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# News & Information Bulletin: June 2019

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### Adding folic acid to flour
The Department of Health and Social Care has launched a [consultation on adding folic acid to flour](). The Department is seeking views on a proposal to make it mandatory for flour millers to add folic acid to flour. Raising folate levels in women who could become pregnant would help reduce the number of babies born with neural tube defects. The consultation closes on 9th September 2019.
- Additional link:   [DHSC news story]()

### Avoidable deaths from eating disorders
The Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee has published [Ignoring the alarms follow-up: too many avoidable deaths from eating disorders](). This inquiry examined NHS care for patients with eating disorders following the publication of the 2017 report on how NHS eating disorder services were failing patients. The inquiry found that since the recommendations were made in December 2017, not enough action has been taken to implement them fully across the NHS risking avoidable deaths.

### Be Part of Research
The National Institute for Health Research has launched a new website [Be Part of Research](). This developing website has been designed to make it as easy as possible for the public to find out about health research and enable them to take part. It also acts as a tool that clinicians and healthcare professionals can use to support patients who ask about research. The website replaces the UK Clinical Trials Gateway.
- Additional link:   [NIHR news item]()

### Child obesity plans
The Government has announced £1.5 million in funding for five councils as part of the [Childhood Obesity Trailblazer programme](). Each of the councils, which include [Nottinghamshire County Council](), will be awarded £100,000 a year over the next three years, plus support from the Department of Health and Social Care, Public Health England and the Local Government Association. The funding will help the recipients to test and refine their ideas for addressing childhood obesity and health inequalities.
- Additional link:   [DHSC news story]()

### Health effects of Sure Start
The Institute for Fiscal Studies has published [The health effects of Sure Start](). This report looks at the overall impacts on health of the Sure Start programme. Findings include that Sure Start significantly reduce hospitalisations among children by the time they finish primary school; it benefits children living in disadvantaged areas most; there is no evidence that it impacted on child obesity at age 5 or maternal mental health; and a simple cost–benefit analysis shows that the benefits from hospitalisations are able to offset approximately 6% of the programme costs.

### Interim NHS People Plan
NHS Improvement has announced the [Interim NHS People Plan](). This plan sets out a vision of how people working in the NHS will be supported to deliver care and identifies the actions required. Some actions will make a rapid difference in 2019/20, and some will lay the groundwork to grow the NHS workforce, support and develop NHS leaders and make the NHS the best place to work. NHS England has published both a [summary of engagement with stakeholders to date, as well as further information regarding specific groups of NHS staff](), as well as the [speech from the Secretary of State for Health on the launch of the NHS People Plan](). The Healthcare Financial Management Association has published [Summary of the Interim NHS People Plan](). This briefing summarises the key points across the five key areas of the interim plan – making the NHS the best place to work; improving the leadership culture; tackling the nursing challenge; delivering 21st century care; and a new operating model for workforce.
- Additional links:   [NHS Providers briefing]()
  [NHS Providers blog]()
  [NHS England blog]()

### Public health services
The Department of Health and Social Care has announced that [local authorities will continue to commission public health services](). The review recommends that the NHS work much more closely with local authorities on public health so that commissioning is more joined-up and prevention is embedded into a wider range of health services.
- Additional link:   [LGA news]()

## Public Health

**General:**

**Autism self-assessment framework**
Public Health England has published the results from the [2016 and 2018 Autism self-assessment framework (SAF) exercise](). These reports present the findings from the fourth and fifth autism self-assessment exercises carried out by local authorities in 2016 and 2018. It shows the local authorities' progress towards meeting the requirements of the Autism Act.

**Health risks associated with tattoos and piercings**
The Royal Society for Public Health has published [Skins and needles](). This report examines the health risks associated with the increasing number of people in the UK having tattoos, piercings and other treatments that compromise the skin barrier. It also highlights the need for additional procedures, such as dermal fillers, to be added into legislation.

