

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:13am, 14 August 2020

[CPPE opens applications for foundation pharmacists](#)

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has opened applications for the HEE Interim Foundation Pharmacist programme (IFPP).

11:08am, 14 August 2020

[Flexible working for nurses resources](#)

Following the publication of the NHS People Plan for 2020/21, which has a strong focus on the importance of flexible working, NHS Employers have developed these resources to help support the plan's ambition to make flexible working the norm.

11:06am, 14 August 2020

[ARSAC to launch online portal for research applications](#)

A new online portal to apply for Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee (ARSAC) approval of research studies will launch in September 2020.

11:01am, 14 August 2020

[Test and Trace service reaches more than 250,000 people since launch](#)

New NHS Test and Trace app begins trial phase, as latest statistics show the service is consistently reaching the majority of people testing positive and their contacts.

11:00am, 14 August 2020

[Largest home antibody testing programme for COVID-19 publishes findings](#)

Findings published by Imperial College London suggest that 6% of the population in England, around 3.4 million people, have been infected with COVID-19.

10:52am, 14 August 2020

Estates planning support and guidance

The GP Contract makes reference to ensuring sufficient space is available for additional staff employed under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) in terms of estates.

10:51am, 14 August 2020

Support to manage your contracts

Are your PMS and APMS contracts up to date with all relevant amendments and updates included? If you need support to manage the 2020/21 updates or want to check the contracts are still in good order and contain previous updates contact PCC.

10:50am, 14 August 2020

Implementing the 2020/21 GP contract changes

Following the changes to the general medical services (GMS) contract for 2020/21, this document sets out the approach to the funding changes that NHS England will apply to personal medical services (PMS) and alternative provider medical services (APMS) contracts.

10:48am, 14 August 2020

SocialPrescriberPlus - essential training for social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches

With the additional roles reimbursement scheme now supporting social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches, practically focused training is essential for these posts to provide effective and efficient support to practices.

12:20pm, 13 August 2020

Young Persons Advisory Group North England

YPAGne is a group based at the RVI in Newcastle upon Tyne. The aim of the group is to increase the input and influence of young people in the development of clinical and public health research

12:17pm, 13 August 2020

[A patient experience and view - Derek Mitchell PhD](#)

Following his retirement from the Health Service due to illness, Derek Mitchell has continued to work in healthcare to give a voice to the people on the receiving end of care.

11:40am, 13 August 2020

[Free webinars to support Structured Medication Reviews \(SMRs\) and Medicines Optimisation](#)

With PCN's having to implement further national service specifications from October, a series of discussion webinars have been planned. These free webinars will focus on how to develop practical steps for primary care to simultaneously implement the service specifications and increase the integration of services for a range of long term conditions.

11:36am, 13 August 2020

[Standard operating procedure \(SOP\) for general practice in the context of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

NHS England has updated the standard operating procedures for general practice.

11:07am, 13 August 2020

[How might Covid-19 affect the number of GPs available to see patients in England?](#)

This research reveals that one in three GPs who singlehandedly manage a GP practice are at high risk of death from Covid-19.

11:05am, 13 August 2020

[The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme](#)

The Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is open to both clinical and non-clinical NHS staff, the programme aims to provide the commercial

skills, knowledge and experience needed to successfully develop innovative solutions to the challenges facing the NHS.

11:03am, 13 August 2020

[Covid-19: guidance for supported living](#)

This guidance sets out key messages to assist with planning and preparation in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic so that local procedures can be put in place to minimise risk and provide the best possible support to people in supported living settings.

11:00am, 13 August 2020

[NHS 111 online record usage](#)

NHS 111 online has seen record usage over the past four months, as more people used digital channels to access medical help or health advice during times of lockdown and social distancing due to the coronavirus pandemic.

10:16am, 12 August 2020

[Sustainable commissioning to future proof health care](#)

Sustainable commissioning is about future-proofing health care. This means ensuring better outcomes for patients both now and in the future.

