

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

16:43pm, 17 January 2020

### [We need a more caring vision not stronger specs](#)

We talked to Londonwide LMC chief Michelle Drage a week ago about the draft service specifications for PCNs. Discussions have moved on since then but the fundamental issues remain the same.

16:42pm, 17 January 2020

### [NHS tells gambling giants to improve the odds for mental health](#)

The head of mental health care in England has written to the heads of top gambling firms, demanding urgent action to tackle betting-related ill health.

16:40pm, 17 January 2020

### [Closing soon: consultation on 2020/21 national tariff](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement is asking for views on its proposals for the 2020/21 national tariff payment system.

16:39pm, 17 January 2020

### [Supporting reservists in primary care](#)

NHS Employers has produced a resource pack outlining Ministry of Defence support for organisations employing reservists and wants to understand primary care organisations' experience of employing reservists.

16:37pm, 17 January 2020

### [Shifting the mindset: a closer look at NHS complaints](#)

Hospitals need to do more to show patients how the NHS is learning from mistakes, according to the latest report from Healthwatch England.

16:36pm, 17 January 2020

[Information on the health and care of people with learning disabilities](#)

NHS Digital has published information on the health of people with learning disabilities in 2018/19. It covers key health issues for people recorded by their GP as having a learning disability.

16:34pm, 17 January 2020

[RCGP launches LGBT e-learning suite for family doctors](#)

The Royal College of GPs, in partnership with the Government Equalities Office (GEO) has launched a suite of e-learning resources to support GPs and other healthcare professionals to deliver the best possible care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) patients.

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[Developing leaders capable of delivering PCNs](#)

The Confident Leader programme is designed for those with a leadership role in primary care networks and emerging integrated care systems.

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[Workload undermines PCNs, finds survey](#)

PCNs (primary care networks) could make a positive difference if given resources, time and practical support - but workload has proven unmanageable for a significant proportion, a BMA survey has revealed.

13:52pm, 16 January 2020

[Film aims to inspire the next generation of community nurses](#)

A new film showcases the important role community nurses play providing expert care for people and aimed at encouraging more people to consider a career in community nursing.

13:51pm, 16 January 2020

[Cancer drugs fund to provide another treatment option for breast cancer](#)

Another potentially life-extending drug combination for some people with advanced breast cancer will now be available on the Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF) following its approval by NICE in final guidance published this week.

13:48pm, 16 January 2020

[Access to child and adolescent mental health services in 2019](#)

A report from education think tank examines access to specialist services, waiting times for treatment, and provision for the most vulnerable children in England.

09:26am, 16 January 2020

[NHS funding bill enters Parliament](#)

The government has introduced the NHS Long Term Plan Funding Bill, which will enshrine in law an extra £33.9 billion a year by 2024 for the NHS.

11:26am, 15 January 2020

[Getting to grips with primary care dental contracts](#)

Using real contracting examples, this full-day session on 13 May in Leeds and 11 June in London takes delegates through typical scenarios you are likely to face as commissioners.

11:24am, 15 January 2020

[Consultation on the NHS standard contract 2020/21](#)

NHS England is consulting on the NHS standard contract for 2020/21. Comments on the draft contract can be made by Friday 31 January 2020 either by using an online feedback form or by email to [england.contractsengagement@nhs.net](mailto:england.contractsengagement@nhs.net).

11:19am, 15 January 2020

[Transforming health through innovation: integrating the NHS and academia](#)

A from the Academy of Medical Sciences finds that the UK's world-leading biomedical and health research sector has contributed to major advances in patient care, as well as to the wealth of the nation.

11:17am, 15 January 2020

[Mental health policy in England](#)

Around one in four people in the UK suffer from a mental health problem each year. The NHS has set out that it wants to achieve parity of esteem between mental and physical health, in terms of access to services, quality of care and allocation of resources.

11:13am, 15 January 2020

[Flu vaccination: increasing uptake](#)

NICE has published a quality standard covering increasing the uptake of flu vaccination among people who are eligible.

12:02pm, 14 January 2020

[Building capability: primary care premises and estates foundations](#)

Premises policy is a vital component of high quality primary care, and is set to become more important as premises are developed to support the policy ambitions of primary care networks and integrated care.

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[Practice guidance: offering 25% of appointments online](#)

NHS England has published a guide containing to support general practices to make sure that at least 25% of their appointments are available to book online.

11:59am, 14 January 2020

### Older people encouraged to ditch 'stiff upper lip' approach to mental ill health

NHS England and Age UK have joined forces in a campaign to encourage older people to access treatment for mental health conditions, as new analysis shows a majority of older people do not seek help.

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### Poor monitoring of patients with glaucoma

An investigation by the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch says that hospital eye services don't have sufficient capacity to meet demand for glaucoma services, and that better, smarter ways of working should be implemented to make best use of available capacity.

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### New heart disease drug to be made available for NHS patients

Up to 30,000 lives could be saved over the next decade thanks to a proposed government collaboration with pharmaceutical company Novartis to tackle heart disease - a leading cause of death in the UK.

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### Cervical screening: standards report 2018 to 2019

Public Health England has published a report on cervical screening programme standards in England including trend data.

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### Effective team-working

Teams have changed. Organisations are working in new ways, with teams that no longer sit next to each other, teams that work from home and teams that cross organisational boundaries. Some of this is liberating, some of it challenging.

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[Patients get same-day appointments with local pharmacists](#)

More than 100,000 patients have had appointments with expert pharmacists in the last 10 weeks, relieving pressure on GPs and A&E departments.

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[Local government public health reforms: an independent assessment](#)

A report from the King's Fund assesses the 2013 reforms to public health in England, which were part of the coalition government's wider health reform programme.

10:53am, 13 January 2020

[BMA says plans for mental health workforce have fallen short](#)

A report from the British Medical Association (BMA) finds that recent commitments to support and expand the mental health workforce have fallen short of their goals.

10:50am, 13 January 2020

[Delivering better oral health: guideline development manual](#)

Public Health England has issued guidance on the methodology used to review the evidence that underpins dental health policy.

10:48am, 13 January 2020

[New campaign urges public to speak up about the NHS](#)

Healthwatch England has launched the #SpeakUp2020 campaign, encouraging everybody to speak up about what would make health and social care services in their communities better.

## NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

13:16pm, 17 January 2020

### Towards people and impact

This week the Royal Pharmaceutical Society advertised for a head of engagement and belonging. Such titles can be controversial - but not for Martin Plackard, whose CV features a number of leadership roles in the fields of impact, euphemism management and talent delivery.