**Population health framework for healthcare providers**
NHS Providers has published [Population health framework for healthcare providers](). This framework sets out principles for a population health approach that can be taken by provider organisations, working as part of an integrated health and care system.

**Public health and prevention**
IPPR has published [Ending the blame game: the case for a new approach to public health and prevention](). This report advocates that action on prevention will not only improve health but also lead to increases in economic growth, make the NHS more sustainable and help to deliver social justice. It calls for the government's prevention green paper to deliver a paradigm shift in policy from interventions that 'blame and punish' to those that 'empathise and assist'.

**Public health risk awareness self-assessment tool**
The Association of Directors of Public Health and the LGA have developed the [Public health risk awareness self-assessment tool]() to support system leaders in local authorities in defining and understanding risk as it relates to public health commissioning, performance, partnership and resource management.

**Public value**
Nesta has published [Public value: how can it be measured, managed and grown](). This paper brings together views on better ways of mapping and measuring public value. It builds on work Nesta has done in many fields - from health and culture to public services - to find more rounded and realistic ways of capturing the many dimensions of value created by public action.

**Sexual health services**
The Health and Social Care Committee has published [Sexual health](). This report calls for sexual health to be sufficiently funded on a national level, to deliver high quality sexual health services and information. It recommends that Public Health England should develop a new sexual health strategy to provide clear national leadership in this area. It also sets out the key areas this strategy should focus on.
- Additional link: [Sexually transmitted infections and chlamydia screening in England: 2018]()

**Using data across government**
The National Audit Office has published [Challenges in using data across government](). This report sets out the National Audit Office's experience of data across government, including initial efforts to start to address the issues. It considers: the current data landscape across government; how government needs a clear plan and leadership to improve its use of data; the quality, standards and systems needed to use data effectively; and wider conditions and enablers for success.

**Statistics**
The following statistical releases have been published:
- [JSNA toolkit: hearing loss prevalence by CCG and LA]()
- [Local Health: June 2019 update]() (data on public health and wider determinants of health for small areas)
- [NHS Health Check quarterly statistics: June 2019]()

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**Cancer:**

**Cancer patient survival: stage at diagnosis**
The Office for National Statistics has published [How stage at diagnosis affects survival of cancer patients](). This article presents new five-year cancer survival estimates by stage and outlines how stage of diagnosis for different cancers affects health outcomes.

**Children and young people's cancer services**
NHS England has launched two consultations seeking views on proposed changes to [Children's cancer services]() and [Teenager and Young Adults Cancer Services](). The aim of the revised service specifications is to improve the outcomes and experience of children, teenagers and young adults with cancer. The consultations close on 4th August 2019.
- Additional link:    [NHS England blog]()

**Data-driven approach to cancer care**
Reform has published [Reformer Thoughts – a data-driven approach to cancer care](). This article summarises views of healthcare experts and shows how data are currently shaping the delivery of cancer care, how to gain the most from data that are currently available and how to maximise the potential of this data in the future.

**Oesophago-gastric cancer**
The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published [Oesophago-gastric cancer: short report]().  This is part of a series of short reports exploring specific issues in Oesophago-Gastric (OG) cancer. This report examines why patients with a curative treatment plan for oesophago-gastric cancer do not go on to receive surgery.  The National Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit plans to follow-up this initial investigation with further evaluation to enable specific recommendations in subsequent works.

**Societal impact of treatment of early breast cancer**
RAND Europe has the findings from a study on the societal impact of early breast cancer. The findings are published in the following reports:
- [Understanding the societal impact of treatment of early breast cancer: What are the non-clinical outcomes associated with disease progression?]() - summary report of the cross-analysis of data gathered through the three phases;
- [A review of the research landscape for treatment of early breast cancer]() – this first phase was a mapping review on the published literature of the impacts of treatment of early breast cancer;
- [Findings from a systematic review to explore the patient and societal impacts of disease progression in women who were treated for early breast cancer]() – this second phase was a systematic review on non-clinical outcomes of recurrence after treatment of early breast cancer;
- [Factors affecting access to treatment of early breast cancer: Case studies from Brazil, Canada, Italy, Spain and UK]() – this third phase was a qualitative study assessing the factors affecting access and delivery of treatment for early breast cancer.

