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Engaging with the public a guide for CCGs

NHS Clinical Commissioners has published [A guide for CCGs engaging the public in difficult decisions about health service change](#). This guide provides advice for CCGs on involving the public in difficult decisions regarding transformational change. It draws on case studies of three different reconfiguration programmes: Better Beginnings, which looked at maternity and paediatric services in East Sussex; healthier together, a programme around health and social care services in Greater Manchester and Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire. It also includes a number of top tips on how to get public engagement right.

NICE clinical audit tool: depression in children and young people

NICE has added [Depression in children and young people: Identification and management in primary, community and secondary care – clinical audit tool](#) to its range of resources. Clinical audit tools are Excel spreadsheets developed to help with clinical audit. They contain clinical audit standards, data collection sheets, a clinical audit report an action plan template and a printable data collection form. When data is entered into the data collection sheets the audit results are automatically displayed in the audit report.

Health Technology Assessment Programme

The National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment Programme published the following research during May: [United Kingdom collaborative trial of ovarian cancer](#) (09/800/32)

NICE guidance: Bronchiolitis in children

NICE has published [Bronchiolitis in children](#) (NG9). This guideline offers evidence-based advice on the diagnosis and management of bronchiolitis in children. It does not cover children with other respiratory conditions, such as recurrent viral induced wheeze or asthma. It is of relevance to all healthcare professionals who are involved in the care of children with bronchiolitis (including GPs, emergency medicine practitioners, paediatricians, nurses and pharmacists); those responsible for planning and commissioning healthcare services; and families and carers of children with bronchiolitis.

Blood transfusion in obstetrics

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has updated its guideline [Blood transfusions in obstetrics](#) (Green-top Guideline No. 47). This guideline aims to offer guidance about the appropriate use of blood products that neither compromises the affected woman nor exposes her to unnecessary risk. Strategies to maximise the haemoglobin (Hb) level at delivery as well as to minimise blood loss are also discussed.

Additional link: [RCOG press release](#)

Guidance on overseas visitors hospital charging regulations updated

The Department of Health has added an [ordinary residence tool](#) for overseas visitors to its suite of documents relating to overseas visitors hospital charging regulations. The tool aims to help managers when there are doubts about a patient's entitlement to free NHS hospital treatment and when their ordinary residence or status is not immediately clear.

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- [Health and Wellbeing Yorkshire & Humberside Newsletter May 2015](#)
- [NHS Managers' Bulletin](#) - 28 May 2015
- [NHS Improving quality - Long term conditions bulletin May 2015](#)
- [Public Health England bulletin](#) - 29 May 2015

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Birth in Europe in the 21st century

The World Health Organisation European regional office has published [Birth in Europe in the 21st century](#). A special birth issue of the journal *Entre Nous*, presents a number of articles examining the recent trends in the WHO European Region that are topical for many women and men, families, health care providers and policy makers. Articles include topics such as achievements in the last 15 years, caesarean sections, preterm birth, midwifery, breastfeeding, abortion, and body image in pregnancy.

Additional link: [WHO press release](#)

Local alcohol profiles for England: 2015 annual data update

Public Health England has published the [Local Alcohol Profiles for England](#) (LAPE) data update for June 2015 in a new interactive tool. The tool presents data for 19 alcohol-related indicators and allows users to view and analyse data in a user-friendly format. The LAPE website also provides links to further supporting and relevant information to aid understanding of alcohol-related harm in a local population. This update includes: more recent data for all indicators; new indicators relating to reason for hospital admission and benefit claims and additional gender break downs for mortality and hospital admission indicators.

Additional link: [PHE press release](#)

Improving GP services: commissioners and patient choice

Monitor in conjunction with IPSOS MORI has published [Improving GP services: commissioners and patient choice](#). This document presents the findings of a review of how GP services are working for patients. It focuses on the role of patient choice in driving improvements in the quality of GP services. The report draws on a survey of 3,200 patients, interviews with 25 GP providers, and information from NHS England, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and other stakeholders.

