



06/06/2014 Innovation and Improvement Bulletin

This bulletin includes research which focuses on improving and developing services to improve the patient journey and make services more effective and efficient. It also includes information on service evaluations and future challenges for services that need to be considered in planning.

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Long term conditions

[Use of health and social care by people with cancer](#)

The Nuffield Trust has published [Use of health and social care by people with cancer](#) which presents the results of a study into the primary, secondary and social care use of people diagnosed with cancer. There are estimated to be around two million people living with cancer in the UK, which is now seen as a chronic condition rather than necessarily a fatal illness. This shift has led to a growing focus on survivorship, and on the long-term needs of those living with and after cancer. This research set out to determine how this impacts on the use of health and social care services by using data linkage methods to track the patterns of service use across health and social care in the year after people were diagnosed with cancer.

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Medicines management

[Review of Specialist Pharmacy Services in England](#)

NHS England has published [The Review of Specialist Pharmacy Services in England](#). The aim of the review was to consider evidence, analyse options and make recommendations for the future commissioning and sustainable delivery Specialist Pharmacy Services in England from 2014-15 onwards. It sets out a way to provide specialist pharmacy services in a safe, sustainable and equitable manner.

Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme

NHS England has published a [Question and Answer document for the NHS on the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme \(PPRS\)](#). This document sets out information on how NHS England intends to work in partnership with industry and NHS colleagues to support the implementation of the PPRS including: ensuring patients optimise the use of their medicines to get the best outcomes; and exploring how the NHS, clinicians, other staff and services, and industry, can support patients to do that.

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Clinical commissioning

Commissioning for quality

The Good Governance Institute, in partnership with the NHS South London Commissioning Support Unit, has published a series of documents on commissioning for quality:

- [Commissioning for Quality](#) - provides a briefing of the overall programme initiatives around the joined-up use of audit and quality scheme resources in commissioning. It includes information on a range of quality schemes active throughout the healthcare landscape.
- [Commissioning for Quality: quality scheme mapping](#) - explores the practical application of the consolidated use of quality scheme resources by both commissioners and providers, and includes a mapping of quality schemes active in a number of NHS providers in London.
- [Board Assurance Prompt: using audit for better commissioner assurance](#) - This resource for governing bodies and boards focuses on the ways in which provider audit activity, both internal and clinical, can contribute to a framework of better quality assurance by healthcare commissioners.
- [Board Assurance Prompt: quality schemes in healthcare providers for better commissioning](#) - This resource for governing bodies and boards focuses on the ways in which quality review schemes can contribute to a framework of greater quality assurance in healthcare commissioning.

Value focus packs to help improve cardiovascular disease commissioning

Public Health England's National Cardiovascular Intelligence Network has published new [Cardiovascular Disease focus packs](#) as part of Commissioning for Value, a collaborative project between PHE, NHS Right Care and NHS England. The packs, one for each of the 211 CCGs in England, identify potential opportunities for improving outcomes, quality and efficiency at clinical commissioning group level. CCGs can use the packs to improve the value of their commissioned CVD services by identifying where to look across the pathway, which patients take through the health system, and what to change. The CVD focus packs not only highlight issues but give information about cost-effective improvements CCGs might adopt which have been shown to improve care.

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Innovation and improvement policy

Ten years of Foundation Trusts

The Foundation Trust Network has launched a new publication reflecting on ten years of foundation trusts. [Seizing the Opportunity - ten new perspectives from healthcare leaders](#) sets out the achievements of the foundation trust model over the last decade, as well as some ideas for its future. It includes contributions from healthcare leaders across the sector.

Care Act 2014 Part 1: factsheets

The Department of Health has published eleven factsheets to accompany Part 1 of the Care Act 2014. The [Care Act factsheets](#) provide an overview and the duties and powers local authorities will have in the future. The factsheets cover: general responsibilities; who is entitled to care and support; assessments and eligibility; care and support planning; charging; funding reform; safeguarding; carers; continuity of care; market oversight and provider failure; and transition.

Care Act 2014 Part 1: care and support consultation

Also with regard to the Care Act, the Department of Health is seeking views on how local authorities should deliver the care and support reforms. The department is asking for views on the draft regulations and guidance for Part 1 of the 2014 Care Act. The [Care Act consultation](#) is open until Friday 15 August and centres on the changes that will come into effect from April 2015. A further consultation on the reforms that come into effect from April 2016 - which include the cap on care costs - will take place this autumn.

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Innovation and improvement tools and techniques

Busting bureaucracy

The Health and Social Care Information Centre has published its first audit report [Busting Bureaucracy](#) in the NHS. Accompanied by a new self-assessment toolkit, the report makes a series of recommendations to help acute trusts spend less time on paperwork and more time providing direct care to patients. The HSCIC has made 13 recommendations based across three themes, relating to controlling burden and bureaucracy; implementing processes and technology adoption.

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Patient and community involvement

Turbo charging volunteering

Centreforum has published [Turbo charging volunteering: co-production and public service reform](#).

