

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:24am, 15 May 2020

### [NHS Volunteer Responders: Practical guide for primary care and community health professionals](#)

With over 550,000 NHS Volunteer Responders ready to help those who need that bit of extra support, a practical guide has been published to help primary care and community health colleagues to understand the opportunities that this scheme offers.

10:19am, 15 May 2020

### [National flu immunisation programme 2020/21](#)

In light of COVID-19, it is more important than ever that effective plans are in place for the 2020/21 flu season to protect those at risk, prevent ill-health and minimise further impact on the NHS and social care.

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### [NHS Roadmap To Safely Bring Back Routine Operations](#)

Health leaders have set out a series of measures to help local hospitals plan to increase routine operations and treatment, while keeping the necessary capacity and capability to treat future coronavirus patients.

10:06am, 15 May 2020

### [Covid-19: resetting emergency department care](#)

In this position statement, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine sets out recommendations on how to prevent further transmission of Covid-19 in emergency departments, streamline emergency care and build on the current temporary practices to save lives.

10:02am, 15 May 2020

### NHS workforce feedback hub

NHS England and NHS Improvement have opened an online feedback hub so that its leaders can listen and respond to the needs and experiences of the NHS workforce at this unprecedented time.

10:31am, 14 May 2020

### Communities come together in Rugby to support key workers

The Covid-19 crisis has brought many communities together and this initiative, Rugby Primary Care Network PPE Project, has genuinely been about a community supporting each other, in particular their key workers.

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### Rapid evaluation of digital health products during the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the rapid implementation of many digital health products.

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### COVID-19 response: Identifying a clinical lead for all care homes

A letter has been sent to CCGs reminding teams to identify a named clinical lead for each CQC-registered care home in their area this week.

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### Life Assurance Scheme extended to cover pharmacy teams

The community pharmacy team is eligible for the new NHS and social care coronavirus life assurance scheme, announced by the Government on 27 April 2020.

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### Dying Matters Awareness Week

It's Dying Matter Awareness Week and the focus this year is all about listening.

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### Public told 'act FAST' as NHS uses artificial intelligence to speed up stroke care

The NHS is urging anyone who thinks they or a loved one have symptoms of a stroke not be put off seeking help because of coronavirus but to 'act FAST'.

09:53am, 13 May 2020

### Delivery of eye care services during Covid-19

NHS England and NHS Improvement published a letter on 1 April 2020 covering changes to the delivery and operation of optometry services.

09:52am, 13 May 2020

### Government expands team to roll out coronavirus test and trace programme

The government has announced the expansion of the expert team leading on the rapid nationwide roll-out of the coronavirus (COVID-19) test and trace programme.

09:49am, 13 May 2020

### Sequencing human genomes in fight against coronavirus

Thousands of patients severely ill with coronavirus will have their genetic code studied to help scientists understand whether a person's genetics may influence their susceptibility to the virus.

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### Examples of good practice

The General Pharmaceutical Council has identified over 60 examples of how pharmacies are meeting their professional standards during the COVID-19 pandemic.

09:46am, 13 May 2020

### Guidance for optical settings

On 10 May 2020, the prime minister announced the conditional plan to ease restrictions. All optical guidance remains unchanged.

09:44am, 13 May 2020

### Social care 360

This paper reviews the state of the social care sector for 2018/19 before the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic struck.

10:33am, 12 May 2020

### Procurement guidance during Covid-19

NHS England and NHS Improvement has published guidance recognising there will be a need for the urgent procurement of goods, services and works during the pandemic and the need to ensure suppliers are paid in a timely manner to maintain cash flow to protect jobs.

10:32am, 12 May 2020

Six million more to benefit from stronger partnerships

NHS England and NHS Improvement confirmed four new 'integrated care systems', together serving more than six million residents.

10:30am, 12 May 2020

Public advised to cover faces in enclosed spaces

The public is advised to consider wearing face coverings in enclosed public spaces where you may be more likely to come into contact with people you do not normally meet, the government has announced.

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CQC has made changes to Mental Health Act complaints process

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis CQC has made changes to the way they respond to people contacting them with a complaint about the Mental Health Act.

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Government launches new portal for care homes to arrange coronavirus testing

All care home staff and residents are now eligible for testing with priority for those in homes that look after the over-65s.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce

This guidance is for anyone who works in adult social care. It provides advice on how you can manage your personal mental health in the current circumstances.

10:17am, 11 May 2020

Social prescribing makes an impact

Enabling the development of social prescribing models to cope with the rising demand for community support; capitalising on emerging new roles to support primary care, meeting requirements of the PCN DES across a local health economy, will support areas meet the post Covid-19 challenges ahead.

10:15am, 11 May 2020

Urgent Dental Care Practice Setup Example

Health Education England, Yorkshire and Humber have created an informative and practical video which describes the patient care pathway and practice setup for Urgent Dental Care (UDC) in Yorkshire and Humber during COVID 19.

10:12am, 11 May 2020

Millions more items of PPE for frontline staff from new business partnerships

NHS and social care staff in the UK are set to receive millions of items of personal protective equipment (PPE) over the coming months thanks to new, innovative collaborations with a number of organisations.

10:11am, 11 May 2020

COVID-19: guidance for young people on staying at home and away from others

This guidance is for young people on staying at home and away from others (known as social distancing).

10:09am, 11 May 2020

NICE draft guidance recommends new treatment option for people with early breast cancer

NICE has published draft guidance which recommends trastuzumab emtansine (also called Kadcyla and made by Roche) as an option for some people with HER2-positive early breast cancer.

10:08am, 11 May 2020

New learning package to support Allied Health Professionals helping to tackle COVID-19

Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be able to access e-learning covering how to support the delivery of care to COVID- 19 patients thanks to the Health Education England (HEE) led development of a new resource.

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