Additional link: [RCGP press release](#)

Use of staffing agencies in the NHS

The Secretary of State for Health has outlined a [package of measures to help cut costs](#) while improving frontline care. The measures focus on the spiralling agency staff bills which cost the NHS £3.3 billion last year. This was more than the cost of all that year's 22 million A&E admissions combined. Other controls include limiting the use of expensive management consultants. New rules will be introduced which will: set a maximum hourly rate for agency doctors and nurses; ban the use of agencies that are not on approved frameworks; put a cap on total agency staff spending for each NHS trust in financial difficult and require approval for any consultancy contracts over £50,000.

Additional links: [BBC News report](#) [NHS Providers](#)

Health and social care priorities for the Government: 2015–2020

The Nuffield Trust has published [Health and social care priorities for the Government: 2015–2020](#). The briefing outlines ten key health and social care priorities for the new Government which the trust believes the new government should focus upon. The briefing draws on our published and forthcoming research, expert opinion and insights from key figures in the health and social care system.

Additional link: [Royal Society for public health press release](#)

NHS guidance

NICE has published the following guidance:

- [Obinutuzumab in combination with chlorambucil for untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia \(TA343\)](#) Technology appraisal guidance
- [Ofatumumab in combination with chlorambucil or bendamustine for untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia \(TA344\)](#) Technology appraisal guidance

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Developing leadership

The Kings Fund has published [Talent management: developing leadership not just leaders](#). This guide aims to enable board members and senior leaders to challenge their current thinking on managing talent. It looks at the key aspects of holistic talent management and succession planning approach. It focuses on the three core pillars of implementing a talent management strategy – recruitment, development, retention and deployment.

Monitor: regulatory regime

Monitor is to strengthen its [regulatory regime for NHS foundation trusts](#) to help them live within their means and reduce excessive spending on agency staff and management consultants. It proposes to increase its scrutiny of financial performance so it can take action sooner against providers that are not providing value for money for their patients. The package of measures will enable Monitor to ensure that foundation trusts play their part in addressing the efficiency challenge set out by the Health Secretary, to make savings to NHS budgets in 2015/16.

NICE guidance

NICE has published the following guidance:

- [Anaemia management in people with chronic kidney disease \(NG8\)](#) NICE guidelines
- [Lower urinary tract symptoms in men: assessment and management \(CG97\)](#) NICE guidelines
- [Diagnosing prostate cancer: PROGENSA PCA3 assay and Prostate Health Index \(DG17\)](#) Diagnostics guidance
- [Insertion of an epiretinal prosthesis for retinitis pigmentosa \(IPG519\)](#) Interventional procedure guidance.
- [Radiofrequency ablation for gastric antral vascular ectasia \(IPG520\)](#) Interventional procedure guidance.
- [Suture fixation of acute disruption of the distal tibiofibular syndesmosis \(IPG521\)](#) Interventional procedure guidance.
- [Ultrasound-enhanced, catheter-directed thrombolysis for deep vein thrombosis \(IPG523\)](#) Interventional procedure guidance.

[Ultrasound-enhanced, catheter-directed thrombolysis for pulmonary embolism \(IPG524\)](#) Interventional procedure guidance.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards resources

The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published [new resources covering the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards](#). The resources look at how sometimes there is a case for depriving people of their liberty; for instance, when someone lacks the capacity to consent to their care and treatment. The case for the decision is taken in order to keep them safe from harm. The new resources, two films and an updated briefing, are intended to be used by care home managers, registered managers, care providers, hospital managers, social workers, best interest assessors and independent mental capacity advocates, along with people with care and support needs and their families

Reducing infant mortality and sudden unexpected death in infancy

Public Health England has published two new [public safety updates on reducing infant mortality and sudden unexpected death in infancy](#) (SUDI) to coincide with Child Safety Week (1 to 7 June). The resources particularly look at the prevention of child deaths in London where around 10 babies a week die before their first birthday. PHE London is raising awareness of the common risk factors and preventative measures to educate parents, carers and health professionals across the capital. The publications are:

- [Reducing infant mortality in London 2015](#) - Evidence-based resource which aims to provide a snapshot of infant mortality and its known risk factors including strategies for prevention
- [London Child Safety Update – Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infancy: advice for people working with children, young people and families](#) - Summary of the evidence about sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI) which aims to develop an evidence-based resource about prevention.

