

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:50am, 21 August 2020

### [Managing attendance during COVID and beyond: an employment law seminar](#)

This virtual session will provide an overview of the background to HR issues around self-isolating/shielding, before going on to look at attendance management issues, including how to account for COVID-related absence.

10:48am, 21 August 2020

### [NHS nurse numbers continue to rise](#)

The number of nurses in the NHS in England increased by 13,840 compared with the previous year, and the number of doctors has risen by 9,306.

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### [Framework launched to help NHS and public sector organisations manage cyber threats](#)

A cyber security services framework has been launched for the NHS and public sector, which can be used to procure external support and services to help manage cyber security risks, increase resilience, and recover in the event of an incident.

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### [Prevalence data for 21 common conditions](#)

Figures showing the recorded prevalence of 21 conditions, including asthma, hypertension, dementia, diabetes, and depression have been published by NHS Digital.

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[NICE recommends combination treatment for some lymphoma patients](#)

Hundreds of people with a form of blood cancer will benefit from a new treatment following the publication of draft guidance by NICE.

10:33am, 21 August 2020

[Obesity stigma fuelling severe impact on adult social care](#)

Up to a third of adults are predicted to be obese by 2024.

10:33am, 20 August 2020

[Effective management of HR issues and challenges in primary care](#)

This three module programme delivered using our Zoom platform provides information and advice relevant and applicable to the day-to-day running of general practice.

10:31am, 20 August 2020

[COVID-19 immunity study](#)

A nationwide effort led by Public Health England (PHE) to find out whether people who had COVID-19 can get infected again has now recruited 10,000 health workers from across the NHS.

10:21am, 20 August 2020

[Celebs with cancer back call for people to get symptoms checked](#)

Celebrities with cancer have joined NHS doctors to encourage the public to come forward for vital, life-saving checks.

10:20am, 20 August 2020

[Building back health and prosperity](#)

This cross-party commission believes there is now a fundamental choice to be made between greater centralisation of NHS and social care services or a comprehensive health devolution approach that incorporates national entitlements and targets but embeds the

delivery of an integrated NHS, social care and public health service within broader, powerful, democratically led local partnerships.

10:18am, 20 August 2020

### [Local authorities and the public's mental health](#)

This report examines the initiatives of nine local councils that are rising to the challenge of promoting good mental health and preventing poor mental health in their communities.

10:17am, 20 August 2020

### [Disability in the medical profession: survey findings](#)

This report outlines findings about the experiences of people with disabilities and long-term health conditions studying, training and working in the medical profession.

10:09am, 19 August 2020

### [Sustainable commissioning to future proof health care](#)

Sustainable commissioning is about future-proofing health care. This means ensuring better outcomes for patients both now and in the future.

10:07am, 19 August 2020

### [National Institute for Health Protection](#)

A new organisation whose primary focus is public health protection and infectious disease capability is being established by the government.

10:05am, 19 August 2020

### [Huge boost to national testing study will offer new COVID-19 insights](#)

The ONS COVID-19 Infection Survey tracking the virus in the general population will expand from regularly testing 28,000 people

per fortnight in England to 150,000 by October, the Health Secretary has announced.

10:04am, 19 August 2020

### [Babies in lockdown: listening to parents to build back better](#)

This report from Best Beginnings, together with Home-Start UK and the Parent-Infant Foundation, reveals the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 and subsequent measures on those pregnant, giving birth or at home with a baby or toddler.

10:02am, 19 August 2020

### [Lessons for the next phase of the national Covid-19 testing strategy](#)

This report aims to show the size of the task ahead to build a national test and trace service that will be fit for purpose for this coming winter.

10:01am, 19 August 2020

### [Number of volunteers offering to participate in UK COVID-19 vaccine studies](#)

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine Studies Volunteers Dashboard shows the number of volunteers in the UK who are offering to be contacted for possible recruitment into approved trials to find an effective vaccine for the virus. NHS Digital has reported.

13:29pm, 18 August 2020

### [PMS and APMS contractual changes](#)

PCC have developed a short Slideshare summarising the changes to the PMS and APMS contracts.

13:27pm, 18 August 2020

Reviewing children and young people on the shielded patients list

Most children and young people considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) can be removed from the shielded patients list following consultation with their specialist clinician or GP.

13:23pm, 18 August 2020

Updated Community Pharmacy Standard Operating Procedure

NHS England and NHS Improvement published an updated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for community pharmacies in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

13:21pm, 18 August 2020

Secretary of State message

Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock thanks the NHS workforce, sets out lessons learned through the coronavirus response and invites contributions to the call for evidence on reducing bureaucracy in health and social care.

13:19pm, 18 August 2020

Mental health services and Covid-19

Covid-19 has and will continue to have huge implications for mental health providers and the individuals they support.

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The case for sustainable investment to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping

This report warns that the economic consequences of the pandemic will increase rough sleeping and force families into expensive and unsuitable temporary accommodation, such as bed and breakfast, as local authorities struggle to manage rising homelessness levels.

10:36am, 17 August 2020

### [Eyecare contracts - your questions answered](#)

Commissioners of primary care eye care contracts are likely to be facing contractual issues that you need to deal with, to support this we are arranging a series of eye care surgeries.

10:34am, 17 August 2020

### [£5 million for social prescribing to tackle the impact of COVID-19](#)

The National Academy for Social Prescribing has been awarded £5 million in funding to support people to stay connected and maintain their health and wellbeing following the COVID-19 pandemic.

10:30am, 17 August 2020

### [Chemo doorstep drops help to keep cancer patients safe](#)

Thousands of patients with cancer have had chemotherapy delivered to their doors so that they can more safely receive treatment during the coronavirus pandemic.

10:29am, 17 August 2020

### [Hospital discharge and preventing unnecessary hospital admissions \(Covid-19\)](#)

This guide discusses the lessons learnt from hospital discharge and avoidance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

10:26am, 17 August 2020

### [Decision making and mental capacity](#)

This quality standard covers decision-making in people aged 16 and over using health and social care services, who may lack capacity to make their own decisions (now or in the future).

10:24am, 17 August 2020

Former nurses and midwives targeted in new return to practice campaign

A new campaign aimed at getting London's former nurses and midwives back into the NHS has been launched.

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

20:05pm, 20 August 2020

Remote clinical triage model

This week we are sharing how a remote clinical triage model was implemented at Tollgate Medical Centre. This has been shared with us by Sarah Portway, a Nurse, and Clinical Services Manager at Tollgate Medical Centre.