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Digital-first Primary Care Policy
NHS England has launched Digital-First Primary Care Policy: consultation on patient registration, funding and contracting rules. This document describes the proposals to reform patient registration, funding and contracting rules to ensure patients have both choice as well as access to integrated care; and to harness the potential of digital providers to help with our workforce shortages in a way that helps our most under-doctored and deprived communities. It sets out options and proposals for reform and invites views. Feedback should be submitted by 23rd August 2019.

- Additional link: Nuffield Trust press release

Drug policy: medicinal cannabis
The Health and Social Care Committee has published Drugs policy: medicinal cannabis. This report examines the issues around medicinal cannabis and finds that cannabis products remained unlicensed due to lack of research. It recommends that the Government and pharmaceutical industry ensure that the necessary clinical trials into medicinal cannabis are taken forward and that there should be a greater sense of urgency about exploring its potential in the treatment of intractable childhood epilepsy.

- Additional link: BBC News

Forthcoming changes to the Friends and Family Test
NHS England has announced some changes to the Friends and Family Test, which are expected to take effect from 1 April 2020.

Health Services Research Toolkit
The National Institute for Health Research has launched a new Health Services Research Toolkit. It brings together ideas, guidance and support to help researchers deliver the high quality health services research that the NHS and health and social care settings need.

- Additional link: NIHR press release

Increasing physical activity in children
Public Health England, Disney UK and Sport England have launched a new Change4Life campaign to inspire children to get more active. The campaign is encouraging children to play 10 Minute Shake Up games inspired by favourite characters. The campaign has also launched a new online quiz to help children, with their parents, find activities and sports to try. *Please note: Knowledge, Evidence and Insight has a quantity of materials to support this campaign; please contact us to request items*.

- Additional link: PHE press release

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency consultation
The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has launched a consultation on how it should engage and involve patients and the public in the Agency's work. The Agency wants to adopt a more systematic approach to listening to and involving patients – ensuring that the patient voice is heard when safety issues, concerning medicines or medical devices, are identified and in the licensing of new medicines. The consultation closes on 7th October 2019.

- Additional link: MHRA press release

Preventable ill health consultation
The Department of Health and Social Care and the Cabinet Office have launched a consultation Advancing our health: prevention in the 2020s. The consultation is seeking views on proposals to tackle the causes of preventable ill health in England. The commitments outlined in this green paper signal a new approach to public health, one that involves a new personalised, prevention model. It will mean the government, both local and national, working with the NHS to put prevention at the centre of decision-making. The consultation closes on 14th October 2019.

The real story of winter
NHS Providers has published The real story of winter. This briefing examines the weekly data and experiences on the front line to tell the real story of winter 2018/19 for the provider sector.

- Additional links: NHS Providers news item
  NHS Providers Blog

School sport and activity action plan
The government has announced new plans to allow children greater opportunity to access 60 minutes of daily sport and physical activity. The School Sport and Activity Action Plan will set out a range of new measures to strengthen the role of sport within a young person's daily routine, explain how teachers and parents can play their part, and promote a joined-up approach to physical activity and mental wellbeing. More detail on the actions in the plan will be published later this year.

- Additional link: Sport England news item

Public Health

General:

Chief Medical Officer's annual report: health, our global asset
The Department of Health and Social Care has published Chief Medical Officer annual report 2019: health, our global asset – partnering for progress. Professor Dame Sally Davies outlines the UK's leading role in global health and highlights the need to share international knowledge and experience. The report makes clear that by focusing purely on domestic health, we risk failing to control the shifting tide of global threats. It makes a series of recommendations to secure a prospering health system and population both at home and across the world.
- Additional links: DHSC press release
                     BBC News

Impact of public health expenditure on mortality and morbidity
The Centre for Health Economics has published Is an ounce of prevention worth a pound of cure? Estimates of the impact of English public health grant on mortality and morbidity? This report investigates the relationship between local authority public health expenditure and mortality and morbidity.

Meningococcal Working Group
The Department of Health and Social Care has published Summary of Responses to the Recommendations of the Meningococcal Working Group. This report provides a summary of responses from organisations to the recommendations of the Meningococcal Working Group report published in July 2018. The aim of this document is to be a repository of the latest guidance and to hold organisations to account in their response to the recommendations.

