

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

09:45am, 5 March 2021

[An introduction to new roles in general practice for practice staff](#)

This three hour virtual workshop for practice support staff offers an overview of primary care networks (PCNs) and introduces delegates to the additional specialist roles being recruited by PCNs, via the additional roles recruitment scheme (ARRS).

09:43am, 5 March 2021

[GP Standard Operating Procedure updated](#)

The GP Standard Operating Procedure has been updated with the updates to include the latest guidance and policy.

09:42am, 5 March 2021

['Op Courage' veterans' mental health service](#)

Armed forces veterans suffering a mental health crisis will receive specialist care as part of a new Op Courage service.

09:40am, 5 March 2021

[Supporting people with sight loss - free training](#)

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) have free training available to staff and volunteers working on the vaccine programme to be more confident in supporting people with sight loss.

09:38am, 5 March 2021

[Role of housing in the future of care and support](#)

A recent housing report from Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) looks at the individual needs of older adults and housing settings, focusing on care homes, retirement communities, retirement housing, supported living and Shared Lives schemes.

09:37am, 5 March 2021

Looking Ahead 2021: Reset, partnerships, recovery

Wilmington Healthcare's latest white paper considers how integration, collaboration, digital transformation, out-of-hospital care and homecare are all now accepted, valued and widely-used concepts that will transform systems and the NHS landscape in 2021.

11:32am, 4 March 2021

Finding your feet in general practice

Every primary care network (PCN) is appointing new professionals to work in general practice through the additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRS). There has never been a time when it is more essential that these new professionals, many of whom may not have worked in general practice before, hit the ground running.

11:30am, 4 March 2021

COVID-19 vaccination deployment

NHS England has written to Integrated Care Systems and Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships setting out the key priorities and actions for immediate review.

11:27am, 4 March 2021

Vaccination plans for PCN COVID vaccination sites

Letter from Dr Nikita Kanani and Ed Waller to Primary Care Network (PCN) COVID vaccination sites, which describes forthcoming vaccine supply for first doses, providing advanced notification of a substantial increase in the volume of vaccine available and the need to use it quickly to prevent wastage.

11:25am, 4 March 2021

[New specialised support to help those living with obesity to lose weight](#)

Children, adults and families will be better supported to achieve and maintain a healthier weight through £100m of new government support.

11:23am, 4 March 2021

[NICE guidance on safeguarding adults in care homes](#)

This guideline covers keeping adults in care homes safe from abuse and neglect.

11:21am, 4 March 2021

[A window of opportunity for public health](#)

This briefing explores the risks and opportunities that arise from the dissolution of Public Health England (PHE) and the creation of the National Institute for Health Protection (NIHP) - a new national body responsible for protecting the nation's health from external threats, incorporating NHS Test and Trace, the Joint Biosecurity Centre and PHE's infectious disease unit.

11:19am, 4 March 2021

[Registered Blind and Partially Sighted People](#)

Statistics on the number of blind and partially sighted people who registered with their local authority during 2019-20 have been published by NHS Digital.

10:13am, 3 March 2021

[The stress-resistant manager: building your resilience](#)

Most of us will suffer work-related stress, especially at the current time - and the problem is most acute for public sector staff, particularly those in the NHS.

10:12am, 3 March 2021

[Health Secretary's message to GPs on pandemic effort](#)

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock MP, has expressed his thanks to all those in general practice who have continued to deliver dedicated care throughout the pandemic.

10:10am, 3 March 2021

[Physician associates added to the new to partnership payment scheme](#)

From this week, physician associates are included in the list of health care professionals eligible to apply to the new to partnership payment scheme.

10:08am, 3 March 2021

[Expanding the primary care workforce](#)

Recruiting to the primary care workforce continues to be a key priority.

10:06am, 3 March 2021

[CVD prevention proactive care frameworks available](#)

Primary care has changed substantially as a result of COVID-19. The UCLPartners' Proactive Care Frameworks support practices and primary care networks to work differently to deliver comprehensive care to patients with long-term conditions.

10:04am, 3 March 2021

[Workforce Race Equality Standard \(WRES\): 2020 data analysis](#)

This report enables CCGs and trusts to compare their performance with others, with the aim of encouraging improvement by learning and sharing good practice.

10:03am, 3 March 2021

[Covid-19 insight](#)

This briefing looks at the evidence so far about how health and care services have been affected by the pandemic during this winter, and discuss what action the CQC is taking to provide constructive support.

11:45am, 2 March 2021

[Call to address impact of inspections on BAME GPs](#)

RCGP Council has called on the Care Quality Commission for a series of measures to look at the impact of its inspections on GPs from Black Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.

11:44am, 2 March 2021

[Adult weight management](#)

Practical advice and tools to support health and care professionals make brief interventions in weight management for adults.

11:43am, 2 March 2021

[NHS entitlements: migrant health guide](#)

Advice and guidance for healthcare practitioners on the health needs of migrant patients.

11:42am, 2 March 2021

[Vaccines reduce severe COVID-19 in older adults](#)

New data shows both Pfizer-BioNTech and Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines significantly reduce severe COVID-19 in older adults.

11:40am, 2 March 2021

[Restricting workforce movement between care homes and other care settings](#)

Guidance for care home providers on limiting staff movement between settings in all but exceptional circumstances to help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

11:39am, 2 March 2021

[Personal protective equipment \(PPE\): local contacts for providers](#)

A list of local contacts for providers who are not on the PPE portal. Providers can get PPE through their local authority or local resilience forum.

11:44am, 1 March 2021

[Households with children of school age get Covid tests](#)

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return from 8 March.

11:43am, 1 March 2021

[Ethical approach to the international recruitment of health and care workers](#)

The UK aligns with World Health Organization's advice on ethical recruitment to promote effective, fair, and sustainable international recruitment practices.

11:42am, 1 March 2021

[Coronavirus: advice for pregnant employees](#)

Advice for pregnant employees on risk assessments in the workplace and occupational health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

11:37am, 1 March 2021

Designated settings for people with COVID-19 leaving hospital

The Care Quality Commission is continuing to work with the Department of Health and Social Care, local authorities and individual care providers to provide assurance of safe and high-quality care in designated settings, which are part of a scheme to allow people with a COVID-positive test result to be discharged safely from hospitals.

11:36am, 1 March 2021

New education standard for nursing students announced

To provide more flexibility in how it support students learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nursing and Midwifery Council has announced a new further education recovery standard which allows students to practice and learn in simulated environments where conventional clinical practice is not possible.

11:32am, 1 March 2021

NHS invites people aged 60-plus to book Covid jab

Nine out of 10 people aged 65 and over have now had their first Covid vaccine. People aged 64 were invited to have a life-saving jab last week and 1.9 million letters have started arriving at the homes of those aged 60 to 63 today explaining how they can arrange a vaccination through the national booking service.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

15:40pm, 4 March 2021

UK's National Health Service teams up with the Radio Society of Great Britain to improve health and wellbeing

This week's blog is by Paul Devlin, Emergency Care Improvement Support Team (ECIST), NHS England and NHS Improvement.