NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:41am, 22 February 2019

[An insider's guide to procurement for primary care providers](#)

Understanding procurement and how to prepare a bid are critical to the future of primary care providers. Changes in recent years have made them more important than ever. More and more services are subject to a procurement process, rather than being simply directly awarded by commissioners. These include many of the "enhanced" services that GP practices could once expect to win almost by default.

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[Managing conflicts of interest – some CCGs are still falling through the cracks](#)

18 months ago NHS England published revised guidance on managing conflicts of interest. A recent audit revealed that compliance with the guidance could be improved in several areas.

11:39am, 22 February 2019

[Expansion of budgets for personalised health and care support](#)

The government has announced plans for personal health budgets to up to 200,000 people by 2024.

11:37am, 22 February 2019

[NHS prescription charges from April 2019](#)

The NHS prescription charge has increased by 20p, to £9.00 an item.

11:36am, 22 February 2019

[New guidance on relationships and sexuality among people using adult social care services](#)

The CQC has issued guidance on how care providers should consider people's relationship and sexuality needs.

11:32am, 22 February 2019

[Delivering perioperative medicine in integrated care systems](#)

A report from the Royal College of Anaesthetists showcases programmes in hospitals across England that are improving patient care before, during and after surgery.

13:59pm, 21 February 2019

[Correspondence management](#)

GP practices that have got to grips with correspondence management have realised impressive savings in GP time and increased the job satisfaction of clerical teams.

13:58pm, 21 February 2019

[Cancer screening overhauled](#)

Professor Sir Mike Richards is leading an independent review of national screening programmes.

13:57pm, 21 February 2019

[Consultation on processing of health data](#)

The government is consulting on the role on the national data guardian for health and social care.

13:56pm, 21 February 2019

[Service model for people with a learning disability and challenging behaviour](#)

NICE has published a draft quality standard for services for children, young people and adults with a learning disability (or a learning disability and autism) who also exhibit challenging behaviour.

13:53pm, 21 February 2019

[International comparisons of health and wellbeing in adolescence and early adulthood](#)

A report from Nuffield Trust uses 17 indicators to compares the health and wellbeing of people aged 10–24 in 19 high-income countries.

13:47pm, 21 February 2019

[Guidance for sharing staff in integrated care organisations](#)

NHS Employers has developed guidance for organisations delivering integrated care to share workforce.

12:01pm, 20 February 2019

[Essential training for commissioners of primary care dental services](#)

When working with limited resources, understanding common contracting scenarios before they occur helps commissioners to understand their options, the actions they need to undertake and the potential impact on the wider commissioning cycle.

12:00pm, 20 February 2019

[More on GMS contract changes 2019/20](#)

NHS England has written to directors of primary care and senior CCG managers with further details of changes to the GMS contract for 2019/20.

11:49am, 20 February 2019

[Government promises better mental health care for NHS staff](#)

The government is setting out plans to provide better mental health and wellbeing support to NHS staff.

11:35am, 20 February 2019

[NHSX: new joint organisation for digital, data and technology](#)

A new joint unit, NHSX, will be created to bring the benefits of modern technology to every patient and clinician. It will combine the best talent from government, the NHS and industry.

11:33am, 20 February 2019

[New code of conduct for AI systems](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has issued a code of conduct for artificial intelligence (AI) and other data-driven technologies will ensure that only the best and safest systems are used by the NHS.

11:30am, 20 February 2019

[CQC urges public to speak up](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is calling for people to speak up about their experiences of care, as new research shows that almost 7 million people in England who have accessed health or social care services, in the last five years have had concerns about their care, but never raised them. Of these, over half (58%) expressed regret about not doing so.

14:29pm, 19 February 2019

[Digital innovation in general practice - why, what, how?](#)

In line with the NHS Long Term Plan and the GP contract, new tools and services are already allowing general practice to work in new ways. Patients already have access to online appointment booking and prescription requests. What else can we offer as a range of contact options?

14:28pm, 19 February 2019

[Updated leadership guidance from NHS Improvement](#)

NHS Improvement has published guidance on system leadership, quality improvement methods, inclusive and compassionate leadership, and talent management.

14:27pm, 19 February 2019

[Future midwife consultation](#)

The Nursing and Midwifery Council has launched a consultation on the overhaul of midwifery education.

14:25pm, 19 February 2019

[NICE draft guidance recommends pertuzumab for early treatment of breast cancer](#)

NICE has published guidance recommending pertuzumab (Perjeta, Roche) for treating early HER2-positive breast cancer in people whose disease has spread to their lymph nodes.

14:23pm, 19 February 2019

[EU advice notice on falsified medicines directive](#)

The Safety Features Delegated Regulation, part of the EU Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD), will apply in the UK from 9 February 2019. Healthcare institutions are required to verify and decommission medicines supplied or administered directly to patients.

14:21pm, 19 February 2019

[Tobacco control assessment tools](#)

Self-assessment tools from Public Health England help local public health bodies to scrutinise their tobacco control work.

10:43am, 18 February 2019

[Correspondence management](#)

GP practices that have got to grips with correspondence management have realised impressive savings in GP time and increased the job satisfaction of clerical teams.

10:42am, 18 February 2019

[CCG survey shows wide variation](#)

Latest data from the 2018/19 stakeholder survey shows wide variation between returns, with some CCGs achieving up to three times the level of response of others.

10:40am, 18 February 2019

[Consultation on primary care prescribing closes soon](#)

NHS England has reminded CCGs to submit their response to the latest consultation on items which should not be routinely prescribed in primary care by 28 February 2019.

10:39am, 18 February 2019

[Modernising the Mental Health Act – final report from the independent review](#)

The independent review of the Mental Health Act 1983 has set out recommendations for government on how the act and associated practice needs to change.

10:38am, 18 February 2019

[NICE provides first scientific advice on patient preference study design](#)

NICE has provided its first piece of advice on the design of a patient preference study. It aims to encourage more companies to seek its advice on the development of these studies which are designed to

capture patients' views so they can be used in the clinical development programmes for new treatments.

10:36am, 18 February 2019
[Daffodils set the standard for end of life care](#)
GP surgeries will now be able to display a daffodil mark as a sign of commitment to improving end of life care, as part of a new partnership between the Royal College of GPs and the terminal illness charity Marie Curie.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:
13:28pm, 21 February 2019
[Blithering turns up the bandwidth](#)
Sir Trevor Longstay has ordered the creation of a new unit to coordinate the delivery of digital innovation in NHS Blithering. NHSBX will bring the benefits of modern technology to every patient and clinician in the area.