National Adviser on LGBT Health
NHS England has published Memorandum of Understanding on the role of the National Adviser on LGBT Health. This Memorandum of Understanding sets out matters agreed between the Government Equalities Office, the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England in relation to the role, function and responsibilities of the National Adviser on LGBT Health and their support.

Young people and their neighbourhoods
The Office for National Statistics has published an article Are young people detached from their neighbourhoods? This article explores young people's connections with their communities and how it compares with the engagement of older adults. It is based on data from the Community Life Survey on neighbourhood belonging and community engagement .
- Additional link: Community Life Survey

Statistics
The following statistical releases have been published:
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) - April 2018 to March 2019, Annual Report, Experimental Statistics Report
  Additional link: NHS Digital press release
- Learning Disabilities Health Check Scheme, England: Quarter 4, 2018-19

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Cancer:

National Bowel Cancer Audit
The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published the following:
- National Bowel Cancer Audit Short Report – End of Life short report - looks at patients diagnosed with colorectal cancer who were at 'End of Life' (defined as identified as being likely to die within 12 months)
- National Bowel Cancer Audit Short Report – Adjuvant Chemotherapy - presents an evaluation of current practice and variation in adjuvant chemotherapy use for stage III colon cancer in England.

Prehabilitation for people with cancer
The Royal College of Anaesthetists, Macmillan Cancer Support, and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Cancer and Nutrition Collaboration have published Prehabilitation for people with cancer: principles and guidance for prehabilitation within the management and support of people with cancer. This document calls for changes to the delivery of cancer care across the UK, with a greater focus on prehabilitation including nutrition, physical activity and psychological support.

Rapid Diagnostic Centres (cancer)
NHS England and NHS Improvement have published Rapid Diagnostic Centres vision and 2019/20 implementation specification. This document outlines the vision and approach for how Rapid Diagnostic Centres will develop and support the transformation of cancer diagnosis services over time. It also provides an implementation specification for Cancer Alliances to begin setting up Rapid Diagnostic Centres in 2019/20.

Dementia:

Dementia and disability
The All Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia has published Hidden no more: dementia and disability. This report aims to shine a spotlight on dementia as a disability. It seeks to enable people with dementia to assert their rights to services and for their rights as citizens to be treated fairly and equally. Evidence presented to the inquiry revealed that people with dementia are not having their disability rights upheld. This report seeks to highlight the human impact this has on people living with dementia.

National Audit of Dementia
The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published National Audit of Dementia: care in general hospitals 2018-2019 – Round 4 audit report. This report presents the Round 4 results of the National Audit of Dementia. Scores from each hospital are derived from key themes and are shown in comparison to the scores from Round 3. There are several areas where improvement has been made but there are still some key areas for further improvement.

Support for people with dementia
Healthwatch has published Why it's important to review the care of people with dementia. This report summarises data and people's experiences about social care reviews, reassessments and their outcomes for people with dementia. It also includes recommendations.

Health Inequalities:

Population screening inequalities strategy
Public Health England has published Supporting the health system to reduce inequalities in screening: PHE Screening inequalities strategy. The PHE Screening inequalities strategy is aimed at supporting local screening services, commissioners and others involved in the provision of screening to address inequalities.

Healthy Eating and Obesity:

Baby foods and drinks: evidence review
Public Health England has published Foods and drinks aimed at infants and young children: evidence and opportunities for action. This report sets out the evidence for action on food and drink product ranges targeted at babies and young children, and PHE's advice to government.
- Additional link: PHE press release

Whole-systems approach to obesity
Public Health England has published Whole systems approach to obesity: a guide to support local approaches to promoting a healthy weight. This guide and associated resources are intended to support local authorities with implementing a whole systems approach to address obesity and promote a healthy weight.
- Additional link: PHE Health Matters

Infection Control and Immunisation:

Vaccine Update
Public Health England has published the following editions of Vaccine Update:
- Issue 296, July 2019 – HPV special edition
- Issue 297, July 2019

Long-term Conditions:

Management of asthma: guideline
The Scottish Intercollegiate Network and British Thoracic Society have updated their guideline British guideline on the management of asthma. This update includes a complete revision of the section on monitoring asthma including new information on predicting future risk of asthma attacks. It also updates sections on pharmacological management of asthma, supported self-management, non-pharmacological management of asthma, and management of acute asthma. It also includes a new checklist of information for patients and carers.
- Additional link: NICE press release – asthma guideline: future collaboration

National Diabetes Audit
The following reports have been published relating to the National Diabetes Audit (NDA):
- National Diabetes Audit - Care Processes and Treatment Targets, Third Quarter, January 2018 to December 2018 - this is the first quarterly release of data from the NDA showing progress covering the period 1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2018.
- Diabetes Prevention Programme 2017-18: diagnoses and demographics - The NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme aims to deliver, at scale, evidence-based behavioural interventions that can prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes in adults who have been identified as having non-diabetic hyperglycaemia. This report uses data collected alongside the NDA for the period January 2017 to March 2018.