**Waiting times for elective and cancer treatment**
The Public Accounts Committee has published [NHS waiting times for elective and cancer treatment](). The report finds the percentage of patients treated within waiting times standards continues to get worse for both elective (non-urgent care) and cancer treatment. It also finds NHS organisations are not being sufficiently held to account for ensuring patients' rights to treatment within maximum waiting times for elective care and that national organisations lack curiosity regarding the impact of longer waits on patient outcomes and patient harm.
- Additional link:    [Waiting times for suspected and diagnosed cancer patients: April 2019]()

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**Health Inequalities:**

**Environmental health inequalities in Europe**
WHO Europe has published [Environmental health inequalities in Europe: second assessment report](). The report documents the environmental health inequalities within countries through 19 inequality indicators on urban, housing and working conditions, basic services and injuries. Inequalities in risks and outcomes occur in all countries in the WHO European Region, and the latest evidence confirms that socially disadvantaged population subgroups are those most affected by environmental hazards, causing avoidable health effects and contributing to health inequalities.

**Health equity policy tool**
WHO Europe has published [Health Equity Policy Tool: a framework to track policies for increasing health equity in the WHO European Region]().  This framework consists of strategic policies and practical tools to help European governments accelerate progress towards ensuring that everyone has the ability to lead a healthy life and to prosper within as little as five years.
- Additional link:    [WHO Europe press release]()

**Preventable deaths and deprivation**
The Health Foundation has published a chart illustrating preventable deaths and deprivation. The chart shows the risk of preventable death is at least three times higher for people living in the most deprived local areas compared to those living in the least deprived.

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**Infection Control and Immunisation:**

**Antimicrobial resistance**
The World Health Organisation has launched a global campaign urging governments to adopt a tool to reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance, adverse events and costs. The AWaRe tool specifies which antibiotics to use for the most common and serious infections, which ones should be available at all times in the healthcare system, and those that must be used sparingly or preserved and used only as a last resort.
- Additional link:    AWaRe campaign website

**Cost effectiveness methodology for vaccination programmes**
The Department of Health and Social Care has published Cost-effectiveness methodology for vaccination programmes and procurements: government response. This document provides a summary of the responses to a consultation on whether the method for appraising the cost-effectiveness of vaccination programmes should change. It sets out the government's response to the CEMIPP group's recommendations.

**Syphilis action plan**
Public Health England has published Syphilis: PHE action plan. This action plan aims to address the increase in syphilis in England.
- Additional link:    PHE press release

**Universal HPV immunisation programme**
Public Health England has issued a letter regarding the introduction of a universal HPV immunisation programme to include boys from September 2019. The vaccine will be offered to boys, in addition to girls, as part of the routine school-aged schedule.

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**Long-term Conditions:**

**Musculoskeletal health**
Public Health England has published Musculoskeletal health: 5 year strategic framework for prevention across the lifecourse. This publication is a whole system strategic framework for prevention of musculoskeletal conditions across the life-course. The purpose of this document is to provide stakeholders and system collaborators with a clear statement of PHE, NHS England and Versus Arthritis' commitments to promote MSK health and to prevent MSK conditions. Each collaborating organisation has identified what they will be contributing and in some cases leading on.

**National Diabetes Audit**
The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership and NHS England have published National Diabetes Audit: Core Report 1 – Care Processes and Treatment Targets. This report examines the findings from the 2017-18 audit. It contains the full key findings, recommendations and new analysis relating to cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk, including new treatment targets showing statin prescriptions for CVD risk reduction.