Statistics

- [Escherichia coli \(E. coli\) bacteraemia: monthly data by attributed CCG](#)
- [MSSA bacteraemia: monthly data by attributed CCG](#)
- [Escherichia coli \(E. coli\) bacteraemia: monthly data by NHS acute trust](#)
- [Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection – Quarter 4 2014/15](#)

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- [CCG Bulletin](#) - Issue 85
- [NHS Workforce Bulletin](#) - 1 June 2015
- [NHS Managers' Bulletin](#) - 28 May 2015

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Collaboration in clinical leadership

NHS Commissioners and the Royal College of Physicians have published [Collaboration in Clinical Leadership](#). This report highlights how collaborative working between CCG leaders and secondary care doctors can provide a real benefit to the health service provision of local people. It uses case studies to illustrate how secondary care doctors have contributed to CCGs during the last 2 years.

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Urgent Care and A&E from the patient perspective

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine and the Patient's Association have jointly published [Time to Act - urgent care and A&E: the patient perspective](#). This report highlights new research exploring the choices, decisions and experiences of patients who accessed A&E services for urgent healthcare needs. The survey results show that patients are aware of alternatives to A&E however, many still attend A&E because they are unable to access timely help elsewhere.

Additional link: [RCGP press release](#)

Smoking cessation in mental health settings

Public Health England has published [Smoking cessation in secure mental health settings: guidance for commissioners](#). The guidance for commissioners provides: evidence on the effects of smoking on mental health; the benefits of smoking cessation; and case studies where providers have successfully implemented NICE guidance PH48.

Additional link: [PHE press release](#)

Five Year Forward View: the Success Regime

Monitor has published [Five Year Forward View - The Success Regime: A whole systems intervention](#). This document provides detail of the 'Success Regime' which is aimed at providing increased support and direction to the most challenged systems in order to secure improvement in three main areas: short-term improvement against agreed quality, performance or financial metrics; medium and longer-term transformation, including the application of new care models where applicable; and developing leadership capacity and capability across the health system.

Health and homelessness

The Queen's Nursing Institute has published [Oral Health and homelessness: guidance for community nurses](#). It covers the specific oral health risks and needs of people who are homeless and includes useful advice nurses can give to re-connect patients with community dentists, to address fears and phobias, and to give practical advice for patients about looking after their teeth. The guide highlights information about the three major preventable oral health conditions – periodontitis, oral cancer and caries – to help patients who may have concerns about seeing a dental professional.

NICE Bites - Irritable bowel syndrome in adults

The May 2015 NICE Bites bulletin from the North West Medicines Information Service covers [Irritable bowel syndrome in adults](#). It covers the diagnosis and management of adults with IBS in primary care. The aim of this publication is to provide healthcare professionals with a clear and succinct summary of key prescribing points taken from the NICE guidance CG61. It offers best practice advice on the care of all people who are using medicines and also those who are receiving suboptimal benefit from medicines.

Statistics

- [Ambulance Quality Indicators](#) – Systems Indicators for April 2015 and Clinical Outcomes for January 2015
 - [Friends and Family Test](#), April 2015
 - [Clinical Commissioning Group Prescribing Data](#) - January to March 2015
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- [NHS foundation trust bulletin](#): 3 June 2015
- [Public Health Awareness bulletin](#) – June 2015

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Equity of access for heart bypass and angioplasty

The University of York Centre for Health Economics has published research paper 112 [Socioeconomic inequality in waiting times for heart bypass and angioplasty: does patient choice explain the gradient?](#) Equity of access is a key policy objective in publicly-funded healthcare systems. Using data on patients undergoing non-emergency heart revascularization procedures in the English National Health Service, this research finds evidence of significant differences in waiting times within public hospitals between patients with different socioeconomic status (up to 35% difference between the most and least deprived population quintiles).

