

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:30am, 23 December 2020

[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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[Standard operating procedure \(SOP\) for general practice in the context of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

NHS England has updated the standard operating procedure (SOP) for general practice in the context of coronavirus (COVID-19).

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[Support for primary care flexible staff pools](#)

The supporting general practice letter of 9 November 2020 referenced support for flexible pools to aid the process of recruiting and deploying employed GPs.

10:26am, 23 December 2020

[Preparedness letter for primary dental care](#)

NHS England has written to all dental providers with the detail of the contractual arrangements for Q4.

10:22am, 23 December 2020

[Guidance on the National Health Service \(Charges and Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#)

This guidance sets out the changes, and the implications for contractors and their staff, and staff working in NHS England and NHS Improvement regional teams and the Primary Care Support England (PCSE) market entry team.

10:21am, 23 December 2020

[Record numbers of doctors and nurses working in the NHS](#)

The number of nurses in the NHS in England increased by 13,313 on last year to a record 299,184, and the number of doctors rose by 6,030 to a record 122,446, figures to the end of September show.

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[Online Confident leader programme](#)

Our Confident leader programme is perfect for clinical, non-clinical, and aspiring leaders. The programme blends expert input with action learning - working through real issues with your peers and our experts. Sessions include understanding people and leadership styles, influencing, negotiating, collaborative working and population health.

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[Infection control guidance updated](#)

PHE has updated its guidance on appropriate infection prevention and control precautions for patients recovering or recovered from COVID-19, and who are remaining in hospital, being discharged to their own home, or being discharged to residential care.

11:38am, 22 December 2020

[Specialised supported housing guidance](#)

Supported housing is typically defined as a housing service where housing, support and/or care services are provided to help people to live as independently as possible.

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[State of health visiting in England](#)

The Institute of Health Visiting's annual survey finds that health visitors are concerned that the needs of vulnerable babies and young children are invisible as they are only able to focus on what feels like the 'tip of a very large iceberg' of unmet need, with almost two-

thirds of health visitors reporting an increase in cases of child neglect.

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Coronavirus pandemic prompts a surge in the number of people using NHS tech

Digital services provided by the NHS have seen a huge increase in usage throughout 2020 as a result of social distancing and the need to access healthcare remotely.

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Rural health services face a steep climb to recovery

Even before the pandemic, rural and remote health services faced longstanding workforce, financial and capacity issues. So how are those same services faring in the face of the biggest health crisis in generations?

09:48am, 22 December 2020

Guideline on managing the long-term effects of COVID-19

NICE, the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) have published a guideline on the management of the long-term effects of COVID-19 (also known as Long COVID).

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COVID vaccination in care homes

Over the next few days NHS England will initiate the delivery of the vaccine through local vaccination sites to care home residents and their staff, starting with larger care homes.

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['Drive thru' services offering a safe alternative to immunisation clinics](#)

This case study describes how two practices have adapted their ways of working during the coronavirus pandemic by offering 'drive thru' appointments as a safe alternative to immunisation clinics.

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[Sites to test how connecting people with nature can improve mental health](#)

Seven sites which will test the ways in which connecting people with nature can improve mental wellbeing have been awarded a share of £5.77 million.

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[Resource for community nurses caring for people living with Covid-19](#)

The Queen's Nursing Institute has published a resource for community nurses caring for people living with Covid-19.

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[Chief medical officer's annual report](#)

The chief medical officer, Professor Chris Whitty, highlights in the report that improvements in life expectancy have stalled in recent years, a trend which has also been seen in many major developed countries.

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[What is the goal of advanced telecare provision for older people?](#)

This report suggests that there is a discrepancy in opinion about what telecare is for and the goals to be achieved, between telecare designers, suppliers, manufacturers, local authority commissioners, housing association managers, and the many others professionally engaged in rolling out telecare services.
