NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

16:27pm, 4 October 2019

[Voting opens for AOP Awards 2020](#)

Patients and practitioners are invited to celebrate the achievements of their local optometrist, dispensing optician or optical practice by casting their vote in the Association of Optometrists (AOP) Awards 2020.

16:26pm, 4 October 2019

[ACMD ageing cohort of drug users report: government response](#)

The government has published its response to the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) report Ageing Cohort of Drug Users.

16:24pm, 4 October 2019

[Migraine drug not cost effective NICE says in final draft guidance](#)

NICE has said that a new drug for preventing migraine is not a cost effective use of NHS resources.

16:23pm, 4 October 2019

[Updated information around continuity of medicines supply if there is a no-deal EU exit](#)

NHS England has updated information for patients on [nhs.uk](#) around continuity of medicines supply in the event of a no-deal EU exit.

16:22pm, 4 October 2019

[Effective communication: how to deliver your message with clarity and impact](#)

Great leaders understand how to communicate.

16:21pm, 4 October 2019

Cost of staying on the dental register falls

Following a three-year strategy consultation, the General Dental Council is to reduce the annual retention fee.

16:19pm, 4 October 2019

25 million to be offered free NHS flu jab this winter

Record numbers of people in England will be offered a flu vaccine this winter.

16:18pm, 4 October 2019

Work conversations in healthcare: literature review

Public Health England has published a review of evidence about the benefits of good conversations between healthcare professionals and patients.

16:17pm, 4 October 2019

The politics of health: what do the public think about the NHS?

As we head towards another general election, what do patients and the public think of the NHS?

13:26pm, 3 October 2019

Find out more about direct booking of appointments from NHS 111

In this week's 10-minute podcast, John Hutchison of the integrated urgent care team at NHS England and NHS Improvement explains why efforts are being stepped up to enable patients to book some urgent care appointments with GP practices from NHS 111.

13:24pm, 3 October 2019

[Leadership skills for PCN clinical directors](#)

Clinical directors will be responsible for planning and implementing the strategy for their primary care network (PCN). This will mean developing not just the inward facing capabilities required of all leaders, but a wider skillset to work across organisations, develop relationships and build collaboration.

13:24pm, 3 October 2019

[QNI officially the oldest nursing charity in the world](#)

Community nursing charity, the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI), has officially been confirmed as the oldest nursing charity in the world by Guinness World Records.

13:23pm, 3 October 2019

[Guidance on the GOC's new business standards](#)

The Association of Optometrists (AOP) has published comprehensive guidance for members on the new General Optical Council's business standards, which came into effect on 1 October.

13:21pm, 3 October 2019

[New restrictions on exports to tackle HRT shortages](#)

The government has confirmed new restrictions on the export of all variations of HRT products, some of which currently face supply shortages due to manufacturing issues.

13:20pm, 3 October 2019

[Hard to reach? Healthwatch focuses on the issue to travel to NHS services](#)

Healthwatch England has partnered with Age UK and Kidney Care UK to share our evidence on people's experiences travelling to NHS services.

13:19pm, 3 October 2019

[Working less than full time no bed of roses](#)

Doctors who work less than full time do proportionally more admin and have fewer training opportunities than full time colleagues, according to a report by the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

13:18pm, 3 October 2019

[Review of pharmacy aseptic services: evidence wanted](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement have launched a call for evidence to inform the development of future aseptic services across England.

12:43pm, 2 October 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. Investment in building relationships can save a lot of time and stress later on should performance or contract compliance issues arise.

12:42pm, 2 October 2019

[Patient group launches survey on health literacy](#)

Patient Information Forum is running a new survey on how health literacy and digital literacy needs are being addressed.

12:37pm, 2 October 2019

[Recommendations for an NHS bill](#)

The NHS long-term plan suggested changes to the law to help implement the plan. In spring 2019, NHS staff, partner organisations and interested members of the public were invited to give their views on the proposals.

12:36pm, 2 October 2019

[Evaluation of primary care psychological medicine points to role for PCNs](#)

The primary care psychological medicine service offers psychological interventions to people who have high levels of unexplained or persistent physical symptoms of illness.

12:35pm, 2 October 2019

[Prescription exemption checking materials coming soon](#)

NHS England and Improvement will be re-running its campaign to ensure that only people entitled to free prescriptions receive them.

12:34pm, 2 October 2019

[National bodies respond to digital first primary care consultation](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement recently sought views on proposals to change patient registration, payment and contracting rules.

15:25pm, 1 October 2019

[Taking the worry out of CQC inspection](#)

This year CQC has simplified the inspection regime so that the 96% of GP practices that are already rated good or outstanding get an annual phone call with site visits at up to five-year intervals.

15:24pm, 1 October 2019

[Pharmacy quality scheme guidance 2019/20](#)

A community pharmacy quality payments scheme (QPS), part of the community pharmacy contractual framework (CPCF), was introduced in December 2016.

15:22pm, 1 October 2019

[Mind urges NHS leaders to prioritise mental health in local plans](#)

Mental health charity Mind has written to leaders of NHS sustainability and transformation partnerships (STPs) to ensure mental health is front and centre of planning for the next decade.

15:21pm, 1 October 2019

[Health infrastructure plan](#)

The government has published the health infrastructure plan, the centrepiece of which is the new hospital building programme announced by the health secretary this week.

15:19pm, 1 October 2019

[Delivering same-sex accommodation](#)

NHS Improvement has updated guidance to reflect current patient pathways, including further definition of what is and is

not a mixed-sex accommodation breach and circumstances in which mixing may be justified.

15:17pm, 1 October 2019
The early notification scheme progress report
NHS Resolution has issued a report on the first year of the early notification scheme, which it hopes will drive improvements in maternity and neonatal services and ensure better support for families whose babies suffer rare, avoidable brain injuries at birth.

16:36pm, 30 September 2019
Insights to the development challenges facing PCNs
Organisations providing support to PCNs will need to work together if networks are to fulfil the hopes of clinical leaders, policy makers and patients.

16:35pm, 30 September 2019
Prime minister pledges £200m for cancer screening overhaul
The NHS is to get £200m to replace MRI machines, CT scanners and breast screening equipment to improve the quality of screening and speed of diagnosis.

16:33pm, 30 September 2019
Community mental health framework for adults
NHS England has published the Community Mental Health Framework, which describes how the Long Term Plan's vision for a place-based community mental health model can be realised, and how community services should modernise to offer whole-person, whole-population health approaches, aligned with the new primary care networks.

16:28pm, 30 September 2019

[New hospital building programme announced](#)

Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock has launched the largest hospital building programme in a generation as part of a new health infrastructure plan.

16:27pm, 30 September 2019

[Health matters: rough sleeping](#)

This edition of Health Matters focuses on the scale of rough sleeping in England, the causes and consequences of rough sleeping including the links with poor physical and mental ill health, prevention and effective interventions, and relevant calls to action.

16:17pm, 30 September 2019

[Diabetes variation in inpatient activity tool](#)

Public Health England has published a tool for tackling unwarranted variations in diabetes inpatient services.

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NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

13:09pm, 4 October 2019

[Sir Trevor defends revolving door](#)

Sir Trevor Longstay has hit out at proposals designed to make it harder for failed NHS directors to get new jobs with no questions asked.