

NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:18am, 19 February 2021

[The Confident PCN Leader](#)

The challenges for primary care networks (PCNs) has been immense in the last year, and are not decreasing.

10:17am, 19 February 2021

[Network Contract DES: Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme claims](#)

The manual claim form for the Network Contract DES Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) has been updated to allow for claims for February-March 2021.

10:15am, 19 February 2021

[Reviewing our process for health technology evaluation](#)

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), has launched a public consultation on proposals for changes to the processes it uses to develop its guidance on medicines, medical devices, diagnostics and digital health technologies.

10:11am, 19 February 2021

[Technology to improve care - webinars](#)

Last December, NHSX launched a library of digital playbooks on its website, as part of a programme of work supporting the commitment to reduce face-to-face outpatient appointments by up to a third over the next five years.

10:08am, 19 February 2021

[Good practice in prescribing and managing medicines and devices](#)

This updated guidance sets out standards for good practice when prescribing remotely and face to face, when prescribing unlicensed medicines, and for when patient care is shared with another doctor.

10:05am, 19 February 2021

[COVID-19 home testing kits easier to order](#)

People who do not have access to the internet can now order PCR home testing kits over the phone by calling 119, without needing an email address or any other digital requirement, if they have symptoms.

10:13am, 18 February 2021

[Turning conflict into collaboration](#)

Differences of opinion, interpretation and values can lay the foundations of misunderstanding, confrontation and conflict. As more cross-organisation and cross-sector working develops under the integrated care agenda, the circumstances for conflict to arise increase.

10:10am, 18 February 2021

[Improvements to the advice function on NHS e-Referral service](#)

Following feedback, NHS Digital has improved the NHS e-Referral Service (e-RS), to make referring smoother and easier for all.

10:07am, 18 February 2021

[Pharmacy-led local vaccination services](#)

Letter asking for expressions of interest for pharmacy led local vaccination services, and frequently asked questions on the community pharmacy COVID-19 vaccination service.

10:05am, 18 February 2021

[COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy for frontline staff](#)

In line with JCVI guidance, COVID-19 vaccination is being offered to some pregnant women including health and social care workers and those with high-risk medical conditions.

10:04am, 18 February 2021

[COVID-19 human challenge study](#)

The world's first COVID-19 human challenge study will begin in the UK within a month.

10:01am, 18 February 2021

[Making the most of video group clinics in primary care](#)

Join this one-hour webinar as we discuss clinicians' experiences of introducing video group clinics to support people living with Long COVID, and how this remote way to review and support patients is helping to restore joy to remote working, create time and build service resilience through person centred digital transformation.

12:00pm, 17 February 2021

[Health Plus Care Online](#)

Organisers of Health Plus Care are proud to present, Health Plus Care Online, a new virtual conference and exhibition, taking place between 9am-5pm on the 24 and 25 February 2021.

11:59am, 17 February 2021

[Additional cohort of patients identified at increased risk from COVID-19](#)

The government has announced a new predictive risk model to identify adults who may be at increased risk from Covid-19.

11:57am, 17 February 2021

[Inclusion health self- assessment tool has launched](#)

A partnership of voluntary sector organisations launched an online inclusion health self-assessment tool.

11:55am, 17 February 2021

[New technology to help identify those at high risk from COVID-19](#)

New technology has been introduced in England to help clinicians identify, for the first time, a new group of people who may be at high risk from COVID-19. Over 800,000 adults will now be prioritised to receive a vaccine as part of the current vaccination cohorts.

11:54am, 17 February 2021

[NHS Discharge Medicines Service launched](#)

The NHS Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) launched this week and is available in all community pharmacies in England.

11:53am, 17 February 2021

[Returning to primary care](#)

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that a lot of healthcare professionals have come back to the NHS family after some time away.

10:06am, 16 February 2021

[Healthcare and the legal implications of COVID-19](#)

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

10:05am, 16 February 2021

[COVID-19 vaccination programme next phase](#)

This NHS England letter gives more detail on the next phase of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, including additional funding for vaccination in residential settings, and clarifies the position on vaccinating children and young people on the clinically extremely vulnerable list.

10:03am, 16 February 2021

[Help us, help you lung cancer campaign launched](#)

The latest phase of our Help us, help you campaign urges people worried about possible symptoms of lung cancer to seek advice.

09:56am, 16 February 2021

[Digital health during the Covid-19 pandemic: learning lessons](#)

This report draws on research and case studies of good practice in digital health during the pandemic and offers recommendations on how the UK could capitalise on digital health to benefit patients, the NHS and wider society.

09:54am, 16 February 2021

[NICE recommends treatment options for severe pregnancy sickness](#)

Nausea and vomiting, often referred to as morning sickness, is common in pregnancy. Close to 80% of pregnant women experience these symptoms, with most conditions improving or stopping completely by around 16 to 20 weeks.

10:14am, 15 February 2021

[Finding your feet in general practice](#)

Every primary care network (PCN) is appointing new professionals to work in general practice through the additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRS).

10:12am, 15 February 2021

[Staff praised as vaccination programme expands](#)

The head of the NHS praised staff as the NHS vaccination programme enters a new phase, with people aged 65 and over together with an expanded group of clinically vulnerable people now receiving the life-saving Covid jab.

10:09am, 15 February 2021

[TB service guidance updated](#)

COVID-19 guidance on tuberculosis service provision has been updated and includes restoration of the local latent TB infection programme.

10:06am, 15 February 2021

[NICE COVID-19 guideline published](#)

A COVID-19 rapid guideline from NICE about haemopoietic stem cell transplantation in adults, children and young people provides updates on donations and treatment, guidance for staff and on vaccination.

10:05am, 15 February 2021

[Update to Polypharmacy comparator tool](#)

An update to the polypharmacy prescribing comparators have been published on the NHS Business Service Authority website.

10:00am, 15 February 2021

[We can't prevent childhood obesity by education alone](#)

This briefing examines randomised control trials across a range of countries and settings.

NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:

16:12pm, 18 February 2021

[Community-Oriented Integrated Care](#)

The blog this week is a short extract from a paper considering an approach primary care networks could use to move towards community-oriented integrated care.
