

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

14:18pm, 29 March 2019

### [Putting innovation to work - a practical course](#)

Innovation is all about generating and implementing new ideas and breaking the mould to deliver success. This e-learning course shows you why innovation is important, how to create and select great ideas and how to realise them in your own organisation.

14:17pm, 29 March 2019

### [NHS Assembly will help deliver the long-term plan](#)

A neonatal intensive care nurse, a GP who champions work with community groups and prominent disability and learning disability advocates are among people from across the country appointed to a new forum which will support delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan.

14:16pm, 29 March 2019

### [New data on gender pay gap in medicine](#)

An update from the review on the gender pay gap in medicine shows that in the NHS, two in three consultants are men, and that men earn £1.17 for every £1 earned by women.

14:14pm, 29 March 2019

### [CQC puts independent doctors and clinics under the microscope](#)

CQC has published a report on the state of care in independent doctor and clinic services providing primary medical care.

14:13pm, 29 March 2019

[2019/20 national tariff payment system](#)

NHS Improvement has published details of the 2019/20 national tariff which takes effect from 1 April 2019.

14:11pm, 29 March 2019

[Commissioning data on neurological conditions](#)

The Neurological Alliance has published data which may be of use to commissioners on the prevalence of neurological conditions.

14:11pm, 28 March 2019

[Making a success of practice mergers](#)

Practice mergers can result in economies of scale, better use of clinical workforce, financial sustainability and better services to patients.

14:09pm, 28 March 2019

[NHS workforce disability equality standard technical guidance](#)

NHS England has published technical guidance to the workforce disability equality standard that will apply to all NHS trusts and foundation trusts from April 1 2019.

13:58pm, 28 March 2019

[Care Quality Commission fees for 2019/20 confirmed](#)

Changes to the fees that CQC will charge providers of health and adult social care in England for the year 2019/20 have now been confirmed and will take effect from 1 April this year.

13:57pm, 28 March 2019

[A review of the fit and proper person test](#)

The independent review, led by Tom Kark QC, considers how effectively the fit and proper person test prevents unsuitable staff from being redeployed in health and social care settings.

13:55pm, 28 March 2019

[Health visiting: giving children the best start in life](#)

The health visiting service plays a crucial role in giving children the best start in life.

13:53pm, 28 March 2019

[How mothers' financial problems affect children's health and development](#)

This paper considers the consequences on young adults of growing up with a mother who reported experiencing major financial problems.

16:27pm, 27 March 2019

[The state-backed indemnity scheme: what it means in practice](#)

Rising indemnity costs have been seen as a key factor in the escalating GP crisis, causing many GPs to reduce the sessions they work or quit the profession altogether.

16:26pm, 27 March 2019

[The primary care network handbook](#)

The BMA has published a handbook setting out options to groups of practices looking to establish a primary care network (PCN).

16:24pm, 27 March 2019

[Coroners' investigations of stillbirths](#)

The government is consulting on a number of proposals which aim to bring greater independence to the way stillbirths are investigated.

16:22pm, 27 March 2019

[How easy is it for nomadic Gypsies and Travellers to access primary care?](#)

This report describes the findings of a mystery shopping exercise by a charity which contacted 50 GP practices posing as a patient wishing to register who didn't have a fixed address or proof of identity.

16:16pm, 27 March 2019

[Transforming children's services](#)

This report looks at the current pressures on children's social care and what the Department for Education has been doing to make the quality or finances of these services sustainable.

09:41am, 26 March 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 implementation of primary care networks, which as the NHS Long Term Plan makes clear will soon include all GP practices.

09:39am, 26 March 2019

[General ophthalmic service fees and voucher values from April 2019](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has published NHS general ophthalmic fees and optical voucher values for the financial year 2019 to 2020.

09:37am, 26 March 2019

[Closing the gap: key areas for action on the health and care workforce](#)

Staffing is the make-or-break issue for the NHS in England. Think tanks the King's Fund, Nuffield Trust and Health Foundation have set out the policy actions that need to be at the heart of the workforce implementation plan due to be published later this year.

09:36am, 26 March 2019

[Government response to Commons report on energy drinks and children](#)

The government has published its response to the science and technology select committee's report on energy drinks and children.

09:33am, 26 March 2019

[Public Health England on crack](#)

Public Health England (PHE) and the Home Office have published a summary of findings from the inquiry into the increased use of crack cocaine, which looked at six areas of England.

09:32am, 26 March 2019

[New patient factsheet as hay fever season arrives early](#)

With hay fever season arriving earlier, the College of Optometrists has issued a member-only patient factsheet detailing a step by step guide on eye drop instillation.

19:42pm, 25 March 2019

[Integrated care systems - practical steps for primary care](#)

The NHS Long Term Plan puts primary care at the heart of plans for integrated care systems (ICS). Primary care networks will be the delivery vehicles for community health services that bring together general practice working at scale with other local care organisations.

19:41pm, 25 March 2019

[£6m for those affected by alcohol](#)

The government has announced additional funding of £6m for local authorities to use for a range of projects to help those affected by alcohol.

19:39pm, 25 March 2019

[Tuberculosis cases in England hit lowest ever levels](#)

New cases of tuberculosis (TB) in England have fallen to the lowest levels since records began in 1960.

19:38pm, 25 March 2019

[Healthy ageing interventions for pharmacy teams](#)

Public Health England has published a list of interventions that can be made by pharmacy teams to help older people to lead more independent lives and improve their health.

19:35pm, 25 March 2019

[Getting hospital discharge right](#)

Research published by the Red Cross explores patients' unplanned stays in hospital and what they face when they return home.

19:29pm, 25 March 2019

[Annual flu letter for 2019/20](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care, Public Health England and NHS England have published a letter to provide further information on the national flu immunisation programme 2019/20.

**NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:**

08:10am, 29 March 2019

[To followership and beyond](#)

After the success of her last blog on mindfulness, we asked Bev Heaver to share her thoughts on other aspects of the exciting world of change. Bev is head of disruptive horizon scanning and new futures curation at the Mod Institute. Here she unpacks some of the key resources that we all need to carry with us on our change journeys.

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