

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:44am, 12 April 2019

[The state-backed indemnity scheme: what it means in practice](#)

Rising indemnity costs have been seen as a key factor in the escalating GP crisis, causing many GPs to reduce the sessions they work or quit the profession altogether.

11:43am, 12 April 2019

[Charging regulations in the event of a 'no-deal' EU exit](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has written to trust and CCGs to provide more information on how updates to the charging regulations will affect how they recover costs from overseas visitors and migrants, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, or without agreements on healthcare in place.

11:40am, 12 April 2019

[Better Care Fund: how it will work in 2019 to 2020](#)

The Better Care Fund (BCF) will provide financial support for councils and NHS organisations to jointly plan and deliver local services.

11:39am, 12 April 2019

[Local variations template simplified](#)

Commissioners should submit details of agreed national tariff variations to NHS Improvement.

11:36am, 12 April 2019

[NHS thanks staff for record winter performance](#)

NHS staff provided timely, high quality care to a record numbers of people in England this winter, according to official figures.

11:34am, 12 April 2019

[Recording six month post-stroke reviews on SSNAP](#)

This year's survey, to gather feedback about people's experiences of personal health budgets (PHBs), closes on 14 May 2019.

11:42am, 11 April 2019

[Correspondence management](#)

GP practices that have got to grips with correspondence management have realised impressive savings in GP time and increased the job satisfaction of clerical teams.

11:27am, 11 April 2019

[Quit smoking advice for pregnant women in NHS drive to prevent stillbirths](#)

Pregnant women are to be offered specialist stop smoking referrals as part of NHS action to reduce stillbirths, which has already resulted in at least 160 babies' lives being saved.

11:21am, 11 April 2019

[Preparing for a 'no deal' EU exit for primary care contractors](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has produced guidance to ensure the continuing smooth running of primary care in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

11:01am, 11 April 2019

[Guidance on the 2019/20 CQUIN: Six month reviews for stroke survivors](#)

Supporting guidance for the community CQUIN for providers of stroke community services outlines how to undertake six month post stroke reviews.

10:59am, 11 April 2019

[Primary care network podcasts](#)

NHS England has launched a new monthly podcast on primary care networks.

10:57am, 11 April 2019

[Action plan for social care](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has published information on the action plan for the Quality Matters initiative, now in its second year, which aims to improve adult social care.

11:54am, 10 April 2019

[Measuring outcomes in integrated services](#)

With the accelerated development of integrated care systems, one of the major success factors will be to demonstrate positive patient outcomes rather than counting activity. This has been achieved in some areas - but they struggled to define meaningful outcomes to enable providers to focus on joined up services rather than the financial balance of individual organisations. Creating measurable contractual outcomes has been particularly challenging, but some areas have shown that it can be done.

11:52am, 10 April 2019

[Talks start on community pharmacy contractual framework](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee have begun discussions for the contractual framework for 2019/20 and beyond.

11:50am, 10 April 2019

[New tools to help health professionals boost prevention impact](#)

Public Health England (PHE) has launched a series of new e-learning tools to help health and care professionals deal with some of the biggest issues in public health.

11:48am, 10 April 2019

[HEE urges GP practices to consider physician associates](#)

Health Education England is encouraging GP practices to consider employing physician associates to plug holes in the workforce left by the shortage of qualified GPs.

11:47am, 10 April 2019

[HPV vaccine comes on-stream for more women](#)

From 1 April GPs qualify for reimbursement for vaccinating young women from 18 to 24 with the HPV vaccine.

11:45am, 10 April 2019

[Tackling inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities](#)

A parliamentary report criticises the failure by national and local policy makers to tackle long standing inequalities facing Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

15:09pm, 9 April 2019

[Hepatitis C deaths fall 16% in two years](#)

Deaths from serious hepatitis C related liver disease fell from 380 to 319 between 2015 and 2017, thanks to new curative treatments.

15:08pm, 9 April 2019

[Reducing stress and building resilience in the NHS workforce](#)

Health Education England has launched a new framework to help health and social care employers improve the mental wellbeing of their employees.

15:06pm, 9 April 2019

[NICE encourages use of greener asthma inhalers](#)

People with asthma will be helped to choose the inhaler that is best for them, and best for the environment, by a new patient decision aid from NICE

15:05pm, 9 April 2019

[FAQ to help primary care avoid prescribing over-the-counter items](#)

NHS England has published a list of frequently asked questions to make it easier for primary care to avoid prescribing items that are freely available over the counter, often at lower cost

15:03pm, 9 April 2019

[Guidance on planning of better MSK services](#)

The Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance has published guidance for commissioners and providers on provision of better musculoskeletal (MSK) services. Better MSK services are a priority of the NHS Long Term Plan.

15:01pm, 9 April 2019

[Improving young people's experience of mental health services](#)

NICE and the Social Care Institute of Excellence (SCIE) have published a guide to improve the experience of young people moving in and out of inpatient mental health services.

10:41am, 8 April 2019

[Getting to grips with project management](#)

This one-day course on 30 April 2019 in Birmingham, 3 July 2019 in Leeds and 17 September 2019 in London will review the basic principles covered in our introductory course before going on to consider examples of learning from real projects and discuss different scenarios.

10:40am, 8 April 2019

[Allied health professionals encouraged to go digital](#)

Making better use of digital technology is one of the top priorities for allied health professionals (AHPs).

10:38am, 8 April 2019

[News man's bowel cancer prompts thousands to seek advice](#)

An NHS medical director has praised BBC news editor Jeremy Bowen for raising awareness of bowel cancer, after the number of people seeking information on the disease from the official NHS website almost trebled.

10:37am, 8 April 2019

[Care of severely injured service personnel](#)

NHS England and the Ministry of Defence have launched a new framework for the care of the most severely injured armed services personnel.

10:35am, 8 April 2019

[New submission format for GP SOLO process](#)

Primary Care Support England (PCSE) has changed the format of the spreadsheet used to collect monthly submission of SOLO contribution payments from out-of-hours GP providers.

10:34am, 8 April 2019

[All GP practices to be on NHS App by 1 July](#)

All GP practices in England will be connected to the NHS App by 1 July 2019.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

12:35pm, 12 April 2019

[From the archives](#)

Still no sign of a blog this week but to make up for it here's a small selection from the archives. Normal service will resume next week.

PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT CONNECT daily message board updates:

08:35am, 13 April 2019

New comment in conversation [15 minutes to introduce QI - what would you say?](#)

Really useful from all of you - thank you.