Older people and cancer

Public Health England and NHS England have updated the publication [Older People and Cancer](#) originally published in December 2014. This report summarises what is known about older people and cancer, drawing together information from different sources and studies. Primarily this report defines older people as those aged 75 and over and is focused on England however other age groups and geographies are presented and compared where it is useful to do so. Each chapter provides high level key messages, followed by a more comprehensive overview of the evidence and statistics.

Blood and transplant strategic plan

NHS Blood and Transplant has published its [Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#). It sets out how the organisation plans to reduce the price of blood to £120 per unit as part of their plans for the next five years. The five year plan also outlines action to: provide enhanced digital connections with blood donors to improve their experience before, during and after donation; provide a higher quality of service for hospital customers and those who use NHS Blood and Transplant products; match world-class performance in organ donation and increase the number of organs available for transplantation; replace an aging IT infrastructure, migrate to cloud based services and replace the critical operational applications with more up to date technology

Safe staffing programme

NHS England has asked NICE not to begin new activity in its [safe staffing programme](#). NHS England will now take forward the issue of staffing work as part of a wider programme of service improvement. It is looking at alternative approaches to helping NHS providers to achieve the right levels and mix of staff. NICE has produced guidance on safe staffing in two settings: adult acute wards and maternity. They were part of a programme to develop evidence-based guidelines on safe staffing for the NHS which began in 2013. Two evidence reviews currently in progress will be completed and will help inform future work on safe staffing. The existing guidance on adult acute wards and maternity settings will remain in place.

Additional link: [RCN press release](#)

World Health Organisation factsheets

The World Health Organisation has updated the following factsheets during May 2015:

- [Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus](#) (MERS-CoV) - Fact sheet 401
- [Tobacco](#) - Fact sheet 339
- [Leprosy](#) – Fact sheet 101
- [Leishmaniasis](#) – Fact sheet 375
- [Millennium Development Goals](#) (MDGs) – Fact sheet 290

NICE consultations

NICE has published the following consultation documents:

- [Kidney disease \(autosomal dominant polycystic\) - tolvaptan \[ID652\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comment 25 June 2015
- [Organ rejection \(liver transplantation, prevention\) - everolimus \[ID559\]: final appraisal determination](#). Closing date for comment 19 June
- [Prostate cancer \(advanced, hormone dependent\) - degarelix depot: appraisal consultation 2](#). Closing date for comment 26 June

- [Mucopolysaccharidosis \(type IVA\) - elosulfase alfa: evaluation consultation](#). Closing date for comment 25 June 2015
- [Sexual health - condom distribution schemes: consultation on the draft scope](#). Closing date for comment 1 July 2015
- [Skin cancer - the VivaScope 1500 and 3000 systems for detecting and monitoring skin lesions: consultation](#). Closing date for comment 24 June 2015
- [Lung cancer \(non-small cell\) - nintedanib: final appraisal determination](#). Closing date for comment 16 June 2015
- [Macular oedema \(diabetic\) - aflibercept: final appraisal determination](#). Closing date for comment 16 June 2015
- [Macular oedema \(diabetic\) - dexamethasone intravitreal implant: final appraisal determination](#). Closing date for comment 16 June 2015
- [CG113 Anxiety: surveillance review proposal](#). Closing date for comment 12 June 2015

Statistics

- [HES-DID Data Linkage Report - Provisional Summary Statistics, April 2014 to January 2015](#) (Experimental Statistics)
- [HES-MHLD Data Linkage Report - Summary Statistics](#), February 2015
- [NHS111 Dataset](#) - April 2015
- [VTE Risk Assessment data collection](#) – Quarter 4 2014/15

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