

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

09:30am, 9 April 2021

### [Being a general medical practice partner - navigating the pension and tax traps](#)

The world of tax and how it interacts with GP partners' pensions is an increasingly confusing and complex area.

09:27am, 9 April 2021

### [GP contract legislative changes](#)

The APMS directions reflecting GMS and PMS contract changes that came into force from 1 April 2021 along with the Directed Enhanced Service Directions and the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions have now been published.

09:25am, 9 April 2021

### [Guidance dementia and older people's mental health](#)

A new guidance document has been published by the South East Clinical Network on the topic of dementia and older people's mental health.

09:23am, 9 April 2021

### [Thousands of healthcare support workers join the NHS](#)

The NHS has boosted support for patients, their families and staff by recruiting 10,000 healthcare support workers (HCSWs) in the first three months of the year.

09:21am, 9 April 2021

[AstraZeneca vaccine and next steps](#)

This letter follows the update of 7 April 2021 from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the independent Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) guidance in relation to the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine.

09:18am, 9 April 2021

[Health inequalities and Covid vaccination](#)

This report comments on the complex causes of vaccine hesitancy, highlights issues with data on vaccine take up and the need for a national conversation on health inequalities involving communities to inform new commissioning structures as we come out of the pandemic.

09:15am, 9 April 2021

[Social prescribing link workers and capacity building](#)

This document looks at a place based approach to strengthening the role of social prescribing link workers, the voluntary, community and social enterprise, and wider community support for improved health and wellbeing of populations.

14:51pm, 8 April 2021

[April PCC Insight now available](#)

The April edition of PCC Insight reflects on the publication of the White Paper, considering the cultural

changes needed to make implementation a success, the implications for general practice and the opportunities the White Paper may bring.

09:28am, 8 April 2021

### [An introduction to new roles in general practice for practice staff](#)

One of the success factors to embed new roles in practices is making sure that existing staff understand the change and can support implementing the new patient pathways.

09:26am, 8 April 2021

### [NICE recommendation for chronic primary pain](#)

People with chronic primary pain should be offered a range of treatments to help them manage their condition, NICE has said in its guideline on the assessment and management of chronic pain published this week.

09:25am, 8 April 2021

### [Digital technology in health and social care](#)

This report, commissioned by the Health Foundation, provides a summary of evidence for how emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, smartphones, wearable devices and the internet of things are being used within care settings around the world.

09:24am, 8 April 2021

Post-pandemic plan for the healthcare workforce

A poll finds that as many as one in four health care workers - equivalent to 330,000 staff - say they are more likely to leave the NHS due to a year of unprecedented pressure.

09:47am, 7 April 2021

Dealing with difficult situations - courageous conversations

Sometimes in the workplace we find ourselves in difficult situations with people who appear resistant to what we are trying to do or even hostile. These situations can have a negative impact on our resilience and self-esteem, especially if we feel we did not handle them well.

09:46am, 7 April 2021

New dedicated mental health services for new expectant and bereaved mums

The 26 new hubs will bring together maternity services, reproductive health and psychological therapy under one roof as part of the NHS Long Term Plan.

09:43am, 7 April 2021

Adult social care infection control and testing fund

The adult social care infection control fund provides ring-fenced funding to support adult social care providers in England for infection prevention and control.

09:42am, 7 April 2021

[General practice and local charities open an allotment for their local community](#)

In this case study, read how the Oxford Terrace and Rawling Road Medical Group practice in Bensham, Gateshead has worked with local charities Best of Bensham and the Carers Association to open a shared allotment space to patients as part of their social prescribing offer.

09:41am, 7 April 2021

[Race and ethnic disparities report](#)

This report includes a chapter on health that looks at life expectancy, cancer, diabetes, obesity, maternal mortality as well as access to health care, Covid-19 and more.

11:10am, 6 April 2021

[Estate strategies](#)

With the increasing need for PCNs to work through their clinical strategies and ensure the estate is aligned to support delivery of the clinical service model; PCC has associates that can help.

11:08am, 6 April 2021

[NHS rolls out headache-busting gadget](#)

NHS England is expanding the use of gammaCore after successful trials held over the last two years.

11:07am, 6 April 2021

[Patients set to benefit from five-minute breast cancer treatment](#)

An injection that cuts the amount of time breast cancer patients spend in hospital from two and a half hours to as little as five minutes is being rolled out across the country by NHS England.

11:04am, 6 April 2021

[Primary care networks - social prescribing resources](#)

Primary Care Network (PCN) toolkit, technical annex, provides templates and guides to support PCNs in implementing social prescribing.

11:02am, 6 April 2021

[Achievements and developments during 2020/21 flu season](#)

Letter from Professor Stephen Powis, to NHS trusts, foundation trusts and GP practices and all community pharmacies.

11:01am, 6 April 2021

[Rapid coronavirus testing to be available to everyone in England](#)

Everyone in England will be able to access free, regular, rapid coronavirus testing from 9 April, the government has announced.

10:58am, 6 April 2021

[Where next for care and support reform?](#)

The issues facing social care, particularly the funding pressures, have been highlighted and exacerbated over the past year during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

16:24pm, 8 April 2021

[Cultural change at the heart of integrated care systems](#)

The blog this week, by Helen Northall, looks at the changes needed to make integrated care systems a reality.

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