

# Health News August 2017

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

#### **Update on West Yorkshire & Harrogate STP**

West Yorkshire & Harrogate STP has changed its name to West Yorkshire & Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (HCP).

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/update-on-west-yorkshire-harrogate-stp/>

#### **Calderdale CCG Sign up to Safety**

Sign up to Safety is a national patient safety campaign with the mission to strengthen patient safety in the NHS and make it the safest healthcare system in the world.

<https://www.calderdaleccg.nhs.uk/8489-2/>

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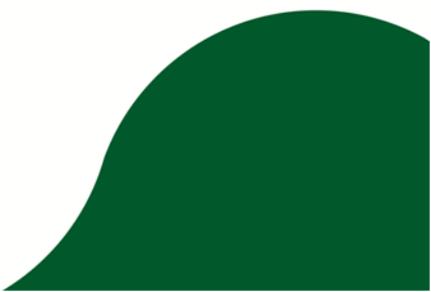
### **Department of Health**

**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.**

#### **Key reforms mean big difference to sight impaired**

A change suggested by the Minister for the Constitution will allow local authorities to use records for those with vision impairments to assist them with voting.

18/8/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/key-reforms-mean-big-difference-to-sight-impaired>



### **£5 million investment for new obesity policy research unit**

The new unit will look at the causes of childhood obesity and support delivery of the childhood obesity plan.

18/8/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/5-million-investment-for-new-obesity-policy-research-unit>

### **Next stage of world-leading childhood obesity plan announced**

Public Health England (PHE) announces plans to consider the evidence, set guidelines and closely monitor progress on calorie reduction.

18/8/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/next-stage-of-world-leading-childhood-obesity-plan-announced>

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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.**

### **International NHS competition sets out the winning design for life**

People could get discounts off their shopping in exchange for exercising as part of plans that have won an international healthy living challenge laid down by NHS England.

22/8/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/08/international-nhs-competition-sets-out-the-winning-design-for-life/>

### **GP numbers set to receive major boost as NHS England acts to expand international recruitment**

NHS England is set to expand the GP workforce with the acceleration of an international recruitment programme, following a series of regional pilots.

22/8/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/08/gp-numbers-set-to-receive-major-boost-as-nhs-england-acts-to-expand-international-recruitment/>

## **New scheme launched to help NHS whistleblowers**

A nationwide pilot to help NHS whistleblowers back into work is being launched today by NHS England.

21/8/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/08/nhs-whistleblowers-scheme/>

## **Hundreds more people surviving heart failure, independent study finds**

Improvements in patient care mean hundreds more people are surviving heart failure, a new independent study has found.

10/8/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/08/hundreds-more-people-surviving-heart-failure-independent-study-finds/>

## **NHS England announces world's largest single PrEP implementation trial to prevent HIV infection**

NHS England has today (Thursday 3 August) announced the start of a pioneering implementation trial to provide HIV prevention drugs to people at high risk of HIV infection.

3/8/2017 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/08/nhs-england-announces-worlds-largest-single-prep-implementation-trial-to-prevent-hiv-infection/>

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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.**

### **PHE submits plans for world leading science campus**

Plans for the new PHE site in Harlow are a step further forward after an outline planning application was submitted to Harlow District Council.

22/8/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/phe-submits-plans-for-world-leading-science-campus>

### **Current global shortage of hepatitis B vaccine**

There is currently a global shortage of hepatitis B vaccine which has been caused by problems in the manufacturing process.

7/8/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/current-global-shortage-of-hepatitis-b-vaccine>

## **Screening consultation on rare but serious condition in babies**

Consultation launched on whether screening for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) in babies should be tried within the NHS.

4/8/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/screening-consultation-on-rare-but-serious-condition-in-babies>

## **Hexavalent 6-in-1 vaccine to be made available to newborn babies**

The hexavalent vaccine replaces the existing 5-in-1 pentavalent vaccine, which infants are routinely given at 8, 12 and 16 weeks.

1/8/2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hexavalent-6-in-1-vaccine-to-be-made-available-to-newborn-babies>

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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.

### **Local councils should make it easier for people with disabilities to be active, says NICE**

NICE is urging local councils to make it as easy as possible for people with limited mobility to be more active in their area.

21/8/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/local-councils-should-make-it-easier-for-people-with-disabilities-to-be-active-says-nice>

### **Autistic people will receive better care if GPs develop a national register, says NICE**

NICE is calling on GPs to develop a national autism register to ensure autistic people receive the tailored care they need.

1/8/2017 - <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/autistic-people-will-receive-better-care-if-gps-develop-a-national-register-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.

### NHS hospitals to be assessed on how they use their resources from the autumn

Earlier this year and together with NHS Improvement, we sought your views on our joint plans to assess how NHS hospital (non-specialist acute) trusts use their resources.

8/8/2017 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/nhs-hospitals-be-assessed-how-they-use-their-resources-autumn>

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## REPORTS

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### GOV.UK

#### Cyber Security in Charities

The Government has carried out research with UK registered charities to explore their awareness, attitudes and experiences around cyber security.

This is part of the Government's National Cyber Security Strategy which aims to make the UK the safest place to live and work online. The research informs the developing work in Government and the National Cyber Security Centre to help organisations in the charitable sector be secure and resilient online and able to protect their important data.

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

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