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**Mental Health:**

**Antidepressants and Depression**
The Royal College of Psychiatrists has published a Position statement on antidepressants and depression. The statement calls on NICE to update its antidepressant withdrawal advice to reflect the wide range of experiences patients have. It suggests greater focus is needed on how to assist patients who have problems when withdrawing from antidepressants and more research to quantify how many people have problems when stopping antidepressants.

**Improving outcomes for people with mental ill-health and learning disabilities in the criminal justice system**
The Centre for Mental Health has published, In 10 years' time: improving outcomes for people with mental ill-health, learning disability, developmental disorders or neuro-diverse conditions in the criminal justice system. This document marks 10 years since the launch of the Bradley Report on improving outcomes for people with mental ill health and learning disabilities in the criminal justice system. It sets out the key progress that has been made and what is now needed to ensure there is another decade of difference.

**Loneliness**
Nesta has published [Finding connection in a disconnected age – stories of community in a time of change](). This document contains twelve stories that paint a rich and varied picture of the many faces of loneliness and what it means to feel disconnected from those around us.

**Mental health restrictive practice metric definitions**
NHS England has published [Specialised Service Quality Dashboards – Mental Health Restrictive Practice metric definitions for 2019/20](). These Specialised Services Quality Dashboards (SSQD) are designed to provide assurance on the quality of care by collecting information about outcomes from healthcare providers. These thirteen SSQDs relate to mental health restrictive practice.

**Mental Health Watch**
The Royal College of Psychiatrists has launched a new website [Mental Health Watch]().  The site is intended to show how well the mental health system in England is performing.  It uses 25 key indicators to measure the health of mental health on the following themes: Access, Care, Finance, Leadership, Quality and Workforce.  Many of the indicators can be tracked at CCG, STP level or nationally.
- Additional link:  [RCP press release]()

**Police-related mental health triage**
The Centre for Reviews and Dissemination has published [Police-related triage interventions for mental health-related incidents: a rapid evidence synthesis]().  This report examines evidence on triage interventions when the police receive emergency calls involving people with perceived mental ill-health where no crime has been committed.  The research found most interventions involved police officers working in partnership with mental health professionals, and were generally valued by staff and showed some positive effects on procedures and resources. However, results were not entirely consistent and not all important outcomes were measured.

**Workplace bullying in charities**
The Centre for Mental Health has published [Workplace bullying in charities and the implications for leadership]().  This document shines a light on the experiences of people who have been bullied in a charity workplace. It highlights the emotional harm it causes, making six recommendations to create safer systems, processes and cultures.
- Additional link:  [Centre for Mental Health news item]()

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**Stroke and CVD:**

**Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme**
The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published [Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme: annual report 2019]().  This annual report examines the findings of data collected during five years from April 2013 – March 2018.  It aims to provide a picture of the characteristics of people who have a stroke and the care that is provided to them in hospital and following discharge. It also examines changes over time, highlighting those aspects of care which are improving, stagnating or deteriorating, and discusses what still needs to be done to improve stroke care for patients.

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**Substance Use:**

**Alcohol's harm to others**
Public Health England has published [The range and magnitude of alcohol's harm to others](). This document provides an evidence review of the harm caused by alcohol to the people around those who are drinking. It aims to provide a better understanding about the extent of alcohol's effect on individuals, communities, and society as a whole and supports decisions on the implementation of policies and interventions to reduce the harms to others.

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## Health and Social Care

**General:**

**Achieving a digital NHS**
The Nuffield Trust has published [Achieving a digital NHS: lessons for national policy form the acute sector.]()  This report seeks to understand how national policy for digitisation is working from the perspective of acute trusts.
- Additional link:  [NHS Digital blog]()

**Biosimilar Medicine**

NHS England has published What is biosimilar medicine? This document provides an update for key clinical and non-clinical stakeholders about the role of biosimilar medicines in the NHS in England and to support the safe, effective and consistent use of all biological medicines, including biosimilar medicines, to the benefit of patients.

**Evidence-Based Interventions**

NHS England has published patient leaflets for each of the interventions in the Evidence-Based Interventions guidance. Each leaflet describes the condition relating to that intervention, the benefits and risks of treatment including what would happen if nothing was done and the alternative treatments available.

