

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:58am, 7 August 2020

[Managing attendance during COVID and beyond: an employment law seminar](#)

This virtual session will provide an overview of the background to HR issues around self-isolating/shielding, before going on to look at attendance management issues, including how to account for COVID-related absence.

10:55am, 7 August 2020

[Testing programme for coronavirus shows virus continued to decline](#)

The second report from the country's largest study on coronavirus rates of infection has been published, showing further decline in COVID-19 in late June and early July.

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[COVID-19 general practice support fund](#)

The Government described the intention to create a COVID-19 general practice support fund to assist with the legitimate additional costs of the response borne by GP practices.

10:51am, 7 August 2020

[Support for recruitment of additional social prescribing link workers](#)

Social prescribing link workers (SPLWs) have been an important part of the response to COVID-19, helping to support people with mental health and social issues and contributing to reducing pressure on general practice.

10:44am, 7 August 2020

[Online consultations and video consultations - implementation and clinical safety](#)

The roll out and use of online consultation systems across general practice has rapidly increased as part of the response to COVID-19.

10:41am, 7 August 2020

[The impact of Covid-19 on community health services](#)

This report, produced together with NHS Providers, captures the community health sector's response during the pandemic and showcases the achievements of community providers and their staff.

11:33am, 6 August 2020

[Managing workload](#)

This e-learning course helps you develop techniques to meet deadlines by increasing your productivity in the different aspects of your role.

11:31am, 6 August 2020

[Adult social care and Covid-19](#)

This briefing provides an overview of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on social care in England.

11:30am, 6 August 2020

[Children's well-being and Covid-19](#)

This report looks in depth at the impact of coronavirus (Covid-19) and the associated lockdown on young lives.

11:23am, 6 August 2020

[Aspiring medics sign up for virtual GP work experience during COVID-19 crisis](#)

The Royal College of GPs' free, virtual and interactive general practice work experience platform, launched during the COVID-19 pandemic, has received 10,000 registrations within its first three months.

11:22am, 6 August 2020

[The impact of Covid-19 on cancer patients in the UK](#)

The findings from this year's cancer experience survey indicate the impact of Covid-19 on cancer patients, and their testing, treatment and care.

11:20am, 6 August 2020

[The experience of people approaching later life in lockdown](#)

This report, produced together with Ipsos MORI, looks at the impact lockdown has had on those aged 50-70, revealing dramatic changes to people's lives and their plans for the future.

11:31am, 5 August 2020

[PCC online Confident Leader programme](#)

Our Confident Leader programme is perfect for your PCN clinical directors and aspiring clinical leaders.

11:30am, 5 August 2020

[British Dental Association members targeted by hackers](#)

Dentists' bank account numbers and correspondence with a trade body are feared to have been stolen by hackers.

11:26am, 5 August 2020

[Recruitment of social prescribing link workers](#)

The NHS is recruiting a growing army of social prescribing link workers. More than 1,200 are already helping people to improve their mental health and get more exercise by taking part in activities from gardening to ballroom dancing.

11:25am, 5 August 2020

[New combination treatment for patients with advanced kidney cancer](#)

Adults with advanced renal cell carcinoma can now be offered avelumab with axitinib as a first line treatment option on the Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF), NICE has said in final draft guidance.

11:21am, 5 August 2020

[New AOP anti-racism and discrimination guidance and resources for employees and employers](#)

The Association of Optometrists (AOP) has launched new guidance to tackle racism and other forms of discrimination.

11:19am, 5 August 2020

[Technology and innovation for long-term health conditions](#)

This paper, commissioned by the Academic Health Science Network, looks at four digital innovations in health services from the UK and the Nordic countries.

11:18am, 5 August 2020

[Adult social care and Covid-19: assessing the policy response in England](#)

This briefing provides a detailed description and timeline of the government's social care response. It considers the role that social care has played in the overall policy narrative and identifies the underlying factors within the social care system, such as its structure and funding, that have shaped its ability to respond.

