

# Health News January 2017

A brief roundup of some of the health news and events from January. The Health News is to help keep you 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.

#### **Future funding of voluntary and community groups**

NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has taken the difficult decision to not renew funding to 14 local community groups.

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/future-funding-of-voluntary-and-community-groups/>

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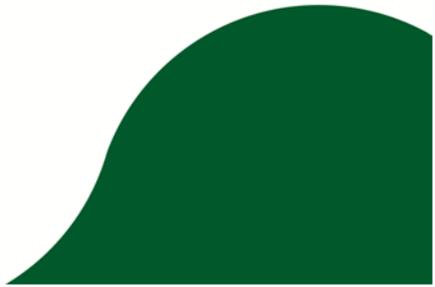
### **Department of Health**

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.

#### **Prime Minister unveils plans to transform mental health support**

Theresa May announces a comprehensive package of measures to transform mental health support in our schools, workplaces and communities.

9/1/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-unveils-plans-to-transform-mental-health-support>





## **Children given sports prostheses to help them get active**

Children who have either been born without a limb or who have lost a limb are being given new running and swimming blades from the NHS.

Children across England are being given specialised sports prostheses from the NHS to help them run, swim and play sport, and even become the next Paralympians.

7/1/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/children-given-sports-prostheses-to-help-them-get-active>

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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 launches new measures to help GPs and patients access the care they need**

A world-first nationally funded service to support GPs and GP trainees suffering mental ill-health and addiction goes live next week while 11 areas have been chosen to pilot new ways of retaining GPs who are considering leaving the profession so their skills can continue benefitting patients.

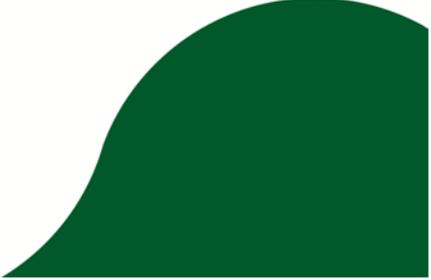
30/1/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/01/accessing-care/>

### **Allied Health Professions join forces to help shape future healthcare**

England's 145,000 Allied Health Professionals will be encouraged to innovate and lead within the NHS and wider care system under a new shared commitment published by NHS England today.

17/1/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/01/ahps-into-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.**

### **Evidence review on drug misuse treatment published**

Public Health England's review shows the drug misuse treatment system in England is performing well.

26/1/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/evidence-review-on-drug-misuse-treatment-published>

### **PHE calls for greater high blood pressure awareness**

As many as 5.5 million adults in England with undiagnosed high blood pressure are risking heart attack, stroke or even vascular dementia.

24/1/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/phe-calls-for-greater-high-blood-pressure-awareness>

### **PHE launches new resource to tackle tuberculosis in under-served populations**

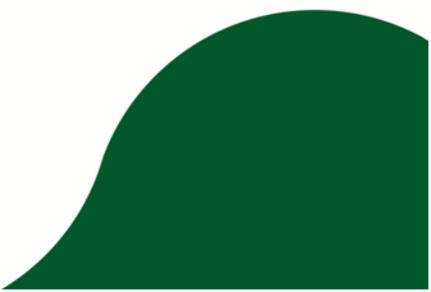
The guidance will help TB Control Boards and local health partners to deliver their programmes to hard to reach communities.

18/1/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/phe-launches-new-resource-to-tackle-tuberculosis-in-under-served-populations>

### **New advice on reducing health inequalities in the criminal justice system**

Local bodies can use new advice to close the shocking health gap between people in the criminal justice system and the wider population.

11/1/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-advice-on-reducing-health-inequalities-in-the-criminal-justice-system>



### **New Change4Life campaign encourages parents to 'Be Food Smart'**

PHE's new Change4Life campaign shows that children are consuming half the daily recommended sugar intake before the morning school bell.

3/1/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-change4life-campaign-encourages-parents-to-be-food-smart>

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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.

### **Preventing falls in older people through conversation**

NICE has advised health and care professionals to talk to older people about falls.

