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Interventional procedures guidance programme

NICE is updating the way it develops [Interventional Procedures guidance](#) to increase the speed and efficiency with which new surgical techniques and other technologies can be safely introduced into the NHS. Amongst the changes, which are open for public consultation is a proposal to more formally recognise the role of device manufacturers in the development of guidance. Under the proposals, medical device manufacturers will now be identified by NICE in the early stages of Interventional Procedure guidance development, if the procedure in question involves a device. Manufacturers will be asked to make a written submission of information about their product to NICE's Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee, to aid the committee's discussions.

WHO best practices for naming of new human infectious diseases

The World Health Organisation, in consultation and collaboration with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, has identified [best practices for the naming of new human diseases](#), with the aim to minimize unnecessary negative impact of disease names on trade, travel, tourism or animal welfare, and avoid causing offence to any cultural, social, national, regional, professional or ethnic groups.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

NHS Employers information

NHS Employers has published three new infographic publications the details of which are as follows:

- [Gender in the NHS infographic](#): this poster provides information on gender in the NHS, with statistics on gender within job roles, types and pay bands.
- [Age in the NHS infographic](#): this poster gives a breakdown of age groups within pay bands, job roles and regional location.
- [Ethnicity in the NHS infographic](#): this poster provides information on key statistics about how diverse the NHS is in comparison to the England's working population, as well as ethnicity by pay bands, region and job area.

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- CCG bulletin – Issue 83
- Common animal associated infections quarterly report (England and Wales) – first quarter 2015
- Enteric fever surveillance quarterly report (England, Wales and Northern Ireland): first quarter 2015
- Group A streptococcal infections: activity during the 2014 to 2015 season

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Minor Ailment Services from community pharmacies

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society has launched a new animation aimed at raising awareness of the [NHS minor ailments service available from community pharmacies](#). The animation has been developed by the deputy head of medicines management at the North West Commissioning Support Unit for the Wirral CCG. The CCG is rolling out the minor ailments service in over eighty community pharmacies. The animation can be embedded on other sites via YouTube.

Hospital admissions for stroke in people aged 40-54 years

An [analysis of hospital admission data by the Stroke Association](#) has found that the number of people aged between 40 and 54 admitted to hospital following stroke has increased by 46% for men and 30% for women in the last 15 years. It is thought that the rise is due to increasing sedentary and unhealthy lifestyles, and changes in hospital admission practice.

Additional link: BBC News report

Nearly one in three people are regularly stressed

Results from a [survey commissioned by the Mental Health Foundation](#) and undertaken by YouGov show that there are significant numbers of people always or often feeling stressed (29%), anxious (24%) and depressed (17%). The survey was commissioned to highlight this week's Mental Health Awareness Week. The Mental Health Foundation is calling for a national prevention strategy to reduce the risk of people experiencing mental health problems and for mindfulness to be made available in all areas.

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- [Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network News](#) – May 2015

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- [Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards](#) (DoLS) – Monthly Summary Statistics - Quarter 4 2014/15 (January to March)

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Alcohol consumption trends

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has published [Tackling Harmful Alcohol Use Economics and Public Health Policy](#). The report highlights that harmful drinking is on the rise among young people and women in many OECD countries, partly due to alcohol becoming more available, more affordable and more effectively advertised. In the UK the report highlights that the levels of alcohol consumption were above the OECD average and had increased during the last 30 years. In 2011, an average of 10.6 litres of pure alcohol per capita was consumed in the United Kingdom, compared with an estimate of 9.5 litres in the OECD.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

Patient experience

Improving patient experience is going to be a big challenge for the incoming government, according to Picker Institute Europe. Picker has created an [infographic](#) which highlights some of the key patient experience related challenges, that need to be addressed going forward, if a person centred approach is to be achieved.

Chemical incident management publication updated

Public Health England has updated its [Toluene toxicological overview](#) publication which was originally published in July 2014. This document is part of a suite of documents which provide information on the health effects of exposure, the chemical's toxicity and material for responding to a chemical incident.

Increase in mental health staff working with police and courts

Half of the country is now covered by a [new service](#) to make sure people with mental health conditions, learning disabilities or other vulnerabilities such as debt or homelessness are supported in police custody and the courts. Sixteen new 'Liaison and Diversion' teams are now up and running, bringing the total to twenty six schemes nationwide and covering 28.5 million people or half of the country. The first wave of ten schemes, which see specialist mental health workers working alongside police officers, were launched in April last year. In the first twelve months the services have helped 16,315 adult cases and 2,450 children and young people's cases access specialist support when in contact with the criminal justice system.

Video release for international nurse and midwife day

The Chief Nursing officer for England has [released a video](#) to mark International Nurses Day and International Day of the Midwife. The video highlights the following areas:

- The focus of the NHS Five Year Forward View on preventing ill health, promoting health and wellbeing, and working with patients and communities in delivering new models of care.
- The Shape of Caring Review and the importance of investing in consistently high quality education and training for nurses, midwives and care assistants.

The principles of the recently re-launched Nursery and Midwifery Council Code.

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- [Health Protection Report volume 9](#) (2015)

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- [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity](#) - March 2015

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Antimicrobial Resistance Review

The Review for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) has published a third paper [Securing new drugs for future generations: the pipeline of antibiotics](#). This latest paper proposes a set of interventions which directly address the specific problems of antibiotic development, and find ways to balance issues of profitability with access and conservation, so that commercial investment flows again into the area. The proposals are intended to radically overhaul the antibiotics pipeline over the next 20 years. The proposal costs are modelled on achieving 15 new antibiotics a decade, of which at least four should be breakthrough products, with truly novel mechanisms of action or novel therapeutic profiles targeting the bacterial species of greatest concern. The final report from this review will be published in summer 2016.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

Developing obstetric medicines

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has published [Developing new pharmaceutical treatments for obstetric conditions](#) (Scientific paper 50). This paper addresses the reasons for a lack of development of new drugs for use in obstetrics and suggests ways that barriers to finding new treatments could be overcome. It highlights that, despite the obvious demand and the challenges to obstetric drug development, more should be done to help mothers and babies. These challenges include; high development costs; difficulties in trial design; and complex ethical and regulatory issues. The paper outlines strategies to improve the development of new obstetric treatments.

