

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:28am, 29 January 2021

An introduction to new roles in general practice for practice staff

This three hour virtual workshop for practice 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).

10:25am, 29 January 2021

Health and care staff urged get COVID-19 vaccine

A letter is being circulated to all local NHS employers, councils and social care providers, calling on frontline workers who are eligible for the vaccine to take up the protection.

10:23am, 29 January 2021

Pulse oximetry supporting general practice

Pulse oximeters are being distributed across the country to help support the COVID-19 pandemic response.

10:21am, 29 January 2021

Venous thromboembolism in adults

This quality standard published by NICE covers diagnosing and treating venous thromboembolism (VTE) in adults.

10:17am, 29 January 2021

Children's mental health services 2020/21

This report examines the progress that has been made over the past five years as well as looking at the impact the Covid crisis has had on children's mental health.

10:15am, 29 January 2021

Increase in test results returned next day

NHS Test and Trace continues its strong start to 2021 with 93.8% of in-person test results the next day after the test was taken, compared with 84.8% the week before.

10:29am, 28 January 2021

Effective communication: How to deliver your message with clarity and impact

Great leaders understand how to communicate. Well communicated messages build trust, promote understanding and create confidence - the essential conditions for leading change and meeting challenges.

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COVID-19 Vaccination in older adult care homes

Dr Nikita Kanani and Ed Waller thanks colleagues for the major progress made in vaccinating residents and staff in older adult care homes and outlines the next steps.

10:25am, 28 January 2021

Funding for capacity in the hospice sector

Funding arrangements have been agreed to secure bed and community care capacity in the hospice sector until 31 March 2021.

10:24am, 28 January 2021

COVID-19 and the Mental Health Act

Updated guidance on the impact of COVID-19 on the use of the Mental Health Act will support staff to safeguard the legal rights of people receiving mental health, learning

disabilities and specialised commissioned mental health services.

10:21am, 28 January 2021

NHS staff deliver COVID jabs from more than 1,400 sites

NHS staff will be delivering life-saving COVID jabs at a network of more than 1,400 vaccinations sites when dozens more open their doors today.

10:19am, 28 January 2021

Covid-19 Impact Report

The Queen's Nursing Institute has published a new impact report, 'How we Helped during the Pandemic' illustrating the significant impact Covid-19 had on the charity and showing how it adapted to continue providing much-needed support to community nurses and to the people, families and communities they care for.

09:41am, 27 January 2021

Affordable expert support

Everyone needs help at some point. PCC can support you with affordable experts that can work flexibly to deliver just the support you need.

09:40am, 27 January 2021

Covid-19 vaccination in musculoskeletal and rheumatology patients

A number of rheumatology patients or those with musculoskeletal conditions are raising questions about the suitability and timing of the Covid-19 vaccines.

09:38am, 27 January 2021

General Medical Services (GMS) registration

The contractual requirement of the General Medical Services (GMS) Contract 2017/18 (page 64) to accept patients from the secure estate prior to their release has increased importance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

09:36am, 27 January 2021

Musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions which require urgent or emergency referral

This updated document follows the specialist guidance document produced during the first phase of the coronavirus pandemic.

09:35am, 27 January 2021

Enhanced health in care homes

The Care Provider Alliance has published a guide for care homes on the enhanced health in care homes (EHCH) service.

09:33am, 27 January 2021

UK to support the world to find COVID-19 virus variants

The UK will offer its world-leading genomics expertise to identify new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 to countries who do not have the resources to do so.

09:37am, 26 January 2021

PCC Insight February 2021

February's PCC Insight is available including articles on getting the most from the additional roles in primary care currently being recruited by primary care networks (PCNs), tips for leading through a crisis, how a CCG quality team

managed a hospital closure that had a number of out of area patients, detail on the support your PCNs will need, creating the new culture for primary care and PCC's chair Professor David Colin-Thomé considers what now for commissioning.

09:36am, 26 January 2021

Supporting our working carers

Practical tools, resources and support are now available for working carers and those supporting carers in their organisations.

09:34am, 26 January 2021

Nursing Student Support guidance

Guidance providing information for nursing students on how they can help the NHS during the pandemic and how their health and wellbeing and education will be supported has been published by Health Education England.

09:33am, 26 January 2021

How to refer to the community pharmacist consultation service animation

The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee has launched a video animation and infographic explaining how GP practices can refer into the NHS community pharmacist consultation service (CPCS).

09:32am, 26 January 2021

Health on the high street

This report argues that town centres where shops and offices fall vacant should be used to establish new 'health

'hubs' combining GP surgeries, health and social care services and gyms.

09:27am, 26 January 2021

Nutrition and older adults living

This position statement by the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) provides an overview of the currently available evidence on nutrition in older adults and its impact on healthy ageing.

10:32am, 25 January 2021

Dealing with difficult situations - courageous conversations

Sometimes in the workplace we find ourselves in difficult situations with people who appear resistant to what we are trying to do or even hostile. These situations can have a negative impact on our resilience and self-esteem, especially if we feel we did not handle them well.

10:31am, 25 January 2021

Good communication with patients

New guidance sets out core principles for personalised, patient-centred communications to people facing longer waits or changes to treatment because of disruption caused by COVID-19.

10:28am, 25 January 2021

Addition to NHS Standard Contract 2021/22 consultation

NHS England has agreed with the BMA's General Practitioners Committee the way in which a primary care network will be supported by at least one whole-time equivalent registered mental health practitioner.

10:26am, 25 January 2021

Employers sign up to rapid testing to protect workforce

Businesses and public sector organisations are joining a government scheme to test workers without symptoms who cannot work from home.

10:23am, 25 January 2021

Community Champions to give COVID-19 vaccine advice

Over £23 million funding has been allocated to 60 councils and voluntary groups across England to expand work to support those most at risk from COVID-19 and boost vaccine take up.

10:21am, 25 January 2021

Fund to help give babies the best start in life

The winners of the Health and Wellbeing Fund that will support 19 projects to reduce health inequalities among new mothers and babies have been announced.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

14:54pm, 28 January 2021

Supporting Staff: the emergence of 'long-covid'

As we are now well into a second, or is it now the third, wave of Covid-19 it is becoming apparent that Covid is something we have not experienced before and it has unique implications for staff management. It is not just the possibility that staff may become acutely ill with the virus, but that for some they may go on to develop persistent debilitating symptoms that will affect their ability to go back to work. This article looks at the implications of long-covid for HR and service managers

when looking to support health care professionals (HCPs) return to work.