- Additional link: Evidence-Based Interventions programme – further information

**The future of eye care**

Reform has published The future of eye care: building on NHS reform success. This briefing provides an overview of policy developments in the eye care sector. It also addresses the cutting-edge technologies that are coming into use in the eye care sector, which further evidences its key role in driving forward modernisation in the service.

**Investing in the NHS Long Term Plan**

The Health Foundation has published Investing in the NHS Long Term Plan: job done? This briefing analyses the challenges facing health and social care and looks at the implications of the plan for activity levels and workforce in the NHS in England. It sets out funding scenarios for areas of health spending outside NHS England's budget (including NHS workforce, capital investment, the prevention agenda and adult social care) and examines the potential impact on wider public spending. The findings of the analysis are supported by a survey carried out by NHS Confederation, Unfinished business: the need to invest in the whole health and care system. This report sets out views from health service leaders about their experiences of implementing the long-term plan to date.

- Additional link: Health Foundation press release

**NIHR Signals**

The following research summaries have been added to the National Institute for Health Research website:

- Iron deficiency in people with chronic kidney disease can be managed with either oral or IV therapy
- A laser eye procedure can be effective and safe if used early as treatment for glaucoma
- 5% fluorouracil cream is the best first-line treatment for actinic keratosis skin lesions
- More than 80% of total knee replacements can last for 25 years
- Smartphones, instead of direct supervision, can improve adherence rates for TB treatment
- Antimicrobial central venous catheters do not reduce infections in pre-term babies
- New insights into how fatigue affects the lives of people on dialysis
- Providing pressurised air through a mask may improve outcomes for people with deteriorating heart failure
- More than 50% of hip replacements appear to last 25 years
- Psychological therapies may improve parenting skills in parents of children with chronic illness
- Steps to better understanding resistant behaviours and the culture of bedside dementia care in hospitals

**Personalised care**

NHS England has published Personalised care: giving people more choice and control. This guidance document gives information on why a 'what matters to you' approach should guide conversations, and suggests some straightforward conversation starters.

**Refugee and asylum seeker health resource**

The British Medical Association has published a Refugee and asylum seeker health resource to help doctors understand their specific health needs and how to overcome common barriers when accessing healthcare. It contains links to useful resources and relevant organisations.

- Additional link: BMA Explainer

**Transforming elective care services**

NHS England has published the following handbooks for commissioners, providers and those leading the local transformation of elective care services. They describe what local health and care systems can do to transform elective care services at pace, why this is necessary and how the impact of this transformation can be measured. They also contain practical guidance for implementing and adopting a range of interventions to ensure patients see the right person, in the right place, first time.

- Transforming elective care services: respiratory
- Transforming elective care services: gynaecology
- Transforming elective care services: general surgery

**Statistics**
The following statistical releases have been published:
- [NHS key statistics: England: May 2019 (House of Commons Library)](#)

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**Adult Social Care:**

**Social care: what do MPs think?**
The Health For Care coalition has published [Crisis in care: what do MPs think?](#) This research examines the views of MPs on current provision within the social care sector, whether they have noticed a change in their constituency casework regarding social care, and what options for reform they would favour.
- Additional link: [NHS Confederation press release](#)

**SCIELine**
The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published the following editions of its SCIELine e-bulletin:
- [4th June 2019](#)
- [20th June 2019](#)

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**Carers:**

**Carers in general practice**
NHS England has published [Supporting carers in general practice: a framework of quality markers](#). This document offers a series of practical ideas for improving how general practice can better identify and support carers of all ages. The framework has been developed in partnership with carers, primary care teams and other key stakeholders.
- Additional link: [NHS England press release](#)

**Carers' breaks**
The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published [Carers' breaks: guidance for commissioners and providers](#). This guidance is for commissioners, providers and others involved in the planning, shaping and delivery of support for adult carers. It aims to improve outcomes and practice, promote innovation and remove some of the barriers carers face in meeting their needs for a break from caring. It includes case studies.
- Additional link: [SCIE press release](#)