10:14am, 12 August 2020

[Expanding the primary care workforce](#)

This letter published by NHS England sets out plans to expand the primary care workforce in 2020/21.

10:13am, 12 August 2020

[Top nurse tells COVID generation: "your NHS needs you"](#)

England's chief nurse has issued a rallying call to those receiving their A-Level results to join the thousands of their peers who have already applied to study nursing this year.

10:11am, 12 August 2020

Challenging the culture on menopause for working doctors

The BMA surveyed its members to understand specific challenges for doctors working through the menopause.

10:09am, 12 August 2020

How is the NHS performing?

Covid-19 has dramatically altered how NHS services and finances operate.

10:08am, 12 August 2020

The public's mental health

This report, written with the Local Government Association, argues that people's mental wellbeing will play a crucial role in every aspect of recovery planning, including schools reopening, workers returning from furlough, people who have been shielding, and in dealing with the economic and housing consequences of coronavirus (Covid-19), as well as planning for possible further spikes in infections.

11:27am, 11 August 2020

Commissioning and the legal implications of COVID-19

COVID-19 has implications for commissioners, from disruption of processes, to making decisions on resource allocation, and assuring the quality and human rights compliance of provision.

11:25am, 11 August 2020

General Practice Fellowships for GPs and Nurses New to Practice Programme

This guidance supports Integrated Care Systems and Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships, Primary Care Networks, training hubs and other local partners to understand and continue delivery of the General Practice Fellowship programme, supporting newly-qualified GPs and nurses working in primary care.

11:24am, 11 August 2020

[NHS Test and Trace service to strengthen regional contact tracing](#)

NHS Test and Trace and Public Health England will extend its partnership with local authorities in order to reach more people testing positive and their contacts to stop the spread of COVID-19, the government has announced.

11:22am, 11 August 2020

[General practice appointment data](#)

This guidance introduces an agreed definition of an appointment, and asks general practice to start applying this now and systematically, to improve data quality.

11:21am, 11 August 2020

[Funding to prepare the NHS for winter](#)

NHS trusts across the country have been allocated a share of £300 million to upgrade their facilities ahead of winter.

11:20am, 11 August 2020

[CQC COVID-19 inpatient survey](#)

CQC is carrying out a survey to capture the experiences of patients in hospital during the peak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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[COVID-19 response - supplementary materials](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement have published a range of supplementary materials to support implementation of the third phase of the NHS response to COVID-19.

11:18am, 10 August 2020

[Expanded flu programme](#)

The second annual flu letter gives more details about this year's expanded flu Programme.

11:16am, 10 August 2020

Roll out of Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

NHS England are accelerating deployment of EPS Phase 4 which allows EPS to be used for patients without a pharmacy nomination.

11:14am, 10 August 2020

Government plan for cycling and walking

The plan published by the Department of Transport on 28 July 2020 has been widely covered in the media, including a reference to 'bikes on prescription' from GP practices.

11:10am, 10 August 2020

New funding to double nursing apprentices and help deliver 50,000 more nurses

Nursing careers in England will be made more accessible through a new government package worth up to £172 million, which will enable healthcare employers to take on up to 2,000 nursing degree apprentices every year over the next 4 years.

11:08am, 10 August 2020

Homeless health projects achieve lasting benefits

The Queen's Nursing Institute has published an evaluation of the ten nurse-led homeless health projects that were funded in partnership with the charity Oak Foundation in 2018.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

12:43pm, 13 August 2020

Can the Community Pharmacy become the gateway to integrated care in the NHS?

The NHS is a continually evolving innovative demand led public service the role of the Community Pharmacist is becoming the public face on

a journey to the more responsible public engagement in the personal care of individuals and their family. There are currently over 11000 Pharmacies many are single or small chain service providers, while multiples occupy the urban shopping centres and more densely populated conurbations, the value of the rural High Street can't be understated.