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Revised guidelines: thromboembolic disease in pregnancy

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has published two new revised guidelines on preventing and treating venous thromboembolism (VTE) during pregnancy, birth and following delivery:

- [Thrombosis and Embolism during Pregnancy and the Puerperium, Reducing the Risk \(Green-top Guideline No. 37a\)](#). The aim of this guideline is to provide advice, based on clinical evidence where available, regarding the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) during pregnancy, birth and following delivery.

[Thrombosis and Embolism during Pregnancy and the Puerperium, the Acute Management of \(Green-top Guideline No. 37b\)](#). The aim of this guideline is to provide information, based on clinical evidence where available, regarding the immediate investigation and management of women in whom venous thromboembolism is suspected during pregnancy or the puerperium.

NHS Citizen design

In 2013 the NHS Citizen project team was commissioned to develop a blueprint for how citizens can play a more active role in NHS England's decision making future. As a result the team has produced the [NHS Citizen design](#). The design consists of two main parts: tools and processes to give citizens a more powerful voice in NHS decision-making and enable citizens to hold the board of NHS England to account; and an investigation of what this means both for the NHS and for citizens.

Additional link: [NHS England press release](#)

Relationship between psychosocial risk factors and health outcomes of chronic diseases

The World Health Organisation has published [The relationship between psychosocial risk factors and health outcomes of chronic diseases: a review of the evidence for cancer and cardiovascular diseases \(2015\)](#). This report summarizes the best available evidence for a link between psychosocial factors and morbidity and mortality from cardiovascular diseases and cancer in the WHO European Region. The evidence suggests that multiple adverse psychosocial factors are independently associated with a range of chronic diseases throughout adulthood.

General practice survey

The BMA has published [National survey of GPs: The future of General Practice 2015](#). The questions contained in this survey examine GPs' priorities and views on the future of general practice. The questions cover essentials of general practice, premises, general practice models, future of GP contracts, career motivations, workload, consultation times, access and opening hours and technology.

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

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Tobacco return on investment tool

As part of its savings and productivity collection, NICE has published [Tobacco return on investment tool](#). The tool has been developed to help decision making in tobacco control at local and sub-national levels. It evaluates a portfolio of tobacco control interventions and models the economic returns that can be expected in different payback timescales. Different interventions, including pharmacotherapies and support and advice, can be mixed and matched to see which intervention portfolio or package provides the best 'value for money', compared with 'no-services' or any other specified package.

Healthy conversations and the allied health professionals

The Royal Society for Public Health and Public Health England has published [Healthy Conversations and the Allied Health Professionals](#). This report illustrates that allied health professionals are having a significant positive impact on the public's health and with further support this could make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of the population.

Implementing a trust-wide healthy weight strategy

NHS Employers has published a case study of how Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust developed and implemented its [Healthy Weight strategy](#). The strategy is based on staff feedback and also aims to take forward the NICE public health workplace guidance on tackling obesity and promoting physical activity in the workplace.

Asset-based approaches in health care

The Health Foundation has published [Head, hands and heart: asset-based approaches in health care](#). This report summarises the theory and evidence behind asset-based approaches in health care and wellbeing and gives details of six case studies, describing these approaches in action. The aim of the report is to engage people in health care that are looking to introduce asset-based working into mainstream health and care sectors while also challenging current practitioners in community development to look at the dimensions and benefits of developing assets for improving community health and wellbeing.

Statistics

- [Compendium of Maternity Statistics](#) England, April 2015
- [CCG Prescribing Data](#) - October to December 2014

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Living well for longer

The Department of Health has published [Living well for longer: progress 1 year on](#). It sets out progress in 2014 to 2015 towards reducing levels of premature avoidable mortality. The document illustrates progress against the actions set out in Living Well for Longer: National support for local action which followed a call to action from the Secretary of State for Health. It shows that there has been improved prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of the 5 big killers: cancer; stroke; heart disease; lung disease; and liver disease. The report outlines the next steps for ongoing improvements across the system in reducing premature mortality.

Informed

The 14 April issue of [Informed](#) has been published by NHS England. It includes the following items:

- Thousands of patients could be saved thanks to innovative new Bradford scheme
- Videos of the Board meeting held on 26 March 2015
- Parkinson's Awareness Week 2015

Improving the Quality of Interpreting and Translation Services in Primary Care

Delivering effective treatment to people affected by drug and alcohol

NHS Confederation has published a case study [Delivering effective treatment to people affected by drug and alcohol misuse in Thanet](#). The case study describes out a programme of proactive cooperation between Turning Point and other organisations working in the local area. Turning Point's strategy is to focus on the specific challenges faced by each individual, including their family and household circumstances in conjunction with several organisations, including local NHS services, the probation service, housing officers, the police, JobCentre Plus, community mental health services, homeless projects, the carer support group, the local hospital, and staff at the council's gateway centre. Turning Point shares information, trains staff to refer clients to them, places outreach workers in their premises and attend meetings both bilaterally, and as part of the local authority's Margate Task Force anti-poverty group.

