

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

10:15am, 8 January 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.

10:14am, 8 January 2021

### [NHS Standard Contract: Consultation documents](#)

These documents set out, for consultation, proposals for the NHS Standard Contract 2021/22.

10:11am, 8 January 2021

### [Freeing up practices to support COVID vaccination](#)

This letter sets out further support being taken to free up GPs, practice teams and PCNs to advance the vaccine rollout.

10:09am, 8 January 2021

### [Updated: Enhanced service specification - COVID-19 vaccination programme 2020/21](#)

As the vaccination programme has developed, NHS England has published an updated version of the Enhanced Service Specification.

10:08am, 8 January 2021

### [NHS patients to receive life-saving COVID-19 treatments](#)

Patients across the UK who are admitted to intensive care units due to COVID-19 are set to receive treatments which can reduce the time spent in hospital by up to 10 days.

10:06am, 8 January 2021

### [Impact of Brexit on health in the UK](#)

This report maps out the health areas that will be affected by the exit from the European Union and discusses the dilemmas confronting the health sector in the face of legislative changes.

10:29am, 7 January 2021

### [Effective communication: How to deliver your message with clarity and impact](#)

Great leaders understand how to communicate. Well communicated messages build trust, promote understanding and create confidence - the essential conditions for leading change and meeting challenges.

10:28am, 7 January 2021

### [Oxford vaccine rolled out to general practice services](#)

The Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine is being rolled out to General Practice led services.

10:26am, 7 January 2021

### [Vaccination of frontline health and social care workers](#)

This update published by NHS England provides operational guidance on the immediate requirement to vaccinate frontline health and social care workers ensuring maximum uptake of vaccination and timely, equitable access across staff groups.

10:24am, 7 January 2021

### [Communicating with people with a learning disability and autism, dementia and mental health needs](#)

This guidance has been assessed to identify potential equality impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with mental health needs and a learning disability and autistic people.

10:21am, 7 January 2021

Support for hospital patients to continue to stop smoking after discharge

A pilot in the Oldham area is testing the referral of patients to community pharmacy, to continue the stop smoking journey they started in hospital, as part of the NHS Long Term Plan commitments.

10:19am, 7 January 2021

Engagement and communications in integrated care systems

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of engagement and communications has been recognised as one of the key enablers of partnership working, particularly when sharing health care information.

09:59am, 6 January 2021

Introduction to primary care estates

NHS England and NHS Improvement have commissioned PCC to deliver additional module one programmes for primary care commissioners responsible for GP premises matters.

09:57am, 6 January 2021

Recording of ethnicity information

It is now a contractual requirement for GPs to record patients' ethnicity information in their patient record if that person, or someone authorised on their behalf, chooses to share it.

09:54am, 6 January 2021

The disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BME communities

This report finds that the effects of longstanding health and socio-economic inequalities and institutional racism lie behind the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on people from black and minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds.

09:50am, 6 January 2021

### Streamlined process for new medicines

Companies can now submit medicines for the new Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway (ILAP) following close collaboration between the NICE, drug regulators, the NHS and equivalent organisations in Scotland.

09:48am, 6 January 2021

### Leadership for construction of 40 new hospitals

Natalie Forrest has been appointed to lead the government's plans to build 40 new hospitals by 2030, as part of the largest hospital-building project in a generation.

10:01am, 5 January 2021

### The Confident PCN Leader

The challenges for primary care networks (PCNs) have been immense in the last year. Given the pressures do you still have a clear vision and purpose, are your member practices still on board and how are the new roles working in practice?

09:59am, 5 January 2021

### Older Drivers Forum

The Older Drivers Forum provides practical information and advice on how to keep older drivers driving safely, for longer, as well as, when it comes to retire from driving how to plan alternative mobility to maintain independence.

09:58am, 5 January 2021

### Seven in 10 adults are motivated to get healthier in 2021

An England-wide survey of over 5,000 adults found that 80% of people aged over 18 have made the decision to change their lifestyle in 2021.

09:56am, 5 January 2021

[Violence prevention standard](#)

The new national violence prevention and reduction standard will help to safeguard NHS staff against abuse, aggression and violence.

09:54am, 5 January 2021

[Integrated care consultation deadline - 8 January](#)

A reminder that NHS England's consultation on the proposals for the future of integrated care systems closes on 8 January.

10:05am, 4 January 2021

[SocialPrescriberPlus - essential training for social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches](#)

With the additional roles reimbursement scheme supporting social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches, practically focused training is essential for these posts to provide effective and efficient support to practices.

10:03am, 4 January 2021

[NHS delivers life-saving Oxford jab](#)

The NHS has started the rollout of the new Oxford AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine with patients at Oxford University Hospital the very first to get the life-saving jab.

10:02am, 4 January 2021

[COVID-19 vaccination - action to help rebook vaccine appointments](#)

Letter to all CCGs and general practices in England from Ed Waller, Director of Primary Care and Dr Nikita Kanani, Medical Director for Primary Care.

10:01am, 4 January 2021

[Funding to support care home vaccination drive](#)

The NHS is to provide GPs an extra £10 for every care home resident they are able to vaccinate against Covid by the end of January in an accelerated drive to protect the most vulnerable.

**NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:**

15:24pm, 7 January 2021

[Primary Care Networks - how did we get here?](#)

This week we are sharing a blog by PCC's chairman David Colin-Thomé.

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