

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

13:45pm, 11 December 2020

### [COVID-19 local vaccination services deployment in community settings](#)

NHS England has published a standard operating procedure describing the operating model and design requirements for safe delivery of COVID-19 vaccines in the community.

13:44pm, 11 December 2020

### [Workforce data - reminder to practices and PCNs](#)

NHS Digital will extract the latest general practice and PCN workforce data from the National Workforce Reporting System (NWR5) on 31 December.

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### [Governance, handling, and preparation of vaccines by GP led Local Vaccination Centres \(PCN designated sites\)](#)

The chief pharmaceutical officer Dr Keith Ridge has written to CCG lead pharmacists and chief officers to set out the principles and expectations necessary to maintain integrity, and therefore safety, quality and effectiveness, of the COVID-19 vaccines.

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### [Dental charges increase](#)

The government has announced that the National Health Service dental patient charges in England will increase from 14 December 2020.

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### [New Deputy Chief Dental Officer](#)

NHS England has announced that Professor Rebecca Harris, Professor of Dental Public Health at Liverpool University has been appointed as the new deputy chief dental officer.

10:16am, 11 December 2020

[The next steps towards integrated care](#)

The King's Fund new explainer looks at NHS England and NHS Improvement's proposals to further integrate health and care services and the associated proposals for legislative change.

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[Online Confident leader programme](#)

Our Confident leader programme is perfect for clinical, non-clinical, and aspiring leaders. The programme blends expert input with action learning - working through real issues with your peers and our experts.

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[Supporting whole-system approaches to tackling obesity](#)

New guidance is available from Public Health England to support the involvement of NHS leaders in increasing physical activity as part of whole-system approaches to obesity.

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[Guidance to support care homes to order medications through proxy access](#)

New step-by-step guidance from the NHS and the Local Government Association explains how GP practices, care homes and pharmacies can set up care staff with proxy access to a residents' GP online account.

09:57am, 10 December 2020

[£600 million to upgrade and refurbish NHS hospitals](#)

NHS hospital staff, patients and visitors across all regions in England will benefit from refurbished wards, brand-new electrics and upgraded ventilation systems by next spring, the Health Secretary has announced.

09:54am, 10 December 2020

### [COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)

The General Pharmaceutical Council has published information for pharmacy professionals, pharmacy owners and patients and the public about the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

09:53am, 10 December 2020

### [Antimicrobial prescribing guidelines for all dentists](#)

The Faculty of General Dental Practice UK (FGDP) and the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FDS) have published the third edition of Antimicrobial Prescribing in Dentistry - Good Practice Guidelines.

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### [Effective communication: How to deliver your message with clarity and impact](#)

Great leaders understand how to communicate. Well communicated messages build trust, promote understanding and create confidence - the essential conditions for leading change and meeting challenges.

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### [PCN sites beginning COVID-19 vaccination next week](#)

NHS England has written to wave one PCN designated sites who will begin vaccinating patients from Tuesday 15 December with information to support preparations.

13:10pm, 9 December 2020

### [Update on Covid swab testing in general practice](#)

NHS Test and Trace made Covid PCR swab testing capability available to all general practices in England on a voluntary, opt in basis a month ago.

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### [Digital technology and health inequalities](#)

This report, published jointly by Public Health Wales and The King's Fund, explores how a lack of access, skills and motivation for using digital technologies could contribute to inequalities in health and other outcomes.

13:08pm, 9 December 2020

### [Latest statistics on smoking](#)

NHS Digital has published new statistics on smoking in England, including the latest data on smoking related ill-health, smoking related deaths, prescription items to help people to stop smoking and the expenditure and affordability of tobacco.

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### [The Mental Health Act in the Covid-19 pandemic](#)

Monitoring the Mental Health Act is the CQC's annual report on the use of the Mental Health Act (MHA). It looks at how providers are caring for patients, and whether patients' rights are being protected.

14:18pm, 8 December 2020

### [Financial management considerations for GP partners](#)

All GP partners need to understand financial management and the implications of being a partner in a monetary sense.

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### [Vertical integration of GP practices with acute hospitals in England and Wales](#)

In several locations across England and Wales, NHS organisations responsible for managing acute hospitals have also taken over the running of primary care medical practices.

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### [Digital health and Covid-19](#)

This report examines the digital transformation of health and care services during the pandemic and recommends how the system can use the lessons from Covid-19 to advance digital change, while maintaining safety and prioritising citizens' needs.

09:42am, 8 December 2020

### [NHS vaccine programme 'turning point' in battle against the pandemic](#)

NHS chief Sir Simon Stevens has praised the efforts of hardworking staff for making the roll out of a COVID-19 vaccine possible, saying that the deployment marks a "decisive turning point" in the battle against the pandemic.

09:40am, 8 December 2020

### [COVID-19 vaccination resources now available](#)

NHS England has published a dedicated webpage for information on the vaccination programme.

09:38am, 8 December 2020

### [Commissioner feedback needed to support consultation](#)

Commissioners have until Monday 21 December to respond to NHS Digital's consultation on the national contract monitoring specifications.

09:37am, 8 December 2020

### [Resource supports the delivery of sensory healthcare in special residential schools and colleges](#)

Delivering healthcare to children with learning disabilities and autism will be made easier thanks to a new e-learning programme developed

by Health Education England, in partnership with NHS England and Improvement (NHSE/I).

11:52am, 7 December 2020

### [11 new integrated care systems](#)

Eleven more parts of the country will be formally designated "integrated care systems" (ICS) from 1 April 2021 serving a combined population of 14.5 million people.

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### [Primary care COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)

NHS England has written to general practice teams with details on the vital role of general practice in the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

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### [COVID-19 enhanced service vaccination collaboration agreement](#)

The COVID-19 enhanced service vaccination collaboration agreements outlines the individual and collective responsibilities of the collaborating practices as part of the COVID-19 vaccination programme as set out in COVID-19 vaccination programme 2020/21 enhanced service specification.

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### [Support for redesigning care pathways](#)

NHSX has published four 'digital playbooks' to help achieve the Long Term Plan's aim of reducing face-to-face outpatient appointments by up to a third over the next five years.

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### [Better Care Fund: policy statement 2020 to 2021](#)

This document confirms how local authorities and CCGs should proceed with finalising plans and pooling agreements for funding

under the Better Care Fund in 2020 to 2021, and sets out the national conditions for the Fund.

11:44am, 7 December 2020

### [Hospitals to start biggest ever NHS vaccination programme](#)

The NHS will begin vaccinating patients against coronavirus at dozens of hospital hubs from this week at the start of the biggest immunisation programme in history.

11:41am, 7 December 2020

### [Five-year strategy for transfusion care](#)

NHS Blood and Transplant has published Transfusion 2024 for NHS providers and other stakeholders. It sets out key priorities for clinical and laboratory transfusion practice for safe patient care for the next five years.

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

10:12am, 11 December 2020

### [Guest blog: David Hotchin](#)

This week we have a guest blog that was submitted to us by David Hotchin, written by a retired friend....obviously, he's used a little poetic licence.

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