

Health News July 2017

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



Update on Right Care, Right Time, Right Place

The CCGs and CHFT have formally responded to the 19 recommendations made by Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in relation to changes to hospital and community services.

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/update-on-right-care-right-time-right-place/>

West Yorkshire & Harrogate STP publishes report on Stroke Engagement

West Yorkshire & Harrogate Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (WY&H STP) has published a report on the engagement work on stroke services across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/west-yorkshire-harrogate-stp-publishes-report-on-stroke-engagement/>

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.

Thousands of new roles to be created in mental health workforce plan

New measures will aim to transform mental health services by treating an extra one million patients by 2020 to 2021.

31/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-new-roles-to-be-created-in-mental-health-workforce-plan>

More people will be able to give blood following scientific review

How the rules around blood donation will change for some groups of people, following a clinical study with recommendations.

23/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/more-people-will-be-able-to-give-blood-following-scientific-review>

VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance members announced

New alliance aims to bring the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector's voice and expertise into national policy making.

17/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vcse-health-and-wellbeing-alliance-members-announced>

Government responds on cyber security and data

Plans to strengthen NHS and social care organisations against cyber attacks and protect patient data.

12/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-responds-on-cyber-security-and-data>

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Reducing delays for people moving from hospital to social care

Plans to reduce the number of people waiting in hospitals through closer partnership between local authorities and NHS organisations.

5/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reducing-delays-for-people-moving-from-hospital-to-social-care>

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.

National survey shows cancer patients feel increasingly positive about their NHS care

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21/7/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/cancer-patient-survey/>

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21/7/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/cancer-patient-survey/>

Patients to benefit from £325 million investment in NHS transformation projects

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt and NHS England boss Simon Stevens have announced £325m of capital investment for local projects that will help the NHS to modernise and transform care for patients.

19/7/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/patients-to-benefit-from-325-million-investment-in-nhs-transformation-projects/>

UK health system comes out on top in new report

The UK was rated first out of 11 countries in a report on international healthcare systems published today by the Commonwealth Fund.

14/7/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/uk-health-system-comes-out-on-top-in-new-report/>

New ambulance service standards announced

NHS England has announced a new set of performance targets for the ambulance service which will apply to all 999 calls for the first time.

13/7/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/new-ambulance-service-standards-announced/>

8 out of 10 patients are positive about GPs – new survey

As the NHS treats more patients than ever before, a new nationwide survey shows the majority of people are positive about their GP care – with almost 85 per cent rating their overall experience of their GP surgery as good.

6/7/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/8-out-of-10-patients-are-positive-about-gps-new-survey/>

Chief Nurse backs stomp it out drugs campaign

An ongoing fight to raise awareness of over-medication of people with learning disabilities has been welcomed by the country's top nurse.

4/7/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/chief-nurse-backs-stomp-it-out-drugs-campaign/>

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.

Public Health England encourages hepatitis C testing

PHE is urging people to get free testing for hep C as it is believed many are unknowingly living with the condition.

28/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-england-encourages-hepatitis-c-testing>

Number of children getting enough physical activity drops by 40%

Change4Life together with Disney and Sport England launches '10 Minute Shake Up' campaign to help get children more active.

17/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/number-of-children-getting-enough-physical-activity-drops-by-40>

State of the nation's health revealed in landmark report from PHE

Public Health England (PHE) has published a milestone report on the health of the population in England.

13/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/state-of-the-nations-health-revealed-in-landmark-report-from-phe>

Over 150,000 annual deaths from lung cancer, lung and heart disease

PHE campaign urges people to see a GP if they have breathlessness or a persistent cough, as these are symptoms of these diseases.

6/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-150000-annual-deaths-from-lung-cancer-lung-and-heart-disease>

Parents urged to remind teenagers to get MenACWY vaccine

PHE is calling for more take up of the MenACWY vaccine in eligible young people, which protects against deadly meningitis and septicaemia.

5/7/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/parents-urged-to-remind-teenagers-to-get-menacwy-vaccine>

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.

Statins should be offered to everyone who has chronic kidney disease, says NICE

Healthcare professionals should offer statins to millions of people with chronic kidney disease (CKD). This will help to manage their increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD), says NICE.

27/7/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/statins-should-be-offered-to-everyone-who-has-chronic-kidney-disease-says-nice>

New NICE advice about when to give antibiotics for common infections

For the first time NICE is giving specific advice for doctors and nurses about when and how to prescribe antibiotics for conditions such as sore throats and colds.

27/7/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/new-nice-advice-about-when-to-give-antibiotics-for-common-infections>

NICE approves more tolerable treatment for blood cancer

Around 2,200 patients a year with multiple myeloma are to benefit from a new, tolerable treatment on the NHS following approval by NICE.

19/7/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-approves-more-tolerable-treatment-for-blood-cancer>

NHS needs more advanced paramedics to ease A & E pressure, says NICE

Paramedics with advanced training can reduce the number of patients admitted to hospital unnecessarily, says NICE.

3/7/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nhs-needs-more-advanced-paramedics-to-ease-a-e-pressure-says-nice>

Care Quality Commission

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

CQC reports on the quality of specialist mental health care in England

Today we have published a new report detailing the findings from our comprehensive inspections of specialist mental health services over the last three years.

20/7/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/cqc-reports-quality-specialist-mental-health-care-england>

CQC and partners launch the 'Quality matters' commitment to improve adult social care

Today CQC has joined over 100 people, organisations and national bodies with an interest in adult social care to officially mark the launch of the 'Quality matters' commitment.

13/7/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/cqc-partners-launch-quality-matters-commitment-improve-adult-social-care>

The state of adult social care services 2014 to 2017 report published

In a national report published today, we've presented the findings from our comprehensive programme of adult social care inspections.

6/7/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/state-adult-social-care-services-2014-2017-report-published>

CQC to conduct 12 local system reviews of health and social care

CQC has been asked by the Secretaries of State for Health and for Communities and Local Government to undertake a programme of local system reviews of health and social care in 12 local authority areas.

4/7/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/cqc-conduct-12-local-system-reviews-health-social-care>

Kings Fund

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

The King's Fund responds to the latest NHS Providers report

The King's Fund has responded to the new NHS Providers report, The State of the NHS Provider Sector.

7/7/2017 - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/kings-fund-responds-latest-nhs-providers-report>

REPORTS

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Quality improvement in mental health

Quality improvement approaches – increasingly well-established in NHS acute hospitals – could play a key role in improving the quality of mental health care.

A growing number of mental health providers (in the UK and beyond) are beginning to embed quality improvement across their organisations, with some encouraging results. The approach is based on the concept that sustained improvement is best achieved by empowering frontline teams, service users and carers to design, implement and test changes to services.

This report describes the quality improvement journey of three mental health organisations (two in England and one in Singapore). It provides key insights and lessons for others considering embarking on a similar journey

[**.Download the Quality Improvement Report here \(PDF\)**](#)



NHS ENGLAND

Annual Report 2016/2017

[Download the NHS England Annual Report 2016/2017 here \(PDF\)](#)

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