

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

14:21pm, 18 October 2019

[Making the most of appraisals](#)

Organisations that run staff appraisals because they think it's the right thing to do are missing the point. Appraisals can help staff to reach their full potential, but are too often regarded as a chore or a box-ticking exercise.

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[Where to look for improvement opportunities](#)

RightCare Where to Look packs, which help commissioners to identify opportunities for system improvement, have been updated to include 17/18 data.

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[Pharmacy quality scheme guidance](#)

NHS England has published guidance on the requirements of the pharmacy quality scheme (PQS) formerly known as the quality payments scheme (QPS).

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[Fragmented government policy puts young people's health at risk - report](#)

The Health Foundation is calling for an overhaul of government policy on housing, transport and education and argues that the lack of a "whole government" approach is putting the future health of young people at risk.

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[Annual information published on cost of NHS estate](#)

NHS Digital has published information relating to the costs of providing, maintaining and servicing the NHS estate.

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[Healthy ageing: consensus statement](#)

Public Health England and the Centre for Ageing Better have issued a "consensus statement" for making England the best place in the world to grow old.

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[GP practices: don't miss the NHS 111 direct booking roadshow](#)

The integrated urgent care team at NHS England and NHS Improvement is touring the country to explain how direct booking of urgent appointments with GP practices will work in future.

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[Get ready for a good CQC inspection](#)

CQC practice inspections have changed. PCC can run workshops to update practices on the changes and help them to prepare for a good inspection.

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[Government awards contracts for urgent medicines If UK leaves EU with no deal](#)

Three companies have been awarded contracts for the express freight service to deliver medicines and medical products within 24 to 48 hours if there's a no-deal Brexit.

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[Fact sheets for health service safety investigations bill](#)

The government has published fact sheets to explain the health service safety investigations bill, which proposes to establish a new Health Service Safety Investigations Body (the HSSIB) as a non-departmental public body to improve public safety.

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[Standards for dental record keeping](#)

NHS England has published what it calls "consensus based" record keeping standards for the dental profession.

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[Recommendations on doctors' and dentists' pay 2020/21](#)

The doctors' and dentists' pay body, DDRB, has written its annual letter to the secretary of state for health and social care making recommendations for remuneration of the two professions in the financial year 2020/21.

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[Campaign to get older people online](#)

A report and resources to help older people to make better use of IT have been published to mark Get Online Week, billed as the UK's largest digital inclusion campaign.

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

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

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[Report on improving NHS screening programmes](#)

The NHS has the opportunity to upgrade cancer screening to save thousands more lives each year, according to a report by Professor Sir Mike Richards.

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[Next phase of adult social care recruitment campaign begins](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is launching the second phase of its campaign to get more people working in adult social care, with a focus on 20 to 39 year olds.

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[NHS Employers' publication aims to improve staff engagement](#)

NHS Employers has published a document with examples of good practice for NHS organisations seeking further help with staff engagement.

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[Report highlights 'structural inequalities'](#)

The UK government's current approach to tackling inequality should urgently address the multiple levels of disadvantage that some people face, according to a report by UCL.

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[The state of the adult social care sector and workforce in England](#)

A report by Skills for Care provides a comprehensive analysis of the adult social care workforce in England and the characteristics of the 1.49 million people working in it.

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[Leading with compassion](#)

Compassionate leadership is at the core of high quality and high performance. It is widely recognised that the NHS is facing an unprecedented workforce crisis with both recruitment and retention of staff proving ever more difficult.

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[Rough sleepers to benefit from NHS mental health outreach](#)

Towns with high rates of homelessness are set for investment in specialist mental health care, as part of NHS services for rough sleepers across the country.

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[Become a virtual allied health professional for the day](#)

Health Education England has developed a series of high-tech films to give striking, real-life insights into the work of four vital allied health professions (AHPs).

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[Self Care Week 2019](#)

Self Care Week will run again this year from 18 to 24 November.

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[CQC annual report warns of pressure on acute sector from social care and mental health](#)

The Care Quality Commission's annual assessment of the state of health and social care in England shows that quality ratings have been maintained overall - but warns that struggling social care and mental health services, where provider ratings are falling, will put more pressure than ever on hospital A&E departments this winter.

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[NHS Providers charts acute sector improvements](#)

A report from NHS Providers surveys the leadership approaches and frontline initiatives that underpin improvements in quality.

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[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.

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[Improving identification of people with a learning disability: guidance for general practice](#)

NHS England has issued guidance to ensure that practices identify all those eligible for a learning disability health check and flu jab.

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[Treatment option for ovarian cancer approved for cancer drugs fund](#)

NICE has approved an ovarian cancer treatment, designed to help maintain the effects of chemotherapy, for use in the cancer drugs fund.

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[Health visiting in England: a vision for the future](#)

A body representing health visitors has published a response to the government's request for views on its plans to improve health visiting in England and the Healthy Child Programme.

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[NHS bears down on plastic](#)

The NHS cut down on use of single-use plastics in hospitals, starting with hospital canteens, as part of a package of measures to reduce the environmental impact of the health service.

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[Bone and Joint Week 2019](#)

Musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions are the most prevalent long-term condition and the largest cause of years lived with disability.

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[Podcast - the role of the clinical director](#)

NHS England has posted a podcast in which Dr Hannah Morgan of the Hayling Island Emsworth primary care network (PCN) talks about her role as a clinical director.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

19:05pm, 17 October 2019

[Plackard's misdirection and a victory for old power](#)

In which no one can find Plackard's signposting event, an old foe returns from his past and Sir Trevor Longstay loses interest in compassion