**Carers Innovation Fund**
The Department of Health and Social Care has published [Carers Innovation Fund: how to apply](#). This guidance provides information on how organisations can apply for a share of £5 million funding to improve support for carers. Applications are sought from organisations from a mix of sectors for projects that will help carers to be: more recognised and connected; better able to juggle working and caring; and better able to look after their own health and wellbeing.
- Additional link: [DHSC press release](#)

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**Children and Young People:**

**Advocacy for children**
The Children's Commissioner has published [Advocacy for children](#). This report takes stock of advocacy provided by local authorities and highlights ongoing issues observed by the Children's Commissioner's Help at Hand service, which provides advice and help to children in care. This research is intended to contribute to ongoing work to promote support for effective advocacy and to ensure that children and young people receive a good service wherever they are.

**First 1000 days of life: response**
The Department of Health and Social Care has published [Government response to the Health and Social Care Select Committee report on 'First 1000 days of life](#). This command paper sets out the government's response to the Health and Social Care Select Committee's 'First 1000 days of life' report, published by the House of Commons in February 2019.

**Speech and language therapy services for children**
The Children's Commissioner has published [We need to talk: access to speech and language therapy](#). This report examines spending on speech and language therapy services (SLT) for children across the country to help identify where children who need support are falling through the gaps. The report reveals a 'postcode lottery' of spending, with huge variations across different areas. The Children's Commissioner makes a number of recommendations for improving SLT provision for children.
- Additional link: [Children's Commissioner press release](#)

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**Commissioning:**

**Mental Health Investment Standard**
NHS England has published [Assurance Engagement of the Mental Health Investment Standard – briefing for Clinical Commissioning Groups.](#) This document outlines how the validation process should be commissioned and carried out for CCGs to validate their 2018/19 year-end position on meeting the Mental Health Investment Standard (MHIS).

**Integrated Care:**

**Designing integrated care systems**
NHS England has published [Designing integrated care systems (ICSs) in England.](#) This guide is aimed at all the health and care leaders working to offer well-co-ordinated efficient services a reality. It sets out the different levels of management that make up an integrated care system, describing their core functions, the rationale behind them and how they will work together.

**Learning Disability**

**Learning disability nursing**
The Foundation of Nursing Studies has published [Celebrate Me: Capturing the voices of learning disability nurses and people who use services.](#) The purpose of the initiative behind the publication was to engage with nurses and people using services to gather evidence and demonstrate the impact of learning disability nursing to help sustain its future.

**NHS and Social Care Finances:**

**Allocation Forumulae and Pace of Change for 2019/20 to 2023/24 revenue allocations**
NHS England has published [Technical Guide to Allocation Formulae and Pace of Change for 2019/20 to 2023/24 revenue allocations.](#) This document describes how CCG allocations are calculated. The allocations process has been in existence in broadly this form since 1976, and has been continually improved and updated as clinical services have changed.

**Finance data: driving value at a population level**
The Healthcare Financial Management Association has published, [What finance data is required to drive value at a population level?](#) This briefing explores what is meant by value at a population level and considers what NHS finance data is required to understand how resources are currently distributed across different parts of local health systems. It also includes case studies which demonstrate how some of these approaches have worked in practice.