Do patients choose hospitals that improve their health?

The University of York Centre for Health Economics has published [Do Patients choose hospitals that improve their health?](#) (Research Paper 111). This paper tests whether hip replacement patients in England are more likely to attend a hospital that achieves larger improvements in their patients' health. The study examined the choices made by NHS-funded patients treated during the period 2010 to 2012. It concludes that health improvements are more important for the choice of hospital than readmission or published mortality rates. However, patients' reaction to quality information is generally limited: even for large changes in quality patients would only be willing to travel few kilometres more. But because the market for hip replacement surgery is large, individual hospitals can attract a substantial number of extra patients if they can improve their quality.

NICE Local Practice Collection: shared learning case studies

NICE has added the following case studies to its Local Practice Collection. The collection includes shared learning examples showing how NICE guidance and standards have been put into practice.

- [Knowsley Healthy Homes Initiative](#)
- [Type 1 diabetes pregnancy toolkit](#)
- [Developing a multidisciplinary medicines related model of working](#)

Strengthening health system accountability

The European Office of the World Health Organisation has published [Strengthening health system accountability: a WHO European Region multi-country study](#). This report takes stock of the measures that countries in the WHO European Region have put in place to strengthen their health systems' accountability since the adoption of the Tallinn Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth (2008) and the Health 2020 policy framework (2012).

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- [Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures](#) (PROMs) in England - April 2014 to December 2014
- [Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures](#) (PROMs) in England - April 2013 to March 2014 - May 2015 Release
- [Special Topic: Finalised Patient Reported Outcome Measures](#) (PROMs) in England - April 2012 to March 2013
- [Referral to treatment waiting times statistics for consultant-led elective care](#) (admitted patients, non-admitted patients and incomplete RTT times), March 2015

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Choosing Wisely: over-use of clinical treatments or interventions

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges has launched a major initiative on the issue of over-use of clinical treatments or interventions. [Choosing Wisely](#) is intended to encourage doctors and patients to have a conversation about the value of treatments. The work will begin later this month with the launch of an audit, where each medical royal college and faculty will be asked to identify five treatments or tests which are of questionable value. When those results are collated they will be analysed, assessed for accuracy and then published in the autumn of 2015. After that the Academy will launch a major public campaign to make doctors and patients aware of the list.

Additional link: [British Medical Journal article](#)

Your Way evaluation report

The Mental Health Foundation has published [Your Way: an evaluation of a model of community mental health support developed by Together for Mental Wellbeing](#). This report is the result of a three-year independent evaluation of the impact of Together for Mental Wellbeing's personalised, community-based mental health services. The evaluation aimed to establish the effectiveness of Your Way as an intervention for people with mental health problems and whether the support provided led to: increased mental and physical wellbeing; improvements in functional living skills; the achievement of self-directed goals; a reduction in mental health hospital bed use; and improved service-user experiences. The report indicates that on the whole, participants were positive about Your Way and felt understood by staff, and some were able to reduce their contact with statutory services with support from Your Way staff.

Peer support

National Voices has compiled information from more than 1000 studies to help organisations and commissioners make decisions about investing in peer support. [Peer support: what is it and does it work?](#) shows that peer support is worth investing in as a way of tackling long-term health conditions but knowledge on the service could be strengthened by commissioning more robust and detailed evaluations of the impacts and reasons why peer support works better in some contexts and for some groups

Community-led care and support

The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published [Community-led care and support: a new paradigm](#). This document is a report from a roundtable event held in February 2015 examining community-led care and support. The event aimed to identify, celebrate, support and learn from community led activity, as well as identify practical steps stakeholders can take to support community led services and share that knowledge with sector including policy makers.

Foot care services for people with diabetes

The London Diabetes Strategic Clinical Network has published [Foot care services for people with diabetes: guidance for commissioners: service specification](#). This service specification outlines the provision of a foot service for people with diabetes according to best practice guidance, including guidance published by NICE and Diabetes UK. It details the care pathway and service requirements for people with foot complications across acute and community services. It aims to deliver equity of access to foot care for people with diabetes.

NHS Pension Scheme

The [NHS Pension Scheme option to give up protection exercise](#) will give members of the 2008 section of the NHS Pension Scheme, with full or tapered protection, a one-off opportunity to move their membership to the 2015 Scheme with effect from 1 April 2015. This is because, for some members, the higher accrual rate in the 2015 Scheme could deliver a bigger pension than the 2008 section. The exercise will affect approximately 40,000 eligible members and is scheduled to take place from June 2015. NHS Pensions will send letters to the home addresses of eligible members who will then have 3 months to make their decision.

Eyes on Evidence

The May 2015 issue of [Eyes on Evidence](#) includes the following items:

- Patients' expectations of the benefits and harms of treatments and tests
- Nicotine replacement therapy for people trying to cut down cigarette use
- Life expectancy of people with cystic fibrosis
- Intermittent versus continuous administration of proton pump inhibitors after treatment of bleeding ulcers

NICE consultation

- [Managing medicines for people receiving social care in the community](#). Closing date for comments: 15 June 2015.

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- [NHS Workforce Bulletin](#) – 11 May 2015
- [Social Care Institute for Excellence \(SCIE\) ebulletin](#) - 14 May 2015

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