

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:45am, 13 September 2019

[Find out more about new workforce roles](#)

Arguably the most important purpose of PCNs is to resolve the crisis in the primary care workforce. New roles promise to widen the range of skills in general practice and to relieve existing pressures, particularly on GPs.

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[Tens of thousands unaware they have deadly hepatitis C infection](#)

Public Health England (PHE) estimates that more than 95,000 people in the UK could be unaware that they are infected with hepatitis C (HCV), which can kill if left untreated.

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[Healthcare regulators publish whistleblowing report](#)

The General Medical Council (GMC) has joined with seven other healthcare professional regulators to publish an annual report on whistleblowing disclosures.

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[Consultation on information standards for contract monitoring](#)

NHS England is consulting on information standards for contract monitoring of directly commissioned services, designed to enable national consistency of the flow of cost and activity information from providers to commissioners.

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[New atrial fibrillation high impact intervention tool](#)

RightCare and Imperial Health College Partners have developed a high impact intervention tool to help commissioners to measure the value of identifying and treating patients with atrial fibrillation.

11:21am, 13 September 2019

[WHO publishes international comparison of nursing workforce](#)

A report from the World Health Organisation explores the variations in structure and organisation of the nursing workforce across the different countries of Europe.

16:33pm, 12 September 2019

[Important information for practices on NHS 111 direct bookings: free events in October](#)

As part of the new GP contract, patients will soon be able to book some urgent appointments for in-hours GP services directly from NHS 111.

16:31pm, 12 September 2019

[New centres to support survivors of female genital mutilation](#)

Hundreds of survivors of female genital mutilation (FGM) will be able to access expert care, support and treatment earlier thanks to a new network of NHS clinics.

16:30pm, 12 September 2019

[Senior clinicians' pensions: government asks for views on new proposals](#)

The government has published proposals to address dissatisfaction with NHS pensions rules, which are preventing some clinicians from working extra shifts.

16:29pm, 12 September 2019

[Public Health England launches new infectious disease strategy](#)

Public Health England has published a plan to address current and future threats to health, including antibiotic resistance and health inequalities.

16:27pm, 12 September 2019

[The impact on midwives of NHS charging for maternity care](#)

A maternity pressure group has published a study on the impact of the policy of charging overseas visitors for NHS care on midwives' practice or professional responsibilities.

16:26pm, 12 September 2019

[The case for reforming alcohol duty](#)

A report from the Social Market Foundation calls for progressive taxation on alcohol that would increase with the alcohol content of the drink.

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[NHS England sets out PCN carrots and sticks](#)

NHS England has written to its primary care leads and to CCGs with an update on primary care networks.

16:48pm, 11 September 2019

[Choice quality assurance framework](#)

This choice quality assurance framework replaces the one previously available in the Choice Planning and Improvement Guide.

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[List of dental prototypes](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has published a list of the 102 dental practices selected to take part in the dental prototype agreement scheme.

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[NICE wants tailored support for those affected by suicide](#)

NICE has published its quality standard on suicide prevention - covering five key ways to reduce suicide and help people bereaved or affected by suicide.

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[Achieving integrated care: 15 best-practice actions](#)

The 15 actions prioritised in this resource draw on evidence about what works from international research, emerging best practice and engagement with Local Government Association stakeholders and partners.

13:40pm, 10 September 2019

[Leadership skills for PCN clinical directors](#)

Clinical directors will be responsible for planning and implementing the strategy for their primary care network (PCN). This will mean developing not just the inward facing capabilities required of all leaders, but a wider skillset to work across organisations, develop relationships and build collaboration.

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[Information governance for diabetes prevention programme](#)

NHS England has published guidance to help organisations in the NHS diabetes prevention programme to meet information governance requirements.

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[Link between deprivation and dependency on prescription drugs](#)

Public Health England has published an evidence review of dependence and withdrawal problems associated with five commonly prescribed classes of medicines in England.

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[New parents need space to talk about their mental health](#)

A report by Healthwatch says new parents need more support to deal with mental health problems during and after pregnancy.

13:35pm, 10 September 2019

[CQC updates GP mythbusters](#)

The Care Quality Commission has updated five mythbusters for GP services covering support for carers, access to medical records during inspections, homeless patients, non-medical prescribers and managing test results and clinical correspondence.

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[£130 million for life-changing diseases](#)

This government is to spend £133 million on new treatments for arthritis and cancer and for pioneering gene-based therapies for diseases including dementia and Parkinson's.

16:19pm, 9 September 2019

[New physical activity guidelines issued by UK chief medical officers](#)

New guidance issued by the UK chief medical officers emphasises the importance of building strength and balance for adults, as well as focusing on cardiovascular exercise.

16:15pm, 9 September 2019

[Adalimumab procurement framework extended](#)

NHS England has extended the procurement framework for adalimumab by four months to 31 March 2020.

16:13pm, 9 September 2019

[MPs call to 'professionalise' social care workers](#)

A report by the all-party parliamentary group on social care is calling for the professionalisation of social care workers.

16:12pm, 9 September 2019

[Survey shows new mothers' health needs are neglected](#)

Nearly half (47%) of mothers who've recently given birth get less than three minutes or no time at all to discuss their mental and physical health at a postnatal check, according to new research by NCT (National Childbirth Trust) and Netmums.

16:10pm, 9 September 2019

[NHS violence reduction lead calls for crackdown on knife sales](#)

A leading trauma surgeon is calling for more to be done to restrict the sale of harmful 'zombie knives' to help prevent violent crime.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

11:10am, 13 September 2019

[Is obeying the law bad for your health?](#)

(With apologies to Private Eye's A Doctor)