31/1/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/preventing-falls-in-older-people-through-conversation>

### **NICE seeks to improve diagnosis and treatment of cerebral palsy**

NICE publishes first guideline on cerebral palsy

25/1/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-seeks-to-improve-diagnosis-and-treatment-of-cerebral-palsy>

### **Everyone with learning disabilities should have their mental health checked annually, NICE says, as fears thousands may be undiagnosed**

Experts acknowledge that mental health problems may be more difficult to diagnose for people with learning disabilities. This is because it can be harder for the person to explain how they are feeling and what help they would like.

10/1/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/everyone-with-learning-disabilities-should-have-their-mental-health-checked-annually-nice-says-as-fears-thousands-may-be-undiagnosed>

## **NICE takes key role in new European project for faster access to Alzheimer's disease drugs**

NICE is taking part in a European project to speed up the development of new drugs to treat Alzheimer's disease.

6/1/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-takes-key-role-in-new-european-project-for-faster-access-to-alzheimer-s-disease-drugs>

## **NICE calls on care homes to prioritise the oral health of residents**

Care home residents should be helped to brush their teeth twice a day, says NICE

6/1/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-calls-on-care-homes-to-prioritise-the-oral-health-of-residents>

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## **Care Quality Commission**

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

### **Professor Sir Mike Richards to retire**

Professor Sir Mike Richards has announced he will retire this summer, after four years as our Chief Inspector of Hospitals. CQC to review children and adolescent mental health services nationally, following Prime Minister's request

27/1/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/professor-sir-mike-richards-retire>

### **CQC to review children and adolescent mental health services nationally, following Prime Minister's request**

The Prime Minister, Theresa May, today (Monday 9 January) delivered the annual Charity Commission Lecture where she announced a series of measures to "transform mental health support".

9/1/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/cqc-review-children-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-nationally-following-prime>



## **CQC announces new partnerships with charities and patient groups**

We've launched new partnerships with a number of national charities to ensure that the views and experiences of people who use services always remain at the heart of our regulation of health and social care in England.

9/1/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/cqc-announces-new-partnerships-charities-and-patient-groups>

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## **Kings Fund**

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

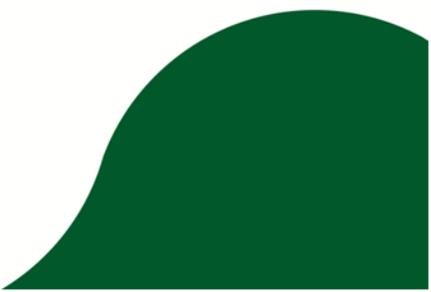
### **Funds for mental health must reach the front line if Prime Minister's vision is to be realised**

Responding to the Prime Minister's speech on mental health care and social reform.

9/1/2017 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/mental-health-funds-must-reach-front-line>

### **The King's Fund responds to a letter from the chairs of three Select Committees to the Prime Minister**

6/1/2017 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/kings-fund-responds-letter-select-committees>





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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.

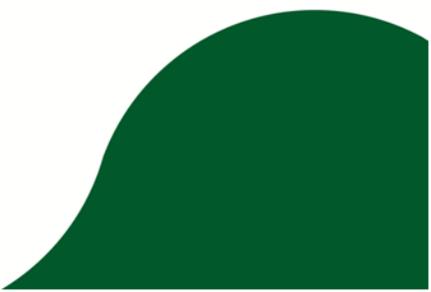
## CHARITY DIGITAL

### **Charity Digital skills survey launched**

Charities are being urged to complete a survey that will help to create a true picture of the digital needs of the charity sector.

It's hoped the final report will be a great resource to map where the sector is at with digital, help charities benchmark digital skills and make the business case for the support required.

<http://www.charitydigitalnews.co.uk/2017/01/25/charity-digital-skills-survey-launched/>





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# EVENTS

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## ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRS

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### Do we need to rebuild public trust in charities?

9<sup>th</sup> February, Wakefield

This is a free event from the Association of Chairs. Karl Wilding Director of public policy and volunteering at NCVO will explore the important issue of public trust in charities.

<https://www.associationofchairs.org.uk/events/need-rebuild-public-trust-charities/>

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