

# Health News April 2017

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

#### **Independent chair appointed for travel and transport group**

Dr Mike Grady has been appointed as independent chair of a new travel and transport group following a recruitment and selection process which included advertising the role nationally.

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/independent-chair-appointed-for-travel-and-transport-group/>

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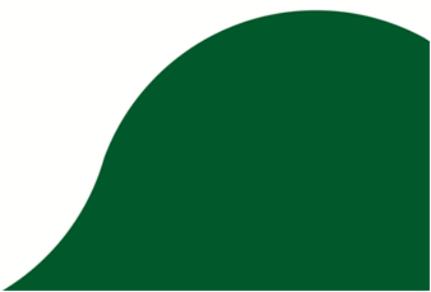
### **Department of Health**

**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.**

#### **A&E departments to get more funding**

Funds for next winter will ease pressure on accident and emergency (A&E) departments in England.

21/4/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ae-departments-to-get-more-funding>



## **New innovation scorecard platform launched**

The improved platform aims to make it easier to see uptake of pharmaceutical products and medical innovations within the NHS.

13/4/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-innovation-scorecard-platform-launched>

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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.**

### **Report sets out progress on race equality standards for all NHS trusts in England**

A second annual report into race equality across the NHS has been published today (19 April).

19/4/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/04/report-sets-out-progress-on-race-equality-standards-for-all-nhs-trusts-in-england/>

### **Mental health patients set to benefit from pioneering new digital services**

Seven areas across England are set to trail-blaze digital services for mental health patients, which will include innovative apps to improve care and online access to 'real-time' patient records.

12/4/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/04/mental-health-patients-set-to-benefit-from-pioneering-new-digital-services/>

### **Up to six million people set to benefit from more clinical pharmacists in GP surgeries**

Patients across England are set to benefit from more convenient trips to the GP with the announcement by NHS England of new, surgery-based clinical pharmacists to help with routine medication and treatment.

12/4/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/04/up-to-six-million-people-set-to-benefit-from-more-clinical-pharmacists-in-gp-surgeries/>

### **Stroke patients in England set to receive revolutionary new treatment**

An estimated 8,000 stroke patients a year are set to benefit from an advanced emergency treatment which can significantly decrease the risk of long-term disability and also save millions of pounds in long term health and social care costs.

11/4/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/04/stroke-patients-in-england-set-to-receive-revolutionary-new-treatment/>

### **Principia vanguard reduces A&E attendances by 29 per cent for care home residents**

New figures published last week found that care home residents in Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire had 23 per cent fewer emergency admissions and 29 per cent fewer A&E attendances compared to people in other parts of the country.

6/4/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/04/principia-vanguard-reduces-ae-attendances-by-29-per-cent-for-care-home-residents/>

### **Sir Bruce Keogh announces retirement from NHS England to chair Women and Children's NHS Trust**

Professor Sir Bruce Keogh has announced that he will be stepping down as NHS England's National Medical Director at the end of the year after 10 years in the role.

6/4/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/04/sir-bruce-keogh-announces-retirement-from-nhs-england-to-chair-womens-and-childrens-nhs-trust/>

### **Next steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View: 17,500 forces veterans and service personnel to benefit from £9m investment in new and improved NHS mental health services**

NHS England is set to launch (April 1) a brand new mental health service which has been specially tailored to support and treat ex-armed forces veterans and service personnel who are approaching discharge.

1/4/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/04/next-steps-on-the-nhs-five-year-forward-view-veterans/>

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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.

### Update on PrEP Impact trial in England

In response to stakeholders, Public Health England (PHE) and NHS England have published an update on the PrEP Impact Trial.

10/4/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-on-prep-impact-trial-in-england>

### UK Public Health Rapid Support Team appoints first director

Professor Daniel Bausch has been appointed Director of the new UK Public Health Rapid Support Team (UK-PHRST).

4/4/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-public-health-rapid-support-team-appoints-first-director>

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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 during the pre-election period

As a public body, NICE is required to follow civil service principles on communicating during the lead up to the general election.

25/4/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-during-the-pre-election-period>

### Terminally ill children should have access to around-the-clock homecare, says NICE

NICE has published a draft standard aiming to improve end of life care for children in England.

18/4/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/terminally-ill-children-should-have-access-to-around-the-clock-homecare-says-nice>

### **NICE says head and neck cancer drug is not cost effective**

NICE has published draft guidance saying the cost of using nivolumab to treat head and neck cancer is too high for routine NHS use.

11/4/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-says-head-and-neck-cancer-drug-is-not-cost-effective>

### **Test people for infections as they enter prison, says NICE**

NICE has published a draft standard aiming to address the variation in health checks offered by prisons in England.

11/4/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/test-people-for-infections-as-they-enter-prison-says-nice>

### **Councils and sexual health services should consider providing free condoms to reduce STIs, says NICE**

Condoms should be more widely available to reduce rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), NICE has said in new guidance.

6/4/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/councils-and-sexual-health-services-should-consider-providing-free-condoms-to-reduce-stis-says-nice>

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## **Care Quality Commission**

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

### **What do the forthcoming elections mean for CQC?**

With both the local and mayoral elections approaching, you may have heard about public bodies, like CQC, having to respect a 'pre-election period', which places certain short-term restrictions on what we're allowed to publish and announce in the period before an election.

11/4/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/what-do-forthcoming-elections-mean-cqc>



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## Kings Fund

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

### **Complexity of health system is 'holding back progress' in HIV care**

The complexity of the health system in England is holding back progress in meeting the needs of people with HIV, according to a new report from The King's Fund.

25/4/2017 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/complexity-health-system-holding-back-progress-hiv-care>

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## REPORTS

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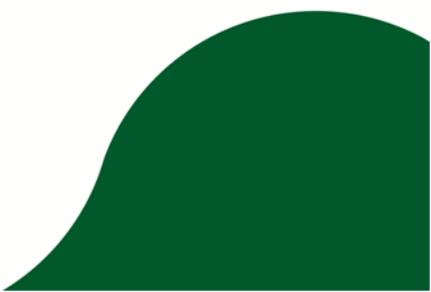
### **CIVIL EXCHANGE**

#### **A Shared Society? The independence of the voluntary sector in 2017**

The report concludes that this could be a turning point in the Government's relationship with the voluntary sector and highlights the potential for a new, shared agenda, post- Brexit, with Theresa May promising to create a Britain that 'works for everyone' and sector leaders identifying Brexit as an opportunity to speak up more confidently on behalf of people who are currently 'left behind'.

Guest contributors to the report also welcome the Shared Society and give pointers about how to make that happen. But a major change is needed in the relationship of the state to the voluntary sector, the report concludes, and the sector also needs to ask itself some tough questions.

[Download the A Shared Society? Report here \(PDF\)](#)





# EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

## Being disabled in Britain: a journey less equal Report

Being disabled in Britain is a review into disability inequality in Great Britain. It builds on the Equality and Human Rights Commission's statutory five-yearly report on equality and human rights progress in England, Scotland and Wales, Is Britain Fairer?

[Download the Being disabled in Britain: a journey less equal report here \(PDF\)](#)

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