

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:27am, 13 November 2020

### [Managing high performing virtual teams](#)

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### [Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual guidance](#)

NHS England has published more guidance on the Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual.

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### [People with learning disabilities had higher death rate from COVID-19](#)

The report, Deaths of people identified as having learning disabilities with COVID-19 in England in the Spring of 2020 examined data from The English Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) and NHS England's COVID-19 Patient Notification System (CPNS) which records deaths in hospital settings.

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### [Integrated care working for patients](#)

Granta Medical Practices, a primary care network serving residents across Cambridge and Hertfordshire, have introduced a top of the range CT scanner into one of their practices.

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### [Importance of flu vaccinations for people with a learning disability](#)

Community pharmacy teams are being asked to ensure people with a learning disability (and autistic people in an at-risk group) receive

their flu vaccinations as a priority cohort alongside people over 65 and pregnant women.

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### [Economies for Healthier Lives](#)

The Health Foundation is launching a new funding programme to strengthen relationships between economic development and health.

10:39am, 12 November 2020

### [Community pharmacy integral to PCNs](#)

It is important for community pharmacy to work through how they can best support the delivery of patient care at a local level. In many areas the Covid-19 challenge has enhanced relationships with practices and PCNs with the result of closer working.

10:36am, 12 November 2020

### [Making the most of video group clinics in outpatients](#)

This webinar will discuss the value of video group clinics as part of outpatient transformation, and how this remote way to review and support your patients is helping to create time and build service resilience through person centred digital transformation.

10:35am, 12 November 2020

### [PCN development funding guidance](#)

This updated PCN development support guidance sets out the PCN development priorities and provides guidance about utilisation of national £43.7m funding for 2020/21.

10:33am, 12 November 2020

### [NHS launches renewed recruitment drive](#)

The NHS is launching a renewed recruitment drive. The professionalism and dedication staff have shown throughout the

pandemic has generated unprecedented interest in joining the NHS while the demands of contending with coronavirus, while keeping other services running, means recruitment has never been more crucial.

10:28am, 12 November 2020

### [NICE draft guidance on the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS](#)

NICE has published its draft updated guideline on the diagnosis and management of myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy)/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS).

10:25am, 12 November 2020

### [Home from Hospital - an interactive map](#)

The interactive map 'Housing - Getting People Home from Hospital' developed by Foundations (the national body for home improvement agencies) and the Housing Learning and Improvement Network (formerly of the Department of Health), highlights a range of useful examples of where housing organisations and local services are, or have been, actively supporting hospital discharges and helping to get people home.

10:24am, 12 November 2020

### [GIRFT report for radiology](#)

The Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme has published its national report for radiology to help improve patient experience and increase capacity within the constraints of COVID-19.

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### [Covid-19 national vaccination programme](#)

Moore Scarrott Healthcare has produced this response giving advice to GP practices about the new Covid-19 draft enhanced service specification.

09:41am, 11 November 2020

[Preparing for general practice to contribute to a potential Covid-19 vaccination programme](#)

NHS England has published a letter and associated documents for GPs, general practice teams and CCGs regarding preparing for general practice to contribute to a potential Covid-19 vaccination programme.

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[£150 million for general practice](#)

NHS England has established a new General Practice Covid Capacity Expansion Fund.

09:37am, 11 November 2020

[Network Contract DES: Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme claim form update](#)

Following the addition of nursing associate and trainee nursing associate roles to the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme under the Network Contract DES from 1 October, the ARRS claim form has been updated to allow PCNs to claim reimbursement for these roles.

09:35am, 11 November 2020

[Cervical screening tips for communicating with patients](#)

A blog and short film has been developed by Jo's Trust in collaboration with NHS England and NHS Improvement and Public Health England colleagues.

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[Parents urged to keep childhood vaccination appointments during national COVID-19 restrictions](#)

Public Health England (PHE) is reminding parents that the national COVID-19 restrictions should not stop children from receiving life-

saving vaccines. The NHS is ensuring that appointments are still available and that routine vaccinations should continue to go ahead.

09:31am, 11 November 2020

### [Health matters: cold weather and COVID-19](#)

This edition of Health Matters covers the impact of cold weather on health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

10:02am, 10 November 2020

### [SocialPrescriberPlus - essential training for social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches](#)

With the additional roles reimbursement scheme supporting social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches, practically focused training is essential for these posts to provide effective and efficient support to practices.

10:01am, 10 November 2020

### [Help Us Help You campaign](#)

The Help Us Help You abdominal symptoms of cancer campaign launches this week, to encourage people to seek advice from their GP if they have symptoms of diarrhoea, bloating or discomfort that last for three weeks or more.

10:00am, 10 November 2020

### [Public Health England COVID-19 guidance](#)

An easy read version and additional translations have been added to Public Health England's updated guidance for households where one or more members has possible or confirmed COVID-19.

09:58am, 10 November 2020

### [NHS Volunteer Responders scheme extended](#)

People who need help as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) will be able to access support for simple but vital tasks over the coming months thanks to the successful NHS Volunteer Responders programme.

09:50am, 10 November 2020

### [Home delivery of medicines service commissioned](#)

During the national restrictions people who are clinically extremely vulnerable are advised by the Government not to go to a community pharmacy.

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### [Ageing better resources](#)

This resource library brings together a catalogue of reports, studies and infographics on areas of interest to those interested in evidence around ageing better.

10:09am, 9 November 2020

### [Managing high performing virtual teams](#)

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### [Directed enhanced service specification for flu updated](#)

An updated directed enhanced service specification (DES) for the seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccination programme 2020/21 has been published.

10:07am, 9 November 2020

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

New step-by-step guidance from the NHS and Local Government Association explains what a care home, GP practice and pharmacy needs to do to set-up care staff with proxy access to a resident's GP online account so they can quickly, safely and securely order resident's medications online.

10:06am, 9 November 2020

[Young people with eating disorders to benefit from 'gold standard' NHS treatment](#)

The NHS has announced that it will scale up an early intervention service to support young people in the early stages of eating disorders.

10:03am, 9 November 2020

[Social media platforms to tackle vaccine disinformation](#)

Digital Secretary Oliver Dowden and Health Secretary Matt Hancock have agreed with social media platforms new measures to limit the spread of vaccine misinformation and disinformation and help people find the information they need about any COVID-19 vaccine.

10:02am, 9 November 2020

[Workload prioritisation guidance to support GPs through COVID-19](#)

The Royal College of General Practitioners has published new guidance on workload prioritisation, reflecting the increasing prevalence of COVID-19 around the country, to support GPs and their teams in making local decisions based on local circumstances.



## NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

16:26pm, 12 November 2020

### Primary Care and the Health of the Public

By Professor David Colin-Thomé, OBE, chair of PCC and formerly a GP for 36 years, the National Clinical Director of Primary, Dept of Health England 2001- 10 and visiting Professor Manchester and Durham Universities.

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