

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:14am, 15 January 2021

### [The leader as a coach - building stronger teams](#)

Using coaching techniques in the workplace can support effective team management by increasing the motivation and confidence of individuals.

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### [A&E visits 50 per cent higher in December than April COVID peak](#)

Half a million more people sought help in England's A&Es in December compared with the first peak of the pandemic in April, according to new data from the NHS, which show essential services were being maintained at the end of the year.

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### [Standard operating procedure: COVID-19 local vaccination services deployment in community settings](#)

The standard operating procedure for the COVID-19 local vaccination services deployment in community settings has been updated with the latest guidance.

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### [Past COVID-19 infection provides some immunity but people may still carry and transmit virus](#)

People infected with COVID-19 in the past are likely to be protected against reinfection for at least 5 months, a Public Health England (PHE) study has found, although experts cautioned those with immunity may still be able carry the virus in their nose and throat and therefore have a risk of transmitting to others.

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### [COVID-19 vaccination in older adult care homes](#)

With the increased rate and spread of infections the protection of care home staff and residents is paramount.

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### [Pulse oximetry guidance updated](#)

The guidance for pulse oximetry to detect early deterioration of patients with COVID-19 in primary and community care settings has been updated, alongside a small update to the remote monitoring COVID-19 diary which is now also available in easy read format.

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### [Finding your feet in general practice](#)

Every primary care network (PCN) is appointing new professionals to work in general practice through the additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRS).

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### [Cost of constipation still rising in most English regions](#)

The Cost of Constipation report published by the multidisciplinary organisation, the independent Bowel Interest Group, reveals that the cost of avoidable emergency admissions to hospital because of constipation is rising year-on-year in most English regions.

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### [Taking action on inclusion health](#)

Public Health England's new guide to inclusion health will help frontline health and care staff ensure socially excluded people can access and benefit from services.

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[Pharmacies deliver Covid vaccinations](#)

Life-saving coronavirus jabs will begin to be delivered at pharmacies as the NHS accelerates the biggest vaccination programme in its history.

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[Communications toolkit for local maternity teams to improve communications with Black, Asian and minority ethnic women](#)

NHS England's Maternity Transformation programme has produced this toolkit to support local maternity systems to enhance communication with diverse groups and communities.

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[CQC draft plan open for consultation](#)

The CQC's draft strategic plan for the next five years is open for public consultation.

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[Future proof healthcare - better outcomes for patients](#)

Future-proofing health care is about ensuring better outcomes for patients both now and in the future, within constrained resources.

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[New NHS maternity leadership training](#)

Hundreds of NHS maternity and neonatal leaders in England will benefit from a new £500,000 maternity leadership programme to train staff across 126 Trusts and 44 local maternity systems.

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### [Map of vaccination sites](#)

This map shows the vaccination sites that are open across the country, meaning 96% of the population is within 10 miles of a vaccine service.

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### [Landmark reform of mental health laws](#)

A major reform of the Mental Health Act will empower individuals to have more control over their treatment.

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### [Public health medicine pandemic experience survey](#)

This survey of doctors working in public health and health protection roles has exposed criticism and scepticism with the government's plans to reorganise Public Health England, and the opportunities for doctors to help shape any changes.

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### [The Covid-19 vaccine communication handbook](#)

A team of renowned scientific experts has joined forces from across the world and created this guide to help fight the spread of misinformation about the Covid-19 vaccines.

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### [Turning conflict into collaboration](#)

Differences of opinion, interpretation and values can lay the foundations of misunderstanding, confrontation and conflict.

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### [Plan for the largest vaccination programme in British history](#)

The UK COVID-19 vaccines delivery plan sets out how the government will work with the NHS, devolved administrations, local councils and

the armed forces to deliver the largest vaccination programme in British history.

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[Understanding different bereavement practices](#)

With support from a wide range of colleagues and staff networks, NHS England has developed this bereavement resource which recognises the diversity of staff.

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[Information published on the annual cost of the NHS estate](#)

NHS Digital has published information relating to the costs of providing, maintaining and servicing the NHS estate.

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[GIRFT clinical practice guidance](#)

This guidance outlines strategies and innovations to improve care for adult COVID-19 patients in secondary care, based on the experiences of trusts during the pandemic's early phase.

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[Expanding medical school places](#)

This report outlines a blueprint for the doubling of medical school places that will enable the NHS workforce to get back on a sustainable footing over the next decade.

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[More vaccination centres open](#)

The NHS is opening seven large-scale sites, capable of delivering thousands of the life-saving Covid-19 vaccinations each week.

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[NICE consultation on intrapartum care](#)

NICE is consulting on a draft scope for intrapartum care for healthy women and babies.

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[TV advert urges public to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives](#)

The Government has launched a major new public campaign urging people to act like they have the virus.

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[Staff thanked as flu vaccine uptake highest on record](#)

Over 80% of those aged 65 and over in England have received the flu vaccine so far this year - the highest uptake ever achieved. NHS England and NHS Improvement, Public Health England (PHE) and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care are thanking NHS staff for their incredible work in achieving some of the highest ever vaccination rates for flu.

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[New pilot launched to identify people with undiagnosed high blood pressure](#)

Community pharmacies in Chesterfield, Dudley and West Birmingham are piloting a new service to identify people with undiagnosed hypertension (high blood pressure) to help prevent cardiovascular disease (CVD) as part of the NHS Long Term Plan.

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[Deafness and Hearing Loss Toolkit for Primary Care](#)

The Royal College of General Practitioners collaborated with The Royal National Institute for Deaf People and NHS England and NHS

Improvement to develop an educational toolkit to support GPs and trainees deliver care to patients with hearing difficulties.

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### Nurse-led projects for people with complex needs

Thanks to funding from The Burdett Trust for Nursing, in 2021 The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) will be able to support ten nurse-led innovation projects that aim to improve care for people with complex needs.

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

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### So much more than an extra pair of hands

The introduction of the additional roles reimbursement scheme for primary care networks has started to grow capacity in general practice to address the unsustainably high workload that has put so much pressure on GPs.

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