice](#)

The government has issued an update for general practice regarding the management and shielding of patients who are at the highest risk of severe morbidity and mortality from Covid-19.

12:04pm, 6 April 2020 [Admission and care of residents during Covid-19: incident in a care home](#)

Guidance has been published for care homes, local health protection

teams, local authorities, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and registered providers of accommodation for people who need personal or nursing care.

12:03pm, 6 April 2020

[Saving babies' lives: Covid-19 information](#)

NHS England has published information on CO monitoring and fetal growth surveillance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

12:01pm, 6 April 2020

[NHS asks people to share their coronavirus symptoms to help others](#)

The government has launched a coronavirus status checker that will help the NHS coordinate its response and build up additional data on the Covid-19 outbreak.

11:56am, 6 April 2020

[Scaling up coronavirus testing programmes](#)

The government has revealed plans to make testing for the coronavirus available to everyone.

11:53am, 6 April 2020

[Smokers at greater risk of severe respiratory disease from Covid-19](#)

Emerging evidence from China shows smokers with Covid-19 are 14 times more likely to develop severe respiratory disease.

PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT CONNECT daily message board updates:

22:14pm, 11 April 2020

New comment in conversation [We've achieved miracles in ten days](#)

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