

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:45am, 22 January 2021

### [Expertise to support change and transformation](#)

PCC has a number of experts to support you. Whether it's leading a transformation programme, creating new processes and improving quality; managing stakeholders and supporting cross organisational working, or identifying the root causes of problems and working through to sustainable solutions.

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### [Supporting general practice in 2021/22](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement and the British Medical Association (BMA) General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England have published a letter setting out further measures to support general practice in 2021/22.

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### [Race, equality and inclusivity action plan](#)

In summer 2020, the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) undertook the first formal race, equality and inclusivity review, led by QNI Fellow and Trustee Professor Ami David MBE.

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### [NHS Test and Trace meets new year surge in demand with faster turnaround times](#)

85% of in-person test results were returned the next day after the test was taken, compared with 63% the week before.

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### [Working for babies: lockdown lessons](#)

This report summarises the impacts on babies of Covid-19 and the spring 2020 national lockdown.

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### [Cervical cancer prevention week 18-24 January](#)

Cervical screening in primary care should continue to be prioritised alongside cancer referrals, including both high risk and regular call/recall invitations to screening.

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### [Primary care expert wanted](#)

PCC is looking for a new expert adviser to join our team. You will support primary care to succeed including working with GP practices, primary care networks, other primary care providers, such as dentists and pharmacists, integrated care systems and commissioners.

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### [Mental health investment standard](#)

This briefing for CCGs outlines how the validation process managed for their 2019/20 year-end position on meeting the mental health investment standard.

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### [Proxy access to GP online services by care home staff](#)

Guidance from NHSX and the Local Government Association will help GP practices using TPP and EMIS systems to give authorised care staff proxy access to residents' GP online accounts.

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### [Asymptomatic testing to be rolled out](#)

Rapid, regular testing for people without symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) will be made available across the country from this week, with the eligibility of the community testing programme expanded to cover all 314 lower-tier local authorities.

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### [COVID-19 study report](#)

The interim findings from the eighth report of REACT, one of the country's largest studies into COVID-19 infections in England, have been published by Imperial College London and Ipsos MORI.

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### [Stop smoking services in England - response to the Covid-19 pandemic](#)

This report, written in partnership with Cancer Research UK, examines the performance of stop smoking services in England during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

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.

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### Excellence for integrated respiratory care

Patients with respiratory disease deserve equal access to early and accurate diagnosis, high standards of care, delivered by practitioners with suitable training and experience.

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### Investment to cut drugs crime

The £148 million package, announced by the government, takes a system-wide approach to the problem of illegal drugs. It gives extra resources to law enforcement to dismantle organised criminal gangs and tackle the supply of drugs.

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### Supply chain workers crucial to vaccination programme to receive jobs

Up to 2,000 people working in roles crucial to the continuity of the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain will be offered jobs to help ensure the UK gets the doses it needs to protect the most vulnerable, the government has announced.

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### Guidance on return to work for people with long COVID

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine has published guidance for healthcare professionals to assist them in facilitating the return to work of people who are unable to work due to long COVID.

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### [General Practice Awards 2020](#)

The winners of the General Practice Awards 2020 can be found here.

09:29am, 19 January 2021

### [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. The pandemic has shone a light on the resilience of services, and it has accelerated changes in the way we deliver them.

09:28am, 19 January 2021

### [Every Mind Matters](#)

The new campaign launches to support the nation's mental health, as half of adults say they are more worried during this current lockdown than in March 2020.

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### [COVID-19 waste management](#)

The standard operating procedure for waste management in all healthcare facilities, including primary care and testing, has been updated.

09:25am, 19 January 2021

### [NICE consultation - advocacy services for adults with health and social care needs](#)

NICE's consultation on its draft scope for advocacy services for adults with health and social care needs closes at 5pm on Friday 22 January.

09:24am, 19 January 2021

[New scheme launched to support domestic abuse victims](#)

The Home Office is implementing a new scheme to help victims of domestic abuse access support safely, and is encouraging community pharmacy teams to get involved.

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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.

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[Dementia wellbeing advice](#)

NHS England has updated their guide to dementia wellbeing during the pandemic.

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[Implementing the discharge medicines service](#)

A toolkit has been published which supports the implementation of the NHS discharge medicines service being introduced into community pharmacy from 15 February.

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[One million over 80s invited to vaccination centres](#)

More than one million people aged 80 or over have been invited to book a coronavirus jab at a vaccination centre. Ten new large-scale centres, including a rugby ground, racecourse,

food court and a cathedral, will open this week, joining the seven already delivering the life-saving jab.

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### [Access to national workforce supply routes for PCNs](#)

This guidance sets out detailed instructions which PCN groupings need to access the national workforce supply routes, on the following:

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### [Social care sector to receive £269 million to boost staffing levels and testing](#)

The funding announced will protect and support the social care sector, including care homes and domiciliary care providers, by increasing workforce capacity and increasing testing.

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### [COVID-19 vaccines rolled out to people aged 70 years and over](#)

Millions of people aged 70 and over and those clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 will be invited to get their vaccinations from Monday 18 January, as the NHS begins roll out of the vaccines to the next two priority groups.

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

16:34pm, 21 January 2021

[Link of the week: Clinically-Led workforce and Activity Redesign \(CLEAR\)](#)

This week we are sharing a link to the Clinically-Led workforce and Activity Redesign (CLEAR) site that is funded by Health Education England.

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