Using pharmacists to help improve care for people with type 2 diabetes
The Royal Pharmaceutical Society has published Using pharmacists to help improve care for people with type 2 diabetes. This document is aimed at policy makers and education/service commissioners within the NHS in England and makes recommendations for how pharmacists can play an increasing role in the prevention, early detection, care and support of people with type 2 diabetes.
- Additional link: RPS press release

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Mental Health:

Data-driven technologies in mental healthcare
Reform has published Making the right choices: using data-driven technology to transform mental healthcare. This report examines the current landscape of data-driven technologies and their applications in mental healthcare, highlighting areas where these tools offer the most potential for the NHS and its patients. It discusses what makes mental health different from other areas of health, and the implications this has for the application of data-driven tools. It examines barriers to implementation and proposes ways to move forward.

Employers' advisers in improving access to psychological therapies
The Department for Work and Pensions and Department of Health and Social Care have published Employment Advisers in Improving Access to Psychological Therapies: process evaluation report. This research looks at stakeholder views of the Employment Advisers in Improving Access to Psychological Therapies pilot, which began in March 2018.

Global Mental Health Summit
The Department of Health and Social Care has published 2018 Global Ministerial Mental Health Summit: Report and Declaration on Achieving Equality for Mental Health in the 21st Century. This report provides a summary of the first Global Ministerial Mental Health Summit and captures the themes, experiences and learning from the various workstreams that led discussions of areas of the global declaration on mental health.

Mental Health Act Code of Practice
The Care Quality Commission has published Mental Health Act Code of Practice 2015: an evaluation of how the code is being used. This report looks at how well the Mental Health Act (MHA) Code of Practice is being used across mental health services since it was updated in 2015. It finds the Code is still not being used as it was intended to be, with variation in providers' understanding of the Code and how it should be applied.
- Additional link: CQC press release

Mental health implementation plan
NHS England and NHS Improvement have published NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24. This document provides details of a new framework to help deliver on the NHS Long Term Plan commitment to transform mental health care at the local level. It sets out information on funding, transformation activities and indicative workforce numbers. It also outlines which ambitions will require a national access or coverage trajectory, and which will require local systems to tailor their delivery pace.

Mental health organisations: statutory and voluntary sector relationships
The Centre for Mental Health has published Arm in arm: the relationships between statutory and voluntary sector mental health organisations. This document seeks to raise a number of questions and issues about the relationships between VCSE and statutory organisations in supporting people's mental health and wellbeing. Many of these will require investigation in greater depth and further consideration to develop policy and practice changes where these are needed.
- Additional link: Centre for Mental Health press release

Towards mental health equality
The Mental Health Policy Group has published Towards mental health equality: a manifesto for the next Prime Minister. This manifesto sets out the five key areas that the next Prime Minister must address in order to improve the lives of people with mental health problems and promote the mental health of the nation.

Physical Activity:

Moving matters: interventions to increase physical activity
The National Institute for Health Research has published Moving matters – interventions to increase physical activity. This themed review brings together more than 50 published and ongoing studies funded by the NIHR on ways to influence physical activity behaviours in individuals and populations to increase physical activity in everyday life.

Stroke and CVD:

NICE stroke guidance: workforce and resource impact
NICE has published an NHS workforce and resource impact statement on stroke. This statement is designed to help commissioners and trusts understand the potential impact on workforce and resources of implementing updated NICE guideline NG129 on stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s.

Substance Use:

Global tobacco epidemic
The World Health Organisation has published WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic, 2019: offer help to quit tobacco use. This seventh WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic analyses national efforts to implement the most effective measures from the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control that are proven to reduce demand for tobacco.
- Additional link: WHO press release

Impact of tobacco legislation
The Department of Health and Social Care and the Welsh Government have launched a consultation on the Impact of tobacco laws introduced between 2010 and 2016. The consultation will assess whether the tobacco legislation has achieved its objective and whether legislation is still the best way of achieving that objective. The consultation closes on 15th September 2019.

