

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:41am, 18 September 2020

### [Primary Care Networks: Amendment to the network contract directed enhanced service for 2020/21](#)

Following discussion and agreement with GPC England, NHS England and NHS Improvement has published an amendment to the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service for 2020/21. The amended DES updates the terms of the 2020/21 Network Contract DES, and applies from 1 October 2020 to all practices who are signed up to the DES.

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### [Learning disabilities projects commence](#)

A cohort of 10 new learning disability innovation projects commenced their programme this week.

10:45am, 18 September 2020

### [PCC online Confident Leader programme](#)

Our Confident Leader programme is perfect for your PCN clinical directors and aspiring clinical and non-clinical leads.

11:25am, 17 September 2020

### [Effective management of HR issues and challenges in primary care](#)

This three module programme delivered using our Zoom platform provides information and advice relevant and applicable to the day-to-day running of general practice.

11:24am, 17 September 2020

### [2020/21 influenza season: letter](#)

Ruth May, Chief Nursing Officer for England, has written this open letter, alongside the NHS's most senior clinicians, to more than a million frontline NHS staff imploring them to help protect themselves and the vulnerable patients they might come into contact

with from flu, highlighting the extraordinary circumstances this winter with COVID-19 still circulating.

11:22am, 17 September 2020

### [NICE indicator menu 2020](#)

NICE have published new indicators for general practice on the NICE website.

11:21am, 17 September 2020

### [Health and wellbeing conversations - advice for leaders](#)

New guidance is available for leaders to support the implementation of health and wellbeing conversations in your organisations, as set out in the People Plan.

11:20am, 17 September 2020

### [Keeping people safe and supported](#)

In the latest COVID-19 Insight report, CQC focus on infection prevention and control (IPC) in different health and care settings, and the ways services across 11 different local areas have collaborated in response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

11:19am, 17 September 2020

### [Women's lives, women's rights: strengthening access to contraception](#)

This report finds that women in England are facing difficulty in accessing contraception, with many being bounced from service to service, which can result in more unplanned pregnancies and increased demand for maternity and abortion care.

10:56am, 16 September 2020

### [Sustainable commissioning to future proof health care](#)

Sustainable commissioning is about future-proofing health care. This means ensuring better outcomes for patients both now and in the

future and supports organisations to discharge Implementing phase 3 of the NHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

10:39am, 16 September 2020

### Personalised Care Institute

The Personalised Care Institute, a virtual organisation for evidence-based personalised care training, convened by the Royal College of GPs in partnership with NHS England and NHS Improvement, will set standards for evidence-based training, offering workers from across health and care sectors access to accredited training and development.

10:37am, 16 September 2020

### The National Institute for Health Protection (NIHP) and other public health functions

This document provides an overview of the government's plans to better protect and improve the public's health.

10:36am, 16 September 2020

### COVID-19 specific guidance published for doctor complaints

The General Medical Council (GMC) has issued guidance for its staff detailing how to take the context created by COVID-19 into account when considering complaints about doctors.

10:34am, 16 September 2020

### Funding mental healthcare in England

The RCPsych has identified four areas that must be fully and sustainably resourced if access to the quality of mental health services in England that has been promised by the government is to be realised.

10:31am, 16 September 2020

### [Health visiting during Covid-19](#)

This collection of case studies presents a window into the working lives of health visitors and families navigating the ups and downs of the Covid-19 pandemic.

10:39am, 15 September 2020

### [Ask About Asthma](#)

Healthy London Partnership (HLP), is running a public awareness campaign #AskAboutAsthma.

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### [NHSX sharing access to free clinical health and care videos](#)

NHSX has secured a national licence for NHS clinicians to access a library of over 600 health and care videos free of charge.

10:35am, 15 September 2020

### [Learning resources to prevent suicide and self-harm](#)

Health Education England has launched new online resources to help prevent suicide and self-harm as part of its contribution to World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10).

10:34am, 15 September 2020

### [NICE recommends lung cancer treatment](#)

Thousands of people with non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) will benefit from draft guidance published by NICE recommending osimertinib (also called Tagrisso and made by AstraZeneca) at two different places in the treatment pathway for locally advanced or metastatic epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)-positive NSCLC.

10:26am, 15 September 2020

[People in most deprived areas were almost twice as likely to visit A&E](#)

There were almost twice as many attendances to Accident and Emergency departments in England for the 10% of the population living in the most deprived areas (3.1 million), compared with the least deprived 10% (1.6 million) in 2019-20, according to official figures published by NHS Digital.

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[COVID-19 mental health surveillance report](#)

Public Health England's (PHE) new surveillance report provides a close to real-time picture of the impact COVID-19 is having on our mental health and wellbeing.

10:53am, 14 September 2020

[Covid-19 - time to reflect](#)

As we start to look towards the next stage of dealing with the effects of Covid-19 in our everyday lives, it should also be the time to look back at what has happened and the lessons we can learn.

10:52am, 14 September 2020

[How to communicate better with people with hearing loss](#)

COVID-19 poses a unique challenge for health and social care professionals when talking to someone with hearing loss.

10:51am, 14 September 2020

[Businesses urged to prepare for NHS COVID-19 app](#)

Businesses across England and Wales like pubs, restaurants, hairdressers and cinemas are being urged to ensure they have NHS QR code posters visible on entry so customers who have downloaded the new NHS COVID-19 app can use their smartphones to easily check-in.

10:49am, 14 September 2020

[Largest testing programme for coronavirus reports rise in cases](#)

The third report from the country's largest study on coronavirus rates of infection has been published showing that cases are increasing steadily across the country.

10:48am, 14 September 2020

[Funding boost for community mental health initiatives](#)

Community initiatives including mental health first aid training for barbers, and counselling for bereaved relatives, are set to benefit from a £10 million funding boost.

10:47am, 14 September 2020

[Reintroducing visitor access to maternity services](#)

New guidance will help NHS trusts to reintroduce access to maternity services for partners, visitors and other supporters of pregnant women.