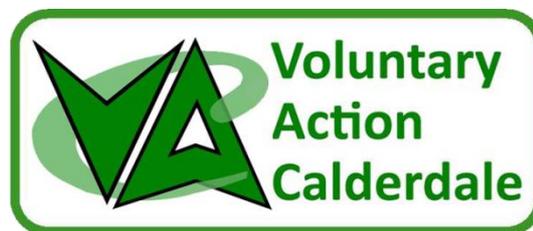


# Health News



....December 2016

## A brief round-up of some of the health news and events from December.....

A brief round-up of news and events in health, helping you to keep up-to-date with information and developments. We hope that you will find the newsletter useful.

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## NEWS

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### Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group

NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) covers 26 GP practices and a registered population of more than 213,000 patients. CCGs are groups of GPs responsible for planning and designing local health services in England. They do this by 'commissioning', or buying, health and care services.

### Pharmacy opening times over Christmas and the New Year



#### A helping hand for a healthy start

Parents and carers in Calderdale now have a new resource with advice and guidance to support with their child's journey into healthy early years.

www.healthyearlyyears.co.uk is a brand new website packed with top tips to offer a helping hand to parents and carers of children aged from birth to five years old.

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/a-helping-hand-for-a-healthy-start/>

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## Department of Health

The Department of Health leads, shapes and funds health and care in England. The Department of Health is a ministerial department, supported by 27 agencies and public bodies.

### Funds to improve housing for people with learning disabilities

The local authorities awarded a share of £25 million housing and technology fund for people with learning disabilities have been announced.

20/12/2016 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funds-to-improve-housing-for-people-with-learning-disabilities>

### Helping parents spot the signs of sepsis

Sepsis awareness campaign will help parents and carers of young children recognise the symptoms of sepsis.

A nationwide campaign, launched by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, will help parents spot the symptoms of sepsis to protect young children and save lives.

15/12/2016 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/helping-parents-spot-the-signs-of-sepsis>

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## NHS England

NHS England leads the National Health Service (NHS) in England. They set the priorities and direction of the NHS and encourage and inform the national debate to improve health and care.

### NHS England to fund Bionic Eye Surgery

NHS England has today announced that it will provide funding for further testing of the Argus II, also known as the Bionic Eye.

22/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/12/bionic-eye-surgery/>

### Clinical pharmacy scheme set to benefit patients across England

NHS England is today launching a scheme to get 1,500 more clinical pharmacists working in GP surgeries – a move set to benefit patients across the country.

21/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/12/clinical-pharmacy/>

### **NHS England backs new services to transform care for people with a learning disability and/or autism**

NHS England is today giving local areas the means to improve the lives of people with a learning disability and/or autism, including developing ways of keeping children closer to their home and families.

21/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/learningdisabilities/2016/12/21/new-services-to-transform/>

### **National health organisations publish a shared commitment to quality**

The National Quality Board (NQB) has published a new framework that will promote improved quality criteria across all national health organisations for the first time.

The new publication provides a nationally agreed definition of quality and guide for clinical and managerial leaders wanting to improve quality.

21/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/12/shared-commitment/>

### **IPC Programme expands to improve services for millions with complex needs**

An NHS England scheme to transform care for millions of disabled people and people those with long term conditions is being rolled out to six new areas across England.

20/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/12/new-care-centres/>

### **NHS England announces £101 million of new funding for new care model vanguards**

NHS England has announced £101 million of new funding to support and spread the work of the new care model vanguards.

15/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/12/vanguard-funding/>

### **NHS England to fund ground-breaking new mitochondrial donation clinical trial**

NHS England has today announced it will make up to £8m available over five years to fund the treatment costs of a five year clinical trial of mitochondrial donation – a form of IVF in which the future baby’s mitochondrial DNA comes from a donor egg, to avoid passing on inherited mitochondrial diseases.

15/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/12/mitochondrial-donation/>

## **Simon Stevens sets out ambitious action to improve survival and quality of life for people with cancer**

2,400 more cancer survivors over past year thanks to improved NHS cancer care.

NHS England's chief executive Simon Stevens will announce the first wave of hospitals to benefit from a major national investment in NHS radiotherapy machines alongside £200m of funding over two years to improve local cancer services.

6/12/2016 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/12/ambitious-cancer-action/>

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## **Public Health England**

**Public Health England (PHE) protects and improves the nation's health and wellbeing, and reduces health inequalities. PHE is an executive agency, sponsored by the Department of Health.**

### **NHS England and PHE extend HIV prevention programme**

The extension of the national HIV prevention programme will fund new specialised treatments.