Tobacco control
The Local Government Association and Cancer Research UK have published Tobacco control: how do you know that your council is doing all it can to reduce smoking-related harm? This document, intended for local councillors but of interest to others, is a 'must know' guide on tobacco control. It looks at why it is important; system-wide collaboration; Stop Smoking Services, e-cigarettes; local quit campaigns; the case for investment and examples of good practice.

Health and Social Care

General:

Annual reports
The following annual reports have been published:
- Department of Health and Social Care annual report and accounts 2018-19 - shows how the DHSC has funded its activities and used its resources during the financial year 2018 to 2019
- NHS England annual report 2018/19 - describes the work NHSE has carried out over this year and outlines some of the most significant achievements and challenges.

- NHS Resolution annual report and accounts 2019/19 - shows that the number of clinical negligence claims has remained relatively steady, despite rising activity. However, it highlights concerns around rising costs and the need for action on all the drivers of clinical negligence costs.
- Public Health England annual report and accounts: 2018 to 2019 - summarises Public Health England's activities and accounts from April 2018 to March 2019.
- Public Health England's Health and Justice Annual Review: 2018 to 2019 examines health trends in prisons and other prescribed places of detention.
- The Ombudsman's annual report and accounts 2018-2019 gives details of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's performance over the past 12 months.
- Care Quality Commission annual report and accounts 2018/19 - looks at progress made in 2018/19 and highlights areas requiring further improvement during 2019/20. Additional link: CQC press release.

Breaking down the barriers to co-production
The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published Breaking down the barriers to co-production as part of Nation Co-production Week (1-5 July 2019). This report draws on learning and discussion from workshops and webinars looking at the barriers to co-production. The report presents an outline of what is holding back co-production and identifies some possible solutions to break down these barriers and promote future progress.
- Additional link: SICE news item (includes links to further resources relating to co-production)

CHE newsletter
The Centre for Health Economics has published Issue 35 (July 2019) of its newsletter.

A citizen-led approach to health and care
The King's Fund has published A citizen-led approach to health and care: lessons from the Wigan Deal. This report provides an independent critique of the Wigan Deal where public services in Wigan have been through a major process of transformation, based on the idea of building a different relationship with local people. It illustrates how local authorities, NHS organisations and other agencies can strengthen services and improve population health outcomes by engaging with staff and the public.
- Additional link: King's Fund blog

Essential medicines and diagnostic lists
The World Health Organisation has published new essential medicines and diagnostics lists. The lists are core guidance documents that help countries prioritize critical health products that should be widely available and affordable throughout health systems. They focus on cancer and other global health challenges, with an emphasis on effective solutions, smart prioritization, and optimal access for patients.

NHS England assessment of performance
The Department of Health and Social Care has published Assessment of NHS England (the NHS commissioning Board) for 2017 to 2018 and 2018 to 2019. This paper sets out the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's annual assessment of the National Health Service Commissioning Board's performance against section 13U(4) of the NHS Act 2006, covering the multi-year mandate for the financial years 2017 to 2018 and 2018 to 2019.
- Additional link: DHSC press release

NHS Property Services
The National Audit Office has published Investigation into NHS Property Services Limited. This investigation builds on a previous NAO report on NHS Property Services. This report finds the service has, albeit slowly, succeeded in improving the professional support required, collecting data, streamlining contracts and identifying market rental rates. However, more than eight years later, it still does not have the powers it needs to work effectively and the accuracy of bills is still disputed. The framework for charging for NHS property is not working effectively and the Department urgently needs to address the fundamental causes of this unsatisfactory situation.

NHS Providers
NHS Providers has published The future of NHS Providers in a world of system working. This document outlines how NHS Providers sees its role evolving as system working develops. As provider organisations pursue greater integration and work with their local partners to implement system working, NHS Providers will continue as their partner, adapting to meet their needs.