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[Adult Critical Care in England](#) - April 2013 - March 2014

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Governance reviews in foundation trusts

Monitor, together with the Care Quality Commission and NHS Trust Development Authority, has published [Well-led framework for governance reviews: guidance for NHS foundation trusts](#). This updated guidance sets out how NHS foundation trusts should carry out reviews of their governance and explains how NHS trusts applying for foundation trust status can use the well-led framework. It replaces the quality governance framework (QGF) and the board governance assurance framework (BGAF), which are now effectively incorporated within the framework.

Back in work pack

Following recent media coverage of the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders in the UK, NHS Employers is highlighting its updated [Back in work pack](#). The pack is divided into six parts and outlines the measures employers and employees need to take in order to reduce the incidence of work-related back pain and musculoskeletal disorders.

Parkinson's Awareness Week 2015

Parkinson's Awareness Week 2015 takes place 20-26 April 2015. The theme of the campaign '[Up Your Friendly](#)' is encouraging people to be friendlier to people with Parkinson's. Simply by holding a door open or being more patient in a long queue can brighten up someone's day. But for people with Parkinson's, it can make all the difference. Parkinson's UK has free resources available support the week event.

Improved CCG GP2GP utilisation report

A new utilisation report is available to CCGs aimed at helping identify barriers to using GP2GP. The GP2GP team produce a monthly [CCG GP2GP utilisation report](#) showing all practices within England (live and not live with GP2GP) and detailed information to enable CCGs (and where designated, CSUs), to fully understand the utilisation of GP2GP within each region. Guidance and frequently asked questions are included in the report to help users better understand common queries, possible issues and scenarios. This report includes full details of each practice's GP2GP requesting, sending and integration activity which should help identify potential barriers to using GP2GP. The new report will be emailed between the 10th and 15th of every month to subscribers.

Statistics

- [Quarterly Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Dataset Reports - Final Q3 2014/15 summary statistics and related information, England, Experimental Statistics](#)
 - [Numbers of Patients Registered at a GP Practice](#) - April 2015
 - [Quality Outcomes Framework \(QOF\) Recorded Dementia Diagnoses](#) - April 2014 - March 2015
- [GP2GP practice statistics](#) – April 2014

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- [Public Health Awareness Bulletin](#) – April 2015
- [NHS Workforce Bulletin](#) - 13 April 2015

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Leading the Care Act

The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published [Leading the Care Act: report from SCIE Roundtable held on 5 March 2015](#). This is the report from a series of roundtable discussions on leading the Care Act. The discussions explored how to improve care and support at a time of growing demand, demographic change and financial constraint. The sessions covered: community-led care and support; leading the Care Act; Health and Wellbeing Board; and social care and technology.

Research into an ageing workforce

NHS Employers has begun [research into the ageing NHS workforce](#). The research is examining: whether there is a link between people working longer and the level of their performance at work; what changes to employment policy and practice may be required where people are working longer and what factors affect the retirement decisions of NHS staff.

Commissioning for Value

NHS Right care has published videos of presentations from its [Commissioning for Value events](#) held in March. The sessions included: Using the Commissioning for Value Tool 2014; Interpreting the Commissioning for value pack; Improving Referrals in the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group and using the NHS Right Care approach to engage across the system to improve CVD outcomes for the population of Bradford.

NICE consultations

- [Obesity - prevention and management in adults: topic engagement](#). Closing date for comment: 30 April 2015
 - [Asthma management: consultation on the draft scope](#). Closing date for comment: 13 May 2015
 - [Haematological cancers - improving outcomes \(update\): consultation on the draft scope](#). Closing date for comment: 30 April 2015
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- [Direct Access Audiology waiting times](#) - February 2015
- [Mixed Sex Accommodation Breaches](#) - March 2015
- [Quarterly Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set Reports, England](#) - Final Q3 2014-15 summary statistics and related information, Experimental statistics
- [Numbers of Patients Registered at a GP Practice](#) - April 2015
- [Quality Outcomes Framework \(QOF\), Recorded Dementia Diagnoses](#), April 2014 - March 2015

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