11:12am, 5 August 2020

[Antimicrobial stewardship programmes in primary care](#)

This report sets out to explore how antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programmes are working to tackle antimicrobial resistance by asking clinical commissioning groups about their practice and experience of local stewardship.

10:10am, 4 August 2020

Dental commissioning - an introduction to contract management

This interactive virtual course, comprising of three interactive virtual sessions, introduces commissioners to the areas of contract management they will undertake in their role.

10:09am, 4 August 2020

Treatments for chronic pain - NICE draft guidance

A number of commonly used drug treatments for chronic primary pain have little or no evidence that they work and shouldn't be prescribed, NICE has said in its draft clinical guideline on the assessment and management of chronic pain in over 16s.

10:05am, 4 August 2020

Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme

Health Education England and NHS England and NHS Improvement have written to employers about the new Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme to help provisionally registered pharmacists transition to full General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) registration and beyond.

10:02am, 4 August 2020

Home delivery of medicines and appliances in impacted areas

The NHS Home Delivery Service will be commissioned from both community pharmacies and dispensing doctors from 1 until 31 August 2020, to ensure access to prescription medicines for clinically extremely vulnerable patients who continue to need to shield if they live in the impacted areas of Leicester, Blackburn with Darwen and Luton.

09:57am, 4 August 2020

The colour of power 2020

Ethnic diversity in Britain's leadership has failed to improve over the past three years. Just 52 out of 1,099 of the most powerful jobs in the country are currently held by ethnic minority individuals.

09:55am, 4 August 2020

The impact of technology in adult social care provider services

Digital Social Care (a group of organisations working to support adult social care providers) set up a helpline to provide technical help and support to providers adapting to digital platforms as Covid-19 took hold.

10:52am, 3 August 2020

Leadership development programme

Everyone involved in primary care networks (PCNs) faces a steep learning curve. This is most true for clinical directors who are carving out new roles, shaping the new normal, managing skill mix changes and most importantly reflecting and learning from the leadership experience of the last few months during the COVID-19 crisis.

10:51am, 3 August 2020

Roll-out of two new rapid coronavirus tests

Two new tests - both able to detect the virus in just 90 minutes - will be made available to NHS hospitals, care homes and labs.

10:49am, 3 August 2020

'Covid-friendly' cancer treatments

'Covid-friendly' cancer treatments that are safer for patients during the pandemic will be expanded and extended through a £160 million initiative.

10:48am, 3 August 2020

Third phase of NHS response to Covid-19

NHS England and NHS Improvement has published a letter from Sir Simon Stevens and Amanda Pritchard setting out the next - third - phase of the NHS response to COVID-19, effective from 1st August 2020.

10:45am, 3 August 2020

Supporting learning from deaths reviews for people with a learning disability

Practices are asked to support learning from deaths reviews for people with a learning disability.

10:43am, 3 August 2020

GPhC guidance on COVID-19 rapid antibody tests

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) issued a letter to community pharmacy owners and superintendent pharmacists on 21 July to highlight its position concerning the provision and sale of COVID-19 rapid antibody tests from community pharmacies.

10:41am, 3 August 2020

Your Covid Recovery - new website to support people

Evidence shows that a significant proportion of post COVID-19 patients are likely to have significant ongoing health problems, notably breathing difficulties, tiredness and cough, reduced muscle function, reduced ability to undertake physical activity and psychological symptoms such as PTSD and reduced mood status.

10:40am, 3 August 2020

Cancer Research UK publish early diagnosis of cancer support guide

GPs play a pivotal role in diagnosing cancer earlier and supporting the NHS Long Term Plan ambition to diagnose 75% of cancers at stage 1 or 2 by 2028.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

09:18am, 7 August 2020

Crunch time for patient involvement

There are new challenges for primary care, which could really do with patient input. Mike Etkind, chair of a PPG and founding member of his PCN's patient group, recognises the size of the task clinical directors have managed over the last few months but identifies two particular issues where patients have a necessary and valuable contribution, that need to be addressed now - the 2020 vaccination programme and primary care from a distance- total triage, remote consultations, and the use of telemedicine.