NIHR Signals
The following research summaries have been added to the National Institute for Health Research website:
- Using both nicotine patches and gum together improves the chances of quitting smoking
- Telephone or internet-delivered talking therapy can alleviate irritable bowel symptoms
- Antiretroviral treatment can reduce the risk of HIV transmission between male partners to 'zero'
- Placental growth factor testing can speed up diagnosis of pre-eclampsia

- Meaningful increases in physical activity levels after cancer can be sustained for three months or more
- National quality improvement programmes need time and resources to have an impact
- Routine use of progesterone does not prevent miscarriage
- Insights into the transfer between children's and adults' services for young people with selected long-term conditions
- Pulmonary rehabilitation may modestly improve anxiety and depression in adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Mixed evidence shows some impact of mass media campaigns promoting tobacco control, physical activity and sexual health

Personalised care for veterans: a guide for CCGs and local authorities
NHS England has published Personalised care for veterans in England: a guide for clinical commissioning groups and local authorities. This document sets out a new personalised care approach for those veterans who have a long term physical, mental or neurological health condition or disability.

Quarterly monitoring report
The King's Fund has published How is the NHS performing? July 2019 quarterly monitoring report. This latest quarterly monitoring report focuses on the current reality local leaders are facing as 2018/19 outturn numbers emerge; their views on what the rest of 2019/20 might bring; and a look into the medium term of what health and care services can expect over the next five years.

Reforming health and social care in Northern Ireland
The Nuffield Trust has published Change or collapse: lessons from the drive to reform health and social care in Northern Ireland. This report examines which factors may be helping or hindering efforts to improve the Northern Irish health service. It aims to be of interest to health leaders across different countries, especially in the rest of the UK, which shares the history, remit and funding mechanism of Northern Irish health and social care services.
- Additional link: Nuffield Trust press release

Research activity league table
NIHR has published the NIHR Research Activity League Table for 2018/19. This provides details of the amount of NIHR CRN research activity taking place in all NHS trusts across England. The table provides a picture of how much clinical research is happening, where, in what types of trusts, and involving how many patients.
> Additional links: CCG press release
> Acute trust press release
> Mental health service press release
> Ambulance Trust press release

Social enterprises
The NHS Confederation has published Social enterprises: part of the NHS family – an explanatory guide for the wider NHS. This guide describes social enterprises and the role they play in delivering better health and social care outcomes for the communities they serve.

Transforming elective care services
NHS England has published the following handbooks to support the improvement of local health and care systems. The documents describe what systems can do to transform the services at pace, why this is necessary and how the impact of this transformation can be measured. They 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 radiology elective care services
- Transforming neurology elective care services
- Transforming general medicine elective care services

Sparking change in public systems: the 100 Day Challenge
Nesta has published Sparking change in public systems: the 100 day challenge. This report reflects on five years of the 100 Day Challenge, which allows front-line staff and citizens to collaborate and experiment with new ways of working, testing them for 100 days to see if they make a difference. It explores the five ingredients to achieving success through the challenge demonstrated through real-life examples.

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Adult Social Care:

Adult social care and wellbeing
The Local Government Association has published One year on: the LGA green paper for adult social care and wellbeing. This report gives a number of perspectives on two broad issues: what is happening to adult social care on the ground and what life is like for people who experience care and support; and what the context is to the debate about the future of adult social care and where that might go next.

SCIELine
The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published the following editions of its SCIELine e-bulletin:
- 11th July 2019
- 24th July 2019

Support for adults with care needs
The Nuffield Trust has published the latest QualityWatch update, which looks at how the quality of social care for adults has changed over time. The indicators include:
- care home bed availability
- admissions to care homes
- service users' satisfaction with adult social care services
- social care users and safety
- carers' views of social care quality
- carer-reported quality of life
- adults with learning disabilities who live in their own home or with their family
- supporting people in employment
- supporting older people's recovery after illness or injury.

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Carers:

Adult carers' survey
The Personal Social Services Survey of Adult Carers in England 2018-19 has reported on the views of 50,800 carers who are caring for a person aged 18 or over. This biennial survey provides vital information about the impact of people's caring responsibilities on their quality of life and it shows that the percentage of adult carers feeling stressed or depressed has increased since the previous survey in 2016-17.
- Additional link: NHS Digital press release

Carers' action plan progress
The Department of Health and Social Care has published Carers action plan 2018 to 2020: 1-year progress review. This document sets out the progress that has been made in delivering the carers' action plan to increase support for carers.