**Older People:**

**Frailty toolkit**
NHS RightCare has published the [NHS RightCare Frailty Toolkit.](#) The toolkit provides expert practical advice and guidance on how to commission and provide the best system wide care for people living with frailty. It will support systems to understand the priorities in frailty identification and care, and key actions to take. It also provides a way to assess and benchmark current systems to find opportunities for improvement.
- Additional links:  [NHS RightCare press release](#)
  [NHS England blog](#)

**Home adaptations: people with disabilities and older people**
The Royal College of Occupational Therapists has published, [Adaptations without delay.](#) This document is intended to address delays in the delivery of all types of home adaptations.
- Additional link:  [Housing LIN press release](#)

**Pregnancy and Maternity Services:**

**Clinical guidance: giving birth**
The Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists has published [Care of women presenting with suspected preterm pre-labour rupture of membranes from 24+0 weeks of gestation.](#) This guideline covers recommendations for the diagnosis, assessment, care and timing of birth of women presenting with suspected PPROM from 24+0 to 36+6 weeks of gestation.
- Additional link:  [RCOG press release](#)

**Primary Care and Community Services:**

**Community-based models of care in Northern Ireland**
The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published Scaling up community-based models of care in Northern Ireland. This briefing describes five promising models of person-centred care and support in Northern Ireland that have the potential to grow. It also describes some of the changes that will help in supporting the growth of these kinds of care and support models.

**Preparing primary and community care for genomic research**
The National Institute for Health Research and Royal College of General Practitioners have published Preparing primary and community care in the NHS for genomic research: A joint report by the NIHR CRN and RCGP. This report contains recommendations to promote genomic research in primary and community care.

**Primary care home**
The King's Fund has published Insights from the spread of the primary care home. This report looks at factors that contributed to the spread of the 'primary care home', a type of primary care network, from concept to more than 200 sites in a few years. It identifies factors that enabled the spread of primary care homes, as well as the factors that made the spread harder and provides insights that can inform health and care transformation efforts.

**Primary Care Networks**
The following documents have been published relating to support the involvement of pharmacy teams within Primary Care Networks:
- New roles in primary care networks: the clinical pharmacist – this Primary Care Commissioning briefing summarises the services a clinical pharmacist can provide and gives links to further reading
- Primary Care Networks: a briefing for pharmacy teams – this NHS England and NHS Improvement briefing document provides information on supporting primary care network for pharmacy teams
- Guidance for Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) – How to help contractors get involved with Primary Care Networks – this NHS England and NHS Improvement briefing is intended to enable Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) to help contractors to get involved with Primary Care Networks.

**Primary Care Networks explained**
NHS Providers has published a briefing Primary Care Networks explained. This briefing outlines what primary care networks are, how they will be formed and the difference they will make for patients.

**Provider bulletin**
NHS Improvement publishes this weekly bulletin:
- 5th June 2019
- 12th June 2019
- 19th June 2019
- 26th June 2019

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**Quality and Safety:**

**Adult inpatient survey**
The Care Quality Commission has published Adult inpatient survey 2018. The results of the latest inpatient survey show what over 75,000 adults who stayed in hospital for at least one night in July last year said about the care they received. The survey covered the quality of information and communication with staff, whether they were given enough privacy, the amount of support given to help them eat and drink, and their discharge arrangements. The results are provided for England as a whole and by NHS trust.
- Additional link: CQC press release

**NHS corporate governance map**
The Healthcare Financial Management Association has updated the NHS corporate governance map. The map brings together the key guidance and models to support effective corporate governance within the NHS.

**'Declare Your Care' survey results**
The Care Quality Commission has published the latest Declare Your Care: survey results data. The data indicates that people from a black and minority ethnic (BME) background are less likely than those from a non-BME background to raise concerns about the standard of care they receive, particularly in relation to mental health.

**Driving improvement in independent hospitals**
The Care Quality Commission has published [Driving improvement: case studies from eight independent hospitals](#). This report explores how eight independent acute hospitals have been able to make significant improvements in the quality of care and improve their CQC rating on re-inspection.
- Additional link: [CQC press release](#)

**Healthcare standards for children and young people in secure settings**
The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has updated its [Healthcare standards for children and young people in secure settings](#). The standards take a pathway and multi-professional approach, following the young person's journey through a secure setting. They are intended to help healthcare professionals, commissioners, service providers, regulators, managers and governors ensure that young people in secure settings receive the care they need to improve their health outcomes.

