

Health News February 2017

A brief roundup of some of the health news and events from February. 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

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.

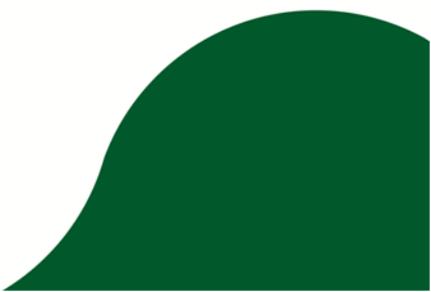


<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say-on-the-future-of-calderdales-care-homes/>

CCGs begin the search for an independent chair

The Governing Bodies of NHS Calderdale CCG and NHS Greater Huddersfield CCG met in parallel, in public on 20 October 2016 and agreed to proceed to explore implementation of the full business case, in line with the proposals within the consultation on proposed future arrangements for hospital and community health services in Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield.

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/ccgs-begin-the-search-for-an-independent-chair/>



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.

Recovering the cost of NHS treatments given to overseas visitors

New regulations requiring all hospitals to check upfront whether patients are eligible for free NHS treatment will be in place under plans to recover the cost of health treatments provided to patients not ordinarily resident in the UK.

6/2/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/recovering-the-cost-of-nhs-treatments-given-to-overseas-visitors>

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.

Patients with rare conditions to benefit from new treatments

NHS England has today confirmed that three new specialised treatments will be made available for patients in England.

24/2/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/02/rare-conditions-new-treatments/>

Spreading new care models

As the new care models programme begins its third year, people working across the programme, both nationally and locally have been exploring how they can ensure the success of the new care models are spread across health and care services.

23/2/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/02/new-care-models/>

NHS England publish new guidelines on tackling conflicts of interest

NHS England is publishing new guidelines today that will strengthen the management of conflicts of interest and ensure that the NHS is a world leader for transparent and accountable healthcare.

9/2/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/02/coi-guidelines/>

Consultation launched to ensure excellent care for patients with congenital heart disease

NHS England has today launched a public consultation on how it will put in place new standards for hospitals providing congenital heart disease services in England.

9/2/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/02/chd-consultation/>

NHS England, Government and BMA agree new GP contract for 2017/18

NHS England, the Government, and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee have reached agreement on changes to the general practice contract in England that will benefit both patients and GPs.

7/2/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/02/gp-contract-17-18/>

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.

New measures to protect against Avian Flu

Plans confirmed to reduce the risk of avian flu in England after 28 February.

The Government Chief Vet has confirmed new measures to protect against avian flu that take a more targeted approach to controlling the disease.

24/2/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-protect-against-avian-flu>

Local public health intelligence online community

Public Health England (PHE) is piloting an online space on Knowledge Hub to share information about local knowledge and intelligence products and services. Our Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service (LKIS) will run the space.

3/2/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-public-health-intelligence-online-community>

Quarter of people would not call 999 at the first signs of stroke

PHE launches its Act FAST campaign to remind people of the main symptoms of stroke and importance of calling 999 immediately.

2/2/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/quarter-of-people-would-not-call-999-at-the-first-signs-of-stroke>

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.

Local authorities need to work together with nightclubs and gyms to prevent drug misuse

Gyms, nightclubs and festivals should display posters and mount social media campaigns to highlight the risks of drug misuse, a new guideline from NICE says.

22/2/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/local-authorities-need-to-work-together-with-nightclubs-and-gyms-to-prevent-drug-misuse>

NICE guidelines aim to improve how children at risk of abuse or neglect are helped and supported

NICE is producing new guidelines to help people who work with children spot and stop abuse or neglect.

22/2/2017 - <https://indepth.nice.org.uk/nice-guidelines-aim-to-improve-how-children-at-risk-of-abuse-or-neglect-are-helped-and-supported/index.html>

NICE recommends wider use of tests to detect cancer-causing genetic condition

NICE has published diagnostics guidance recommending that everyone who is diagnosed with colorectal cancer should be tested for an inherited genetic condition.

22/2/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-recommends-wider-use-of-tests-to-detect-cancer-causing-genetic-condition-2>

NICE seeks to support new mothers with mental health problems

NICE is calling on general practice staff to assess the mental health of all women who have recently given birth, as fears some may be left unsupported.

8/2/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-seeks-to-support-new-mothers-with-mental-health-problems>

Care Quality Commission

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

CQC's first round of adult social care and GP practice inspections completed

We've completed our comprehensive programme of inspecting all adult social care services and GP practices in England that were registered before 1 October 2014.

6/2/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/cqc%E2%80%99s-first-round-adult-social-care-and-gp-practice-inspections-completed>

Kings Fund

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

Community health and wellbeing charities win GSK IMPACT Awards for excellence

Ten charities from across the UK have won a prestigious national award for improving health and wellbeing in their communities

28/2/2017 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/community-health-and-wellbeing-charities-win-gsk-impact-awards-excellence>

Politicians must be prepared to back NHS plans

The government must be prepared to back radical changes to health services to secure the future of the NHS, according to a new analysis of sustainability and transformation plans (STPs) published by The King's Fund.

21/2/2017 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/politicians-must-be-prepared-back-nhs-plans>

Celebrating 120 years of The King's Fund

Today marks 120 years since the establishment of The King's Fund was announced on 6 February 1897.

6/2/2017 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/celebrating-120-years-kings-fund>

CONSULTATIONS

LOCAL HEALTHWATCH

Stroke Services in West Yorkshire

Healthwatch Calderdale are encouraging people in the Calderdale area to answer our survey regarding stroke services in West Yorkshire, we want to ensure that people in Calderdale have a chance to see the video and answer the survey before the closing date of 15th March 2017, to ensure that their views are taken into account.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WYStrokeServices>

FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Consultation on the Code of Fundraising Practice – February 2017

In this first consultation on the Code of Fundraising Practice, the Fundraising Regulator seeks views on several areas. Consultation deadline is Friday 28th April 2017.

<https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/code-of-fundraising-practice/code-consultation/>



REPORTS

NCVO

THE ROAD AHEAD: WHAT WILL 2017 MEAN FOR CHARITIES?

Each year NCVO publish The Road Ahead, a report that builds a picture of the challenges and opportunities coming up for the voluntary sector, and helps our members navigate the best way forward.

[Download The Road Ahead summary \(PDF 2.6MB\)](#)

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