State of caring report 2019
Carers UK has published its State of caring: a snapshot of unpaid care in the UK.   This report is based on the results of the 2019 State of Caring Survey of over 7,500 people currently caring unpaid for family or friends. It captures the impact that caring has on carers' lives and evidences the policy recommendations that would improve this.
- Additional link: Carers UK press release

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Children, Young People and Safeguarding:

Child sexual abuse and exploitation
Public Health England has updated their Literature search to identify the latest international research about effective interventions to prevent child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation. This document provides a summary of the latest international research about effective interventions to prevent child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation.

Childhood vulnerability in numbers
The Children's Commissioner has published Childhood vulnerability in England 2019. The Children's Commissioner's 2019 childhood vulnerability report examines the latest scale of, and trends over time in, rates of childhood vulnerability.

National Child Measurement Programme
Public Health England has published National Child Measurement Programme: operational guidance 2019. This document provides guidance for local commissioners, providers and schools on running the national child measurement programme.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

NHS England has published documents in support of Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults: general practice reporting. These documents provide further context, key considerations for GP providers and local commissioners and highlight examples of good practice. NHS England has also issued a letter requesting action from STP areas to review support in place to support general practice reporting in response to safeguarding requests for children and vulnerable adults.

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Commissioning:

CCG annual assessment report

NHS England has published the CCG annual assessment report 2018/19. This report provides the latest assessments ratings for each CCG following NHS England's statutory annual assessment of all CCGs. NHS England has also published CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework (CCG IAF) methodology manual 2018/19, which summarises the methods used in the production of indicators and 2018/19 ratings in the CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework.

Commissioner Assignment Method

NHS England has published the following resources relating to the Commissioner Assignment Method:
- Commissioner Assignment Method - Flowchart 2019/20 - describes the Commissioner Assignment Method process
- Commissioner Assignment Method Flow Chart 2019/20: Accompanying Guidance and Reference Tables - provides further clarification and supporting information for the Commissioner Assignment Method flowchart 2019/20.
- Commissioner Assignment Method Flow Chart 2019/20: Supporting tables and Appendix - provides further clarification and supporting information for the Commissioner Assignment Method flowchart 2019/20.

Commissioning Standards / Service Specifications

NHS England has published the following commissioning standards:
- Commissioning Standard for Urgent Dental Care
- Commissioning Standard for Restorative Dentistry

NHS England has published the following service specifications:
- Gender Identity Services for Adults (Non-Surgical Interventions)
- Gender Identity Services for Adults (Surgical Interventions)

GMS contract technical requirements

NHS England has published Technical requirements for 2019/20 GMS contract. This document provides the detailed 2019/20 technical requirements for commissioners and practices delivering services supported by CQRS and commissioned by the NHS Commissioning Board under the name NHS England.

Routine commissioning decisions

NHS England has published May 2019 prioritisation decisions. This document sets out details of the policies considered by the NHS England Board in May 2019 for routine commissioning.
- Additional link: NHS England news item

Specialised commissioning

NHS England has reviewed the evidence for making the following conditions available through routine commissioning:
- Proton Beam Therapy for Oesophageal Cancer in Adults – there is not enough evidence to make this treatment available through routine commissioning
- Proton Beam Therapy for Head and Neck Cancer in Adults - there is not enough evidence to make this treatment available through routine commissioning. This excludes any routinely commissioned indications referred to in the NHS England 'Clinical Commissioning Policy: Proton Beam Radiotherapy (High Energy) for Skull Base Tumour Treatment' (2015).
- Proton Beam Therapy for Adult Lymphoma – there is not enough evidence to make this treatment available through routine commissioning
- Proton Beam Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma - here is not enough evidence to make the treatment available through routine commissioning.

In addition, NHS England has published a service specification for Complex Gynaecology: Congenital Gynaecological Anomalies (Children of 13 years and above and Adults).

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Data and Data Security:

Information sharing protocol: secure and detained settings
NHS England has published Information sharing protocol across secure and detained settings. This document is an overarching agreement between parties to regulate the sharing of specific Personal Sensitive Data (PSD). It provides a framework for assuring the safeguarding of PSD by all parties.

Innovating with NHS data
The National Data Guardian (NDG) has released findings from a poll on public attitudes to NHS organisations working with partners to use data to develop new medicines and technologies to improve health. The poll tested what the public thought would be fair when partnerships with universities or private companies result in valuable new discoveries that could be traded commercially. It found strong support for the idea that NHS and patients should benefit from such partnerships although significant proportions of respondents said they neither agreed nor disagreed with whether the range of benefits was fair. The NDG is now calling for a debate about the relationships between the NHS and those innovating with NHS data.

