

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:43am, 4 June 2021

An extra pair of hands

PCC is helping practices, primary care networks (PCNs) and CCGs with the must dos that are not getting done with the current pressure on staff.

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Supporting staff recovering from long COVID

NHS Employers has produced guidance for organisations on how they can work with managers to support staff recovering from long COVID.

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Government and life sciences collaborate to tackle pandemics

Life science industry leaders are joining forces with governments to step up collective efforts to save lives from diseases and tackle global pandemics, with a new commitment for partnership working to achieve the ambition of better preparedness.

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National stroke service model

NHS England and NHS Improvement has published the national stroke service model outlining best practice for stroke care in England.

10:20am, 4 June 2021

Guidance to support people who feel anxious about attending for cervical screening

Public Health England (PHE) has published a national information resource to support people who feel anxious about attending NHS cervical screening appointments.

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Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2021

Data is currently being gathered for the Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2021.

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A new deal for surgery

This report highlights the challenges that exist on access to NHS surgical services in England due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and provides recommendations for recovery.

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NICE does not recommend risdiplam for treating spinal muscular atrophy

NICE has published draft guidance for public consultation which does not recommend risdiplam (also called Evrysdi and made by Roche) for treating the rare genetic disorder spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). SMA is a progressive neuromuscular condition affecting the nerves in the spinal cord controlling movement. This

leads to muscle weakness, progressive loss of movement, and difficulty breathing and swallowing.

11:45am, 3 June 2021

Newborn blood spot screening

This failsafe solution user guide for newborn blood spot screening helps minimise risk to babies.

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G7 report: advancing universal health coverage and global health

This report sets out how G7 countries led on improving global health and tackling epidemics and emerging threats since 2015, including in the COVID-19 pandemic.

10:31am, 3 June 2021

Three quarters of UK adults vaccinated with first dose

Over three quarters of UK adults have been vaccinated with a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The public are urged to come forward for second doses to help protect against the threat of new variants.

10:28am, 3 June 2021

Roll out of body cams boost ambulance crews safety

Thousands of ambulance crews across the country will be provided with body cameras. The introduction of the cameras comes alongside data that 3,569 ambulance staff were physically assaulted by the public last year - 30% more than five years ago. Following successful trials

in London and the North East, the cameras will be rolled out to crews in the 10 ambulance trusts across the country.

10:24am, 2 June 2021

[RCN calls for caution as restrictions are set to ease](#)

The RCN is urging the government not to blindly stick to its roadmap out of lockdown in England if the risk of a third wave of COVID-19 becomes too great. The RCN, alongside several leading health and scientific bodies, says that cautious steps are needed, despite the success of the vaccination rollout.

10:23am, 2 June 2021

[Patients need to be informed about how their data is used](#)

Professor Martin Marshall, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said in response to NHS Digital's proposals for data sharing: "The College supports the principle of improved sharing of data for important healthcare planning and research, but it is critical that this is transparent and that patients have confidence and trust in how the NHS and other bodies might use their information. Along with the BMA, we have engaged with the planning of this new data collection - which is a legal requirement of GP practices - for several years and are continuing to lobby NHS Digital to ensure appropriate safeguards are in place for how the data collected is used".

10:23am, 2 June 2021

Guide for LGBT patients on what to expect from their doctor

A new guide for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) patients, setting out what they should expect from their doctor, has been published to coincide with the start of Pride Month by the General Medical Council (GMC). The medical regulator has produced the guide - its first aimed specifically at LGBT patients - in conjunction with LGBT rights charity Stonewall and LGBT doctors' organisation GLADD.

10:22am, 2 June 2021

Private providers of coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Lists of and information about private providers who have self-declared that they meet the government's minimum standards for the type of commercial COVID-19 testing service they offer.

10:03am, 2 June 2021

First NHS patient treated with gene therapy

A five-month old baby has become the first patient to receive a potentially life-saving drug on the NHS that can prevent paralysis and prolong the lives of children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Arthur Morgan, who was diagnosed with SMA earlier this month, received the one-off gene therapy at Evelina London Children's Hospital.

10:59am, 1 June 2021

Townscapes: the value of social infrastructure

This report aims to inform the debate on how to support those communities that have been most badly affected by the pandemic and how to promote economic renewal. The report argues that investing in social infrastructure may be equally important for rebalancing the prospects of the UK's nations, regions, cities and towns. It outlines how the availability of social spaces can improve both physical and mental health and how access to green space is associated with lower rates of depression, anxiety and obesity.

10:58am, 1 June 2021

Hospital-associated SARS-CoV-2 infection and care home outbreaks

This report uses a data linkage approach to assessing the contribution of hospital-associated SARS-CoV-2 infection to care home outbreaks in England between 30 January and 12 October 2020. The paper was commissioned by the Public Accounts Committee.

10:57am, 1 June 2021

Blood and body fluid exposures

Pressures of the pandemic and a lack of training has led to a 50 per rise in needlestick injuries, a Royal College of Nursing (RCN) report suggests. The authors surveyed 7,571 RCN members, 15 per cent said they had suffered a 'sharps injury' in 2020. This compares with 10 per cent

in 2008. Reasons for the rise cited in the report included fatigue induced by the pandemic, low staffing levels, lack of training and safer sharps and sharps bins not being available.

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E-learning programme identifying and responding to sexual assault and abuse

This Health Education England programme brings together numerous resources relating to the identification and response to rape, sexual assault and abuse, with learners able to access information, view videos and case studies and undertake self-assessments to support learning.

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Community pharmacists administer more flu vaccinations

Community pharmacy teams have administered over a million more flu vaccinations under the national Flu Vaccination Service during 2020/21 than the previous year - a 62% increase.

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Turning conflict into collaboration

Differences of opinion, interpretation and values can lay the foundations of misunderstanding, confrontation and conflict. As more cross-organisation and cross-sector working develops under the integrated care agenda, the circumstances for conflict to arise increase.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

10:13am, 3 June 2021

Using population health data to inform ARRS recruitment

Funding for the additional role reimbursement scheme (ARRS) has increased nationally from £430m (2020-21) to £746m max. (2021-22) with an allocation available for each primary care network (PCN) depending on the size of the population it covers. Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) draw down the funds but only as new roles are recruited within PCNs. PCNs are therefore being strongly encouraged to make use of their ARRS allocation to ensure people in their neighbourhoods benefit from the funding available.