**Medicines in health and social care**
The Care Quality Commission has published [Medicines in health and adult social care: learning from risks and sharing good practice for better outcomes](#). This report brings together findings from CQC's regulatory activity in relation to incidents involving medicines in regulated health and adult social care services. It highlights some examples of good practice and innovative ways of working that relate to medicines and recommends specific actions that providers can take to reduce risks and improve outcomes for people.
- Additional link: [CQC press release](#)

**Quality Premium performance**
NHS England has published [Quality Premium 2017/18 performance.](#) This document shows how CCGs performed against the Scheme's indicators for 2017/18.

**Review of gross negligence manslaughter and culpable homicide**
The General Medical Council has published [Independent review of gross manslaughter and culpable homicide](#). This review examines how the law on gross negligence manslaughter and culpable homicide are applied to medical practice. The aim of the review's recommendations is to encourage a renewed focus on a just culture, reflective practice, and individual and systemic learning.

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**Workforce, Education and Training:**

**Ambulance service volunteers**
The King's Fund has published [Volunteering in ambulance services: developing and diversifying opportunities](#). Commissioned by the Office for Civil Society, this report explores the role and value of volunteering within ambulance services in England and identifies examples of different ways in which volunteering opportunities are being developed.
- Additional link: [King's Fund blog](#)

**Diverse leadership**
The NHS Confederation has published [Chairs and non-executives in the NHS: the need for diverse leadership](#). This report examines the arrangements for the recruitment and appointment of chairs and nonexecutives within the NHS. It finds chairs and non-executive directors on boards that run NHS organisations in England have become less diverse over the last 15 years, with fewer people of black and minority ethnicity and women occupying the positions.
- Additional link: [NHS Confederation news](#)

**NHS Workforce Bulletin**
NHS Employers has published the following editions of its NHS Workforce Bulletin:
- [3rd June 2019](#)
- [10th June 2019](#)
- [17th June 2019](#)
- [24th June 2019](#)

**Pharmacy services and medicines optimisation within ICS**
The Royal College of Pharmacists has published [A systems approach to medicines optimisation and pharmacy](#). This online guide aims to help pharmacists develop the leadership qualities needed to work at local and regional level across different NHS systems in England. It includes practical advice to encourage collaborative working as part of the health and social care team.

**Views of first-time Chief Executives**
The NHS Confederation has published [The best job in the world?  The views of first-time chief executives.](#)  This report outlines the views of new NHS chief executives on the changes in leadership approach and culture that they believe will be required if the NHS is to meet the ambitions of the Long Term Plan.

- Additional link:    [NHS Confederation news item](#)

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## NICE Guidelines

The [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#) (NICE) has issued the following guidance (NG), clinical guidance (CG), diagnostic guidance (DS) and quality standards (QS):

- [Physical activity: encouraging activity in the community](#) (QS183).  Additional link: [NICE press release](#)

**NICE consultations:**

- [Prevention and non-surgical treatment of pelvic floor failure: draft scope consultation.](#)  Closing date for comments: 8th July 2019.
- [Midcarpal hemiarthroplasty for wrist arthritis: interventional procedure consultation](#).  Closing date for comments: 17th July 2019.
- [Thyroid disease: assessment and management: draft guidance consultation](#).  Closing date for comments: 17th July 2019.

**NICE surveillance reports:**

- [Improving outcomes for people with skin tumours including melanoma (CSG8, 2006)](#) - surveillance decision: NICE **will** update the guideline
- [Melanoma: assessment and management (NG14, 2015)](#) – surveillance decision: NICE **will** update the guideline
- [Falls in older people: assessing risk and prevention (CG161, 2013)](#) - surveillance decision: NICE **will** update the guideline

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## NICE-related News and Publications

**NICE News**
NICE has published the [June 2019](#) edition of NICE News.

**NICE in Social Care**
NICE has published the [June 2019](#) edition of NICE in Social Care.

**NICE Update for Primary Care**
NICE has published the [June 2019](#) edition of NICE Update for Primary Care.

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