This report sets out ways that 'co-production' of services can be applied more widely in health, housing, social care and other contexts. Examples of co-production already in practice include citizen justice panels, co-operative nurseries as well as time banks, where people offer services to members and can choose

services they would like in return. The report says that there are clear social benefits from producing services in this way. It argues that service users, their friends and families, are able to build a much broader range of activities and gain the respect that goes with being "equal partners". In addition, the report finds

that there are significant savings to be realised through co-production. Research has identified that it could cut NHS costs by at least 7% (£4.4 billion) a year and potentially up to a fifth.

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Public health

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NICE guidance - overweight and obese adults

NICE has issued Public Health Guidance on [Managing overweight and obesity in adults – lifestyle weight management services](#) (PH53). This guideline makes recommendations on the provision of effective multi-component lifestyle weight management services for adults who are overweight or obese (aged 18 and over). It covers weight management programmes, courses, clubs or groups that aim to change someone's behaviour to reduce their energy intake and encourage them to be physically active.

Strategic framework to improve the health and wellbeing of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men

Public Health England has published a draft [Strategic framework to improve the health and wellbeing of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men](#). Public Health England's vision is to deliver a Strategic Framework that will promote the health and wellbeing of men who have sex with men (MSM), enabling MSM to enjoy fulfilling social and sexual relationships and live healthy lives. Stakeholders are now being offered a final opportunity to comment on the draft framework before its publication in June.

NHS Health Check statistics

[Public Health England](#) has published the latest NHS Health Check statistics for quarter 4 2013/2014. The [interactive map](#) shows that more people than before are accepting the offer to attend an NHS Health Check. In the last year over 1.3 million people have accepted the offer which aims to identify those at risk of serious, but potentially avoidable conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease. Out of the eligible population, 2,824,726 people across all 152 local authorities in England were offered, and 1,382,864 people have had, an NHS Health Check between April 2013 and April 2014, a 9.5% increase compared to the previous year.

Uptake of the new shingles vaccine continues to improve

Public Health England has released data which shows that the [uptake of the new shingles vaccine in 70 and 79 years has continued to increase](#). Preliminary data shows sustained and improved uptake of the shingles vaccination since its introduction in September last year. The programme offers routine vaccination for those aged 70 years, and a catch up campaign, which for the first year of the programme was targeted at 79 year olds. In the first 8 months since the introduction of this programme, 54.8% of 70 year olds and 53.1% of 79 year olds have been vaccinated. This is an increase of 8.2% for the 70 year olds and 7.6% for the 79 year olds when compared to the previously published preliminary data up to the end of January 2014.

UK influenza pandemic preparedness strategy update

The Department of Health has [updated the UK influenza pandemic preparedness strategy](#). The following sections have been updated: the use of antivirals in an influenza pandemic; the impact of mass gatherings on an influenza pandemic; the use of facemasks and respirators during an influenza pandemic; and the impact of school closures on an influenza pandemic.

Mapping health and wellbeing boards' priorities across England

The Local Government Association has published an [interactive map](#) highlighting the priorities of all health and wellbeing boards across England. By selecting an area on the map the user can view a summary of the local priorities for that area, and access links to the health and wellbeing strategy and other reports highlighting measures of health and wellbeing in that particular area.

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Children and young people

Childhood immunisations poster update

Public Health England has updated the [Routine childhood immunisations from July 2014](#) poster. It has been updated to include the influenza vaccination for at-risk children.

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Mental health

Improving mental wellbeing in youth work practice

A new report from the Mental Health Foundation, aimed at youth organisations working with young people, sets out to help embed mental wellbeing improvement practices within organisations. [How to...improve mental wellbeing in youth work practice](#) aims to provide practical pointers and suggestions to support the development of innovative and effective responses to the mental wellbeing of young people aged 16–25.

Improving perinatal and maternal mental health provision

The NHS Confederation has published [A good start in life: improving perinatal and maternal mental health provision](#). Mental health problems affect more than one in ten women during pregnancy and the first year after childbirth, and can have a devastating impact on them and their families. This briefing highlights the prevalence of maternal mental health problems, the services that vulnerable women and their families need, and the contribution mental health organisations can make to improve perinatal provision in England.

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Palliative Care

Specialist palliative care services

A new report from the National Council for Palliative Care and Public Health England indicates that palliative care services in the community are enabling more people being able to die at home. The [National Survey of Patient Activity Data for Specialist Palliative Care Services MDS Full Report for the year 2012-2013](#) shows that nearly half the people receiving specialist palliative care in the community (46.2%) died in their own home, the place where most people say they want to die. This compares with just over one in five (21.8%) nationally.

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Patient and Family-Centred Care toolkit

The King's Fund and the Health Foundation have published the [Patient and Family-Centred Care toolkit](#). Patient and Family-Centred Care is a simple, step-by-step method for understanding what a care experience is like, what needs to change, and which small improvements can make a big difference to patients, families and staff alike. This method offers a way for health care organisations to show their commitment to patients' experience of the care they receive while also attending to the wellbeing of the staff who deliver that care.

NHS News

The latest issue of [NHS News](#) (Issue 60) includes the following news items:

- NHS Confederation's Annual Conference and Exhibition
- Future of Health conference
- Specialised Pharmacy Services review
- Staff Survey Approved Contractors Framework

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