NHS England will fund a major extension to the national HIV prevention programme led by Public Health England (PHE) with the aim of supporting those most at risk and reducing the incidence of HIV infection.

4/12/2016 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-england-and-phe-extend-hiv-prevention-programme>

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## **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence**

**The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care.**

### **NICE focuses on improving treatment and diagnosis of liver disease**

People who drink too much should be sent for scans to detect early liver disease, says NICE

19/12/2016 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-focuses-on-improving-treatment-and-diagnosis-of-liver-disease>

### **Councils should provide oral health programmes in schools, says NICE**

Social care providers should also ensure oral health is included in care plans for people receiving support, says NICE

15/12/2016 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/councils-should-provide-oral-health-programmes-in-schools-says-nice>

## **Traditional under the tongue temperature-taking helps patients avoid hypothermia during surgery, says NICE**

Traditional under the tongue or armpit temperature-taking are among the recommended ways of monitoring a patient's temperature to help avoid hypothermia during surgery, says NICE.

14/12/2016 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/traditional-under-the-tongue-temperature-taking-helps-patients-avoid-hypothermia-during-surgery-says-nice-guideline>

## **NICE calls on third sector and public bodies to work together to prevent loneliness in older people**

Some older people should be sent to dance groups or choirs to help maintain their health, says NICE

05/12/2016 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-calls-on-third-sector-and-public-bodies-to-work-together-to-prevent-loneliness-in-older-people>

## **Millions should be offered routine HIV testing, NICE and Public Health England say on World Aids Day**

HIV testing should be offered in A&Es and GP practices depending on local HIV prevalence, says NICE and PHE in new guidance

01/12/2016 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/millions-should-be-offered-routine-hiv-testing-nice-and-public-health-england-say-on-world-aids-day>

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## **Care Quality Commission**

**The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and social care in England.**

## **CQC and HMI Prisons to set out how they will work together to inspect prisons in England**

A new agreement has been formalised between the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMi prisons), to help facilitate how we will continue to work together to inspect health and care services in prisons.

22/12/2016 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/cqc-and-hmi-prisons-set-out-how-they-will-work-together-inspect-prisons-england>

## **CQC sets out updated registration guidance for providers that support people with learning disability services**

As part of the consultation for our next phase of regulation, we are seeking views on draft updated guidance for providers registering to care for people with learning disabilities.

20/12/2016 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/cqc-sets-out-updated-registration-guidance-providers-support-people-learning-disability>

## **Deaths of people with learning disabilities or mental health problems not always given adequate attention, families report poor experience of investigations**

Our review of the way NHS trusts review and investigate deaths has found that opportunities to learn from patient deaths are being missed – and too many families are not being included or listened to when an investigation takes place.

13/12/2016 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/deaths-people-learning-disabilities-or-mental-health-problems-not-always-given-adequate>

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## **Kings Fund**

**The King's Fund is an independent charity working to improve health and care in England.**

### **How hospital activity and funding in England have changed over time**

20/12/2016 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/hospital-activity-funding-changes>

### **Reflections on health and care in 2016**

19/12/2016 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/2016-reflections>

### **The NHS if**

'The NHS if' is a collection of essays that explores hypothetical scenarios and their impact on the future of health and care.

15/12/2016 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/nhs-if>

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## **Social Care Institute for Excellence**

**The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) is an improvement support agency and independent charity, working with the care and support sector in the UK.**

## New mental capacity film

Do you know how to help someone who may lack capacity, to make decisions? In a new film, Baroness Finlay, Chair of the National Mental Capacity Forum, explains how the Mental Capacity Act can support care staff with difficult decisions.

01/12/2016 - <https://www.scie.org.uk/news/>

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# CONSULTATIONS

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## NHS ENGLAND

### Refreshing 'Transforming Participation in Health and Care'

NHS England is in the process of refreshing its statutory guidance for CCGs on how they can meet their legal duty to involve the public in commissioning and their duty to promote the involvement of each patient in their own care. Olivia Butterworth, Head of Public Participation at NHS England, has written a blog about the approach being taken to refreshing Transforming Participation in Health and Care.

They would welcome comments on the existing guidance and what you would like to see in the refreshed guidance by email to [england.nhs.participation@nhs.net](mailto:england.nhs.participation@nhs.net). The closing date for comment is Friday 13 January 2017. Please include your name, organisation and contact details in the email.

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# REPORTS

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## VODG

### Closing the disability and employment gap

Closing the disability and employment gap outlines successful employment and training schemes delivered by specialist disability organisations. It includes recommendations for government, employers and care providers to boost employment for working-age disabled people.

05/12/2016 - <https://www.vodg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016-VODG-Closing-the-disability-and-employment-gap-a-case-study-report.pdf>

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