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One in four adults experiences a mental health condition in any given year, and mental health conditions are the largest single cause of disability in the UK.

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NHS England has published a range of documents for Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) Specification 2019/20.

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[2019/20 General Medical Services contract: Quality and Outcomes Framework \(QOF\)](#)

The aim of this document is to provide additional guidance on the interpretation and verification of the QOF indicators for 2019/20 in England, which are listed in Annex D of the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions (SFE) .

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The Primary Medical Services (directed enhanced services) directions 2019 sets out the legal framework under which enhanced services must be provided nationally.

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[Outcomes for mental health services: what really matters?](#)

Through a series of over 100 conversations with people actively involved in mental health services in England, including current and former service users, this report highlights how frameworks for measuring outcomes are often too narrowly focused on clinical outcomes.

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[NHS Assembly will help deliver the long-term plan](#)

A neonatal intensive care nurse, a GP who champions work with community groups and prominent disability and learning disability advocates are among people from across the country appointed to a new forum which will support delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan.

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[Integrated care systems - practical steps for primary care](#)

General practices that want to benefit most from the £2.8bn investment available need to embrace primary care networks, but how will these entities evolve and how do they fit within the broader context of integrated care systems (ICS)?

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[Safeguarding in general dental practice](#)

This document published by the government provides an overview of safeguarding to dental teams and reinforces its importance.

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These enhanced service specifications outline more specialised services and those additional services provided by all General Medical Services practices.

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This planning tool examines factors that influence stillbirth and infant death at the population level, rather than in individual clinical care.

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This report provides CCGs with a summary of the audit's national key findings, recommendations and results for fracture liaison services (FLSs) within their locality.

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GPs will benefit from comprehensive indemnity cover for future NHS clinical negligence claims under a new government-backed scheme.

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[Primary care networks frequently asked questions](#)

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A policy paper from the British Medical Association (BMA) suggests a framework for a cross-government approach to prioritising population health.

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