

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

12:02pm, 28 August 2020

### [Flu vaccination plans](#)

PCC and the NHS Confederation's PCN Network are collecting examples of how PCNs are planning to manage vaccination programmes.

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### [Free webinars to support Structured Medication Reviews \(SMRs\) and Medicines Optimisation](#)

With PCN's having to implement further national service specifications from October, a series of discussion webinars have been planned.

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### [The Alternative Provider Medical Services \(APMS\) directions](#)

The government has published 'The APMS (Amendments Relating to the Provision of Primary Care Services during a Pandemic etc) Directions 2020'.

10:30am, 28 August 2020

### [First Contact Practitioner workforce modelling tool](#)

First Contact Practitioners (FCPs) provide increased capacity to general practice by offering patients with musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions direct access to advice, assessment and self-management options across the MSK pathway.

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### [Hospital discharge publications](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care have published new documents to support hospital discharge processes; these take account of the learning from the pandemic and support the discharge to assess principles on which the COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements were based.

10:25am, 28 August 2020

['Your NHS needs you' call attracts thousands more student nurses](#)

UCAS figures show that there are 4,360 more nursing students placed onto courses in England this year than at the same point in 2019 - a 22% increase. In total 24,330 students have been placed, compared to 19,970 last year.

10:23am, 28 August 2020

[Learning Disability Newsletter: Issue 11](#)

In this issue of the learning disability newsletter you can find out about getting help with difficult feelings - help when you're feeling sad, angry, worried or confused; support for children and young people in crisis - spotting signs you're in crisis and how to get help; the Mental Capacity Act - getting the right support to make decisions.

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[Commissioning responsibility - Who Pays?](#)

This revised Who Pays? guidance sets out a framework, for the NHS in England, to establish which NHS organisation has responsibility for commissioning an individual's care and which has responsibility for paying for that care.

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[New payment for people self-isolating in highest risk areas](#)

People on low incomes who need to self-isolate and are unable to work from home in areas with high incidence of COVID-19 will benefit from a new payment scheme.

10:19am, 27 August 2020

[More GP practices and community pharmacies go live with electronic notifications for urgent supply of medicines](#)

NHS Digital is rolling out electronic notifications which inform GPs when one of their patients receives an urgent supply of medicine from a community pharmacy.

10:17am, 27 August 2020

[Patient safety specialists](#)

NHS England has written to NHS trusts and CCGs asking them to identify patient safety specialists who will lead on patient safety across their organisation and work with others to share good practice and develop a patient safety culture.

10:16am, 27 August 2020

[West Midlands inquiry into Covid-19 fatalities in the BAME community](#)

A task force has found that the disproportionate number of Covid-19 deaths in black and ethnic minority communities in the West Midlands was avoidable.

11:01am, 26 August 2020

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

NHS England and NHS Improvement made a commitment in the update to the GP contract agreement to support registered health care professionals to become practice partners.

10:59am, 26 August 2020

[Delivering patient eye care services during and beyond COVID-19](#)

The College of Optometrists and The Royal College of Ophthalmologists have developed a joint vision that sets out principles and recommendations for the development and governance of high quality eye care services that involve other key policy and commissioning organisations.

10:55am, 26 August 2020

### NHS continuing healthcare assessments

CCGs and their local authority partners are set to resume NHS continuing healthcare assessments from 1 September.

10:53am, 26 August 2020

### Building a Better Future for Nursing

This report details the findings of the Building a Better Future survey, which was open to all RCN members from May to June 2020.

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### How Covid-19 has magnified some of social care's problems

The COVID-19 pandemic has not changed the fundamental problems facing social care, but it has exacerbated some of them says this long read by the King's Fund.

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### 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.

11:21am, 25 August 2020

### Survey of Care Home Leaders Confirms Severe Impact of Covid-19

The Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) has published a report on the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the UK's nursing and residential homes.

11:20am, 25 August 2020

Video consultations - new resources

To support primary care in delivering video consultations, two new resources have been published.

11:19am, 25 August 2020

Infection prevention and control guidance

Public Health England has published updated infection prevention and control (IPC) guidance.

11:18am, 25 August 2020

Relaunch of the health and wellbeing alliance

Charities are being urged to join the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) Health and Wellbeing Alliance, following its relaunch to ensure the lived experiences of the people they represent are reflected in the development of health policy.

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Study finds very low numbers of COVID-19 outbreaks in schools

Public Health England detected just 67 individual cases and 30 outbreaks among students and staff after schools reopened in June until they closed for the summer.

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SocialPrescriberPlus - essential training for social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches

With the additional roles reimbursement scheme now 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.

12:22pm, 24 August 2020

Registering patients prior to their release from the secure residential estate

GPs have a contractual obligation to support with registering patients prior to their release from the secure residential estate and are asked to ensure that processes are in place to support this.

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Pharmacy Quality Scheme Part 2 for 2020/21

The Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) Part 2 has been agreed and the final, detailed requirements will be published in the Drug Tariff in September.

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Community pharmacy integral to PCNs

This article by Julia Sutton-McGough reflects on previous work with community pharmacy leaders who described different experiences when trying to join PCN discussions.

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Primary care networks and care homes

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought into sharp focus how important it is for primary care network teams to be well organised and support care home residents and staff.

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Landmark NHS deal to open up access to life-changing cystic fibrosis drug

NHS patients will be among the first in Europe to be prescribed Kaftrio, which significantly improves lung function, helping people with cystic fibrosis to breathe more easily and enhancing their overall quality of life.

12:15pm, 24 August 2020

[Statement on schools and childcare reopening](#)

This is a consensus statement from the Chief Medical Officers and Deputy Chief Medical Officers of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales on the current evidence of risks and benefits to health from schools and childcare settings reopening.

12:09pm, 24 August 2020

[Funding to help people return home from hospital](#)

People needing additional follow-on care after being discharged from hospital will be supported by a £588 million fund to cover adult social care or the immediate costs of care in their own home.

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

09:29am, 28 August 2020

[Link of the week](#)

This week we would like to share a blog published on the Mind website about being a BAME health worker in the pandemic.

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