

## **NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:**

15:59pm, 17 May 2019

### [Develop the leadership skills to make primary care networks happen](#)

Newly appointed clinical directors face a daunting task. While new network funding makes provision for their own roles, they will need to build support in their own teams and in partner organisations if primary care networks are to deliver on their promise of better integrated local care services. Understanding how to manage change, facilitate productive meetings, resolve conflict, and develop effective engagement strategies with local communities will be key determinant of success.

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### [Update to mandatory network agreement - network contract DES \(May 2019\)](#)

NHS England has made minor corrections to the mandatory network agreement required for delivery of the network contract directed enhanced service (DES).

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### [New reports recommend improvements to a range of services](#)

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) has made recommendations to commissioners for improvements to services for COPD, breast cancer, lung cancer and other disease areas.

15:47pm, 17 May 2019

[Should drug prices differ by indication?](#)

Increasingly, scientific advances are delivering new medicines that deliver improved survival and quality of life across multiple treatment indications.

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[Tools for co-production in mental health commissioning](#)

NHS England commissioned resources to support delivery of the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health and the NHS Long Term Plan.

15:41pm, 17 May 2019

[Podcast on mental health support for schools](#)

NHS England has recorded a discussion between clinicians and system leaders about the benefits of improving mental health provision in schools.

12:17pm, 16 May 2019

[Getting to grips with project management](#)

Knowing how to manage projects will be one of the key skills those involved in setting up primary care networks.

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[New online exercise resources for patients with osteoporosis](#)

The Royal Osteoporosis Society has launched a new set of online exercise videos and guides.

12:14pm, 16 May 2019

[New advance care planning guide](#)

A new guide from NICE and SCIE helps managers of care services to support people to prepare for a time when they do not have the capacity to make their own decisions.

12:13pm, 16 May 2019

[Progress of the emergency services network](#)

The National Audit Office is warning that the new emergency services network (ESN) is facing further delays.

12:10pm, 16 May 2019

[Environmental public health tracking in England](#)

Environmental public health tracking (EPHT) is the use of public health information to support the management of environmental and other hazards.

09:40am, 15 May 2019

[An insider's guide to procurement for primary care providers](#)

Understanding procurement and how to prepare a bid are critical to the future of primary care providers. Changes in recent years have made them more important than ever. More and more services are subject to a procurement process, rather than being simply directly awarded by commissioners. These include many of the

“enhanced” services that GP practices could once expect to win almost by default.

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[Mounting pressures on GPs in deprived areas](#)

New analysis released by the Health Foundation reveals a mounting cycle of pressures on GPs in the most deprived areas, increasing GP workload and leading to growing inequality in provision for patients.

09:34am, 15 May 2019

[First ever treatment for children with rare muscle-wasting condition](#)

The NHS will provide a promising new treatment that can prolong the lives of children with a rare genetic condition under a deal with the manufacturer.

09:32am, 15 May 2019

[Annual report of antimicrobial resistance committee](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has published the annual report of the advisory committee on antimicrobial prescribing, resistance and healthcare associated infection (APRHAI).

09:29am, 15 May 2019

[Adult health screening](#)

A parliamentary report argues that national health bodies are not doing enough to make sure that everyone who is eligible to take part in screening is doing so.

09:27am, 15 May 2019

[Inactivity in old age to cost £1.3bn by 2030](#)

A report from the think tank Demos highlights the costs of physical inactivity in older people to the NHS and estimates that by 2030, this could be as much as £1.3 billion.

09:21am, 15 May 2019

[Delivering digital health for all](#)

A report from the Social Market Foundation considers how technology could be adopted more quickly and more widely by the NHS to improve the care that patients receive and to drive better health outcomes.

10:03am, 14 May 2019

[Medical contracts - do you vary or procure?](#)

Commissioners of primary medical services contracts are frequently faced with changes to contracting parties and contractual obligations.

10:02am, 14 May 2019

[New device will protect prostate cancer patients during radiation treatment](#)

An innovation that can reduce the side-effects of radiotherapy for prostate cancer patients by over 70% will be rolled out across the NHS to put cutting-edge treatments at the heart of people's care.

09:58am, 14 May 2019

[NHS Fit Notes allow regional comparisons to be made for the first time](#)

NHS Digital is now including data from 96% of GP practices in its Fit Notes allowing regional comparisons between CCGs.

09:56am, 14 May 2019

[Health inequalities among older LGBT people in the UK](#)

This report highlights new findings from a recent project exploring the discrepancies in health outcomes experienced by older LGBT people.

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[Monthly dementia diagnosis figures](#)

National dementia diagnosis rates (DDR) for March 2019 have now been published and can be found on NHS Digital's website.

11:24am, 13 May 2019

[Brain cancer treatment aid now available across England](#)

A new treatment aid will allow surgeons to identify areas of the brain affected by cancer more accurately, helping up to 2,000 patients a year.

11:01am, 13 May 2019

[Parents told to look out for scarlet fever symptoms](#)

Scarlet fever is a seasonal bacterial illness that is common at this time of year, mainly affects children, and is easily treated with antibiotics.

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[National bodies produce diagnostics on integrated care](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement have produced system transformation reports for every STP and integrated care system.

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[Guidance for 2019/20 physical health SMI data collection](#)

NHS England has issued "technical guidance" for commissioners collecting data on physical health checks for people with severe mental illness (SMI).

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[Nuffield counts the workforce and spells out the gaps](#)

A report from the Nuffield Trusts shows the biggest sustained fall in GP numbers since the 1960s.

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[Consultation on NICE indicators](#)

The consultation on proposed amendments and additions to the NICE indicators for asthma, COPD, heart failure, multi-morbidity, frailty, familial hypercholesterolaemia (HF), alcohol and HIV testing is still open.

