

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:54am, 18 December 2020

[Develop your personal resilience](#)

The last few months have been fast-paced and demanding. Working lives have become more stressful, we've all been managing change at pace and the home/work balance is more challenging than ever.

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[Long COVID patients to get help](#)

NHS England has provided £10 million for a network of clinics, which started opening last month.

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[Rapid COVID-19 guidance on vitamin D](#)

In collaboration with Public Health England (PHE), and the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN), NICE conducted a rapid evidence review evaluating evidence from recent studies on vitamin D in relation to COVID-19.

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[COVID-19 infection rates in schools mirror rates in the community](#)

Coronavirus infection rates among students and staff in schools were linked to those found in the wider community at the peak of the second wave, one of the largest studies in schools has found.

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[New digital systems to support COVID-19 vaccinations by GPs](#)

Working with NHS Digital, NHS England are enabling the national procurement of digital systems to help general practices and primary care networks manage the call and recall of patients for COVID-19 vaccinations.

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[Cancer services recovery plan](#)

NHS England has published the cancer services recovery plan, developed with the Cancer Recovery Taskforce, which sets out the steps we need to follow to maintain progress through what is likely to be a difficult winter.

11:20am, 17 December 2020

[More than 137,000 people in UK receive first dose of COVID vaccine in one week](#)

The government has released provisional figures which show at least 137,897 people received their first dose of the vaccine by the end of Tuesday 15 December.

10:13am, 17 December 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.

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[Asymptomatic staff testing for COVID-19 for primary care staff](#)

NHS England has written to all NHS primary care contractors (medical, dental, optometry and pharmacy) regarding regular testing of asymptomatic patient-facing NHS staff.

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[The government's approach to test and trace in England](#)

This interim report provides an overview of test and trace services for addressing Covid-19 in England, including how the government's

approach has developed, and how it managed performance and capacity in the period from May to October 2020.

10:02am, 17 December 2020

Obesity and coronavirus

This report explores what the data tells us about obesity, the current policy landscape and the likely effectiveness of policies announced to date in the government's obesity strategy.

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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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Additional funds to support winter workforce pressures

This letter includes details of the £80 million of new funding to support recruitment of international nurses, healthcare support workers and medical support workers in Q4 20/21.

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Developing rapid outreach this winter for people with severe mental illness

People with severe mental illness (SMI) face reduced life expectancy when compared with the general population.

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NHS seeks views on assessing urgent care

Patients, clinicians and the public are being invited to give their views on a comprehensive set of indicators for urgent care.

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[Domiciliary eye care patient leaflet](#)

The Association of Optometrists (AOP) has published a new patient leaflet to help people better understand eye care at home.

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[Supporting public health: maternity care](#)

These documents aim to support local authorities and providers in commissioning and delivering maternal public health services.

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[Nearly one in five women screened positive for possible eating disorder](#)

The Health Survey for England found that 19% of women aged sixteen and over screened positive for a possible eating disorder when questioned on their relationship with food, in 2019.

10:10am, 15 December 2020

[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.

10:09am, 15 December 2020

[Proposed changes to Permitted Development rights](#)

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is undertaking public consultation on proposed amendments to the UK planning system.

10:07am, 15 December 2020

[COVID-19 Enhanced Service Vaccination Collaboration Agreement](#)

NHS England has updated this document.

10:06am, 15 December 2020

[Supporting pregnant women using maternity services](#)

NHS England are asking all trust boards to urgently complete any further action needed so that partners can accompany women to all appointments and throughout birth.

10:04am, 15 December 2020

[Building the NHS nursing workforce in England](#)

This report provides an in-depth analysis of the past ten years of trends in recruitment and retention in the nursing workforce.

10:03am, 15 December 2020

[The multiple conditions guidebook - one year on](#)

This report revisits seven of the case studies featured in The multiple conditions guidebook to find out how things are progressing in the year since their original publication.

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[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. Equip your PCN's social prescribing team with the professional knowledge, skills, expertise and confidence to make an immediate impact. This training is accredited by the Personalised Care Institute.

10:39am, 14 December 2020

[GPs begin offering Covid vaccine](#)

Hundreds of local vaccination services run by family doctors and their teams will open across England this week. Practices in more than 100 parts of the country are taking delivery of the vaccine.

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[Patient Group Direction - Covid-19 vaccine](#)

NHS England has published the patient group direction for the Covid-19 vaccine.

10:37am, 14 December 2020

[Advice on acute sector workforce models during COVID-19](#)

This guidance provides an advisory framework to help support trusts organise their workforce in a way best suited to deliver their Phase 3 plans and can be flexed to local circumstances, resources and demand.

10:28am, 14 December 2020

[Extra help for rough sleepers with drug and alcohol dependency](#)

Forty-three areas across England will receive support from a £23 million government fund designed for those with drug and alcohol support needs to get the help they need to rebuild their lives.

10:27am, 14 December 2020

[People with long-term health conditions urged to get flu vaccine](#)

Health chiefs, and a coalition of charities, are urging people with long-term health conditions to get the flu vaccine before the virus starts to circulate.

10:26am, 14 December 2020

[Statistical reports relating to adult social care](#)

The latest statistics on adult social care — covering outcomes, activity, finance and the opinions of those receiving care — have been published by NHS Digital.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

15:54pm, 17 December 2020

[A year like no other](#)

On 5 July 1948 the NHS was born, over the last 72 years challenges and changes have been remarkable but the service has probably never been tested as much as in the last nine months. There have previously been numerous re-organisations, multiple changes to hospitals, mental health services and a shift from the family doctor towards more integrated primary care services delivered by a range of professionals. However, rapid transformation of services to embrace digital technologies, and a shift change to work differently has been forced upon all areas of the health service this year.
