

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:18am, 20 November 2020

[Understanding the legal implications of being a practice partner](#)

All partners in general medical practices need to understand the legal implications of partnership. From HR issues to the legal issues around collaboration, partnership agreements and premises ownership.

10:16am, 20 November 2020

[Primary care staff survey - feasibility study](#)

CCG and PCN leads are invited to take part in a short online survey to share their views about the feasibility of developing a new national survey aimed at understanding staff experience in primary care (including dental practice, general practice, optometry, and pharmacy).

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[Mental Health campaign](#)

Help Us Help You - Mental Health is a two-month campaign aimed at increasing awareness of NHS talking therapies services (IAPT).

10:09am, 20 November 2020

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) inpatient experience](#)

The results of CQC's coronavirus (COVID-19) inpatient survey have been published.

10:09am, 20 November 2020

Flu vaccinations rolled out to over 50s

Individuals aged 50 to 64 will be able to get a flu vaccine from their GP or pharmacy from December.

10:04am, 20 November 2020

Mental health for all?

This report finds that mental health inequalities mirror wider economic and social inequalities. Wealth and power inequalities put at risk the mental health of people experiencing poverty, racial injustice and discrimination.

10:01am, 20 November 2020

Time to bring our care workers in from the cold

This report looks at staff shortages and levels of pay within the care workforce and calls for pay equalisation with the NHS.

11:47am, 19 November 2020

Online Confident Leader programme

Our Confident Leader programme is perfect for your PCN clinical directors and aspiring clinical leaders. We also welcome non-clinical leads and other leaders working in health and care services.

11:09am, 19 November 2020

Support for GPs to deliver care to patients with hearing loss

A new toolkit to support GPs to deliver care for patients with hearing loss and which aims to encourage deaf patients to access primary care is available.

11:06am, 19 November 2020

Diabetic eye screening cameras

PHE has produced guidance about approval and purchase of cameras for diabetic eye screening programmes.

11:05am, 19 November 2020

Expanded study tests immune response of care home staff and residents

An expansion of the current Vivaldi study will test thousands more care home staff and residents for their immune response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

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New antibiotic-resistant infections rise

Antimicrobial resistance remains a serious threat to the health of people in England, with 178 AMR infections diagnosed each day, according to a PHE report.

11:03am, 19 November 2020

What does the future hold for digital health and care?

The Covid-19 pandemic has seen many health and care services turn to digital technology to continue meeting

patients' needs. But beyond remote consultations, what are the key technologies to look out for in the future?

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Estates strategy - a must do for PCNs

Creation of a PCN estates strategy, supported by a developed clinical strategy, is one of the areas that PCNs need to consider.

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Health and Care Intelligence Specialist Apprenticeship

Public Health England has led the development of a new apprenticeship standard aimed at those who want to be data analysts in a health, public health or care setting.

11:31am, 18 November 2020

Help for people with mental health worries

Although mental health services have been running throughout the pandemic there was a marked dip in referrals.

11:29am, 18 November 2020

Management of the long-term effects of COVID-19

A survey of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) members in September 2020 showed 67% of those who responded were looking after at least one patient with ongoing symptoms of COVID-19 lasting more than 12 weeks.

11:23am, 18 November 2020

[Initial education and training standards for pharmacists](#)

The Council of the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) has agreed the overall direction of the review of the standards for initial education and training of pharmacists.

11:22am, 18 November 2020

[Introducing digital prescribing in hospitals](#)

Hospitals across England will receive a share of nearly £16 million to introduce electronic prescriptions.

11:21am, 18 November 2020

[Importance of ventilation to reduce spread of COVID-19](#)

A short film released by the government shows how coronavirus lingers in enclosed spaces, and how to keep your home ventilated.

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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.

10:53am, 17 November 2020

[Government secures 5 million doses of Moderna vaccine](#)

The UK government has completed negotiations with biotech company Moderna to secure access to 5 million doses of its promising vaccine, enough for around 2.5 million people, the business secretary has announced.

10:51am, 17 November 2020

[Flu vaccines for general practice staff](#)

When arranging flu vaccines for general practice staff, remember to include all the primary care network (PCN) DES-funded additional roles, including social prescribing link workers.

10:50am, 17 November 2020

[Video consultations - translated resources now available](#)

These are visual resources intended to support patients use video technology for their appointments, the guide is relevant to any technology and any clinical setting and is now available to download in Arabic, Bengali, Bulgarian, Italian, Polish, Punjabi, Romanian and Urdu.

10:49am, 17 November 2020

[Supporting students and trainees during COVID-19](#)

Health Education England (HEE) has published guidance that outlines the process for governing HEE's decisions, operational activity and management of general practice students and trainees during a resurgence of COVID-19

and expected winter pressures over the first quarter of the academic year.

10:47am, 17 November 2020

[College of Optometrists publishes advice for drivers](#)

Vision plays a vital role in driving, and as a driver it's important that you ensure you have the best vision possible.

10:46am, 17 November 2020

[World Antibiotic Awareness Week: 18 - 24 November 2020](#)

World Antibiotic Awareness Week aims to avoid the further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance by improving awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance through effective communication, education and training.

10:19am, 16 November 2020

[Support for pregnant women and people with a learning disability with diabetes](#)

More people with diabetes will benefit from technology to help manage their condition on the NHS.

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[Long COVID clinics to tackle persistent symptoms](#)

The NHS will launch a network of more than 40 'long COVID' specialist clinics within weeks to help thousands

of patients suffering debilitating effects of the virus months after being infected.

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[QOF income protection](#)

The Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) 2020/21 has been revised to reflect the impact of COVID-19 on general practice.

10:13am, 16 November 2020

[COVID Oximetry @home standard operating procedure](#)

NHS England has published the COVID Oximetry @home standard operating procedure.

10:11am, 16 November 2020

[Flu vaccination messaging resources](#)

To help answer questions on flu vaccine availability, Public Health England has created a new two page leaflet.

10:09am, 16 November 2020

[The development of primary care networks in England: a rapid evaluation study](#)

This study examined the early implementation of primary care networks, especially what has helped or hindered progress, how they operate in relation to pre-existing collaborations, and issues for rural networks.

09:45am, 16 November 2020

Climate change and sustainability

This report states that with the NHS contributing up to 5 per cent of the UK's total carbon emissions, increased sustainability and changes to working practices are vital if the health of future generations is to be protected.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

09:27am, 20 November 2020

Primary Care: Why don't we talk about Racism?

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