

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:04am, 7 May 2021

### Effective online meetings

Are too many of your meetings classed as 'a waste of time or boring and frustrating?' then develop the capabilities and confidence to manage engaging meetings that gain commitment, add value, and achieve outcomes.

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### Social care review

The King's Fund annual Social Care 360 review outlines and analyses the key trends in adult social care in recent years to provide a uniquely rounded '360 degree' view of the sector.

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### Antidepressant prescribing and dementia consultation

NICE announced that the indicators for antidepressant prescribing and dementia consultation period is now open.

09:57am, 7 May 2021

### Lung cancer campaign

The GP awareness campaign for never smoking lung cancers, called 'See Through the Symptoms', has been launched.

09:55am, 7 May 2021

### General practice workforce

This report published by NHS Digital presents data about GPs, nurses, direct patient care and admin/non-clinical staff working in general practice in England, along with information on their patients and practices.

14:10pm, 6 May 2021

### PCC opportunities

PCC is currently recruiting to its busy events and business support teams.

10:06am, 6 May 2021

### [Additional roles - don't forget the estates plan](#)

The additional roles reimbursement scheme means on average each primary care network (PCN) having funding allocations for up to 12 additional team members. To effectively support practices and provide the best services for patients having appropriate space in practices for these professionals is becoming more of an issue.

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### [Education, training and resources to support self-management and behaviour change](#)

UCLPartners new video series focusses on coaching and motivational interviewing techniques that healthcare assistants, or those in similar roles, can use when speaking to patients.

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### [Testing centre to fast-track COVID-19 variant vaccines](#)

The government will invest £29.3 million through the Vaccines Taskforce in Public Health England's new testing facilities at Porton Down, to assess the effectiveness of existing and new vaccines against variants of concern.

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### [Fairer outcomes for looked-after children and young people](#)

Looked after children and young people should be considered 'one of their own' by carers, in order to help them to reach their full potential, new NICE draft guidelines say.

10:01am, 6 May 2021

### [Greener respiratory patient pathway](#)

The Primary Care Respiratory Society has launched Greener Respiratory Pathway. The launch of the toolkit coincides with World Asthma Day, which takes as its theme this year - "Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions".

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### [Post-COVID syndrome assessment clinics guidance](#)

The commissioning guidance to assist local healthcare systems to establish and run post-COVID assessment clinics has been updated and published.

16:51pm, 5 May 2021

### [The Confident PCN Leader](#)

The challenges for primary care network (PCN) leaders have been immense in the last year, and are not decreasing. Having the skills to manage the local politics, develop the relationships needed with local health and care partners, and become an effective voice at integrated care system level is vital.

09:40am, 5 May 2021

### [New roles in primary care toolkit](#)

This toolkit has been developed to enable primary and community care training hubs to work collaboratively with PCNs towards the development of the primary care workforce, as outlined in the GP contract.

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### [Digital Weight Management Programme](#)

The NHS Digital Weight Management Programme offers digital access to weight management services for those with obesity plus

either diabetes, hypertension, or both, accessible freely by e-referral from all general practices in England.

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### [Thank you day](#)

On Sunday 4 July the Together coalition will lead a national day of thanks and recognition to celebrate the incredible work of our NHS staff, as well as all key workers and others in our communities who have helped us through this challenging year.

09:33am, 5 May 2021

### [Pandemic patient experience II: from lockdown to vaccine roll-out](#)

In 2020, patients told the Patients Association about their experiences of living with health and care needs during the Covid-19 pandemic.

09:32am, 5 May 2021

### [COVID-19 in schools: drop in infections](#)

The Schools Infection Survey (SIS) shows a significant drop in the number of secondary school pupils and staff testing positive for coronavirus.

11:37am, 4 May 2021

### [HealthCoachPlus programme](#)

The HealthCoachPlus programme is a two day virtual training programme designed to provide healthcare professionals in primary care, secondary care and in the wider community and voluntary sectors with the knowledge, skills and confidence to incorporate health coaching techniques in their role.

11:36am, 4 May 2021

### [Appointments in general practice data](#)

NHS Digital has published Appointments in general practice data for March 2021.

11:34am, 4 May 2021

[Community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service](#)

NHS Test and Trace are keen to hear feedback from community pharmacies delivering this service via a short online survey.

11:33am, 4 May 2021

[3D heart scans speed up disease diagnosis](#)

The NHS is rolling out revolutionary technology to diagnose and treat around 100,000 patients with suspected heart disease, five times faster than normal.

11:31am, 4 May 2021

[Unborn babies receive operations](#)

Dozens of babies with spina bifida have been spared paralysis and other life-limiting conditions after undergoing surgery in the womb.

11:28am, 4 May 2021

[50 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered](#)

Over 50 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the UK, with over a quarter of adults having received both doses.

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

16:33pm, 6 May 2021

[Virtual group consultations and Why skip/send it to landfill?](#)

An article on group consultations that celebrates the patient perspective and experiences of receiving care this way from Alison Manson. Blog on reusing/recycling and saving money for a NHS Trust from Alex Ford.

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