National Data Guardian consultation response
The National Data Guardian has published National Data guardian consultation response and new work priorities. This response document summarises the feedback received to the consultation on the National Data Guardian's proposed new work priorities. It also explains how people's views fed into the subsequent priority setting process and sets out the NDG's final three priorities.

Population health responsibilities
NHS England has published Legal basis and statutory duties supporting commissioning: Population Health Intelligence Reference Matrices. This table lists some of the statutory responsibilities assigned to organisations that traditionally undertake population health management (including CCGs), where they require data in order to effectively discharge those responsibilities. The list is not exhaustive, however it evidences the range of duties and powers that cannot be discharged without access to data.

Realising the benefits of health data
The Department of Health and Social Care has published Creating the right framework to realise the benefits for patients and the NHS where data underpins innovation. This document sets out how the NHS should engage with researchers and innovators when entering into data partnerships to benefit patients and the NHS.

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Integrated Care:

Health and Wellbeing Boards
The Local Government Association has published What a difference a place makes: the growing impact of health and wellbeing boards. This resource captures the achievements, challenges and learning from 22 effective health and wellbeing boards (HWBs) across the country, all of which are making good progress on integrating health and care, improving wellbeing and tackling the wider determinants of health.

Integrating services for disabled children and young people
The Council for Disabled Children has published It takes leaders to break down siloes: integrating services for disabled children. This report aims to drive change in the design and delivery of services for disabled children, and support greater integration for children and young people more generally. The report identifies key factors that are helping and hindering the integration of services around special education needs and disability (SEND).

Public health advice and support for integrated care
Public Health England has published Public health advice and support arrangements into Integrated Care Systems in England. This document provides guidance for directors of public health around implications for statutory advice and support, arising from greater integration of health and care services.

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NHS and Social Care Finances:

Better Care Fund: minimum allocations from CCGs
NHS England has published details of the minimum allocations for the Better Care Fund (BCF) from CCGs for 2019-20.

Better Care Fund planning requirements
The Department of Health and Social Care has published Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2019 to 2020. This document sets out the Better Care Fund planning requirements, which support the core NHS operational planning and contracting guidance for 2019 to 2020. It also details the Better Care Fund operating guidance.

Capital spending on health care
The Health Foundation has published a chart showing [how much the UK spends on capital in healthcare](#) compared to other comparable countries. The chart shows that the UK spent 0.27% of GDP on capital in health care compared to an OECD average of 0.51% during 2016.

Pounds for patients?
The Centre for Health and Public Interest has published [Pounds for Patients? How the private hospital sector uses financial incentives to win the business of medical consultants](#). This report uses publicly available data to examine the ways in which the private hospital industry in the UK provides financial incentives for doctors to refer patients to their hospitals for treatment. It looks at the regulatory framework which has been put in place to safeguard patients and to prevent wasteful and/or fraudulent healthcare practices. The report assesses the efficacy of this framework and also how it is enforced.

Social care funding
The House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee has published [Social care funding: time to end a national scandal](#). The Committee found that publicly funded social care support is shrinking, as diminishing budgets have forced local authorities to limit the numbers of people who receive public funding. The report recommends that the Government immediately spends £8 billion to restore social care to acceptable standards and then introduces free personal care over a period of 5 years.

Social care funding: "Risk pooling"
The Nuffield Trust has published [Why a "risk pool" must underpin a social care system](#). This short briefing sets out why the authors think relying on individual funding options is unlikely to provide a viable basis for the social care system.
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NHS Long Term Plan:

Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework
The DHSC has published [The Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework for 2019/20 to 2023/24](#). This framework sets out how community pharmacy will support delivery of the Long Term Plan. It focuses on prevention, urgent care and medicines safety to help more people stay well in their community. The new arrangements will come into force from 1 October 2019.
- Additional links: [DHSC press release](#)
                        [Short summary](#)
                        [Letter to CCGs](#)

NHS Long Term Plan: implementation framework
NHS England and NHS Improvement have published [NHS Long Term Plan: implementation framework](#). This framework sets out further detail on how the commitments in the Long Term Plan will be delivered from 2020/21 through to 2023/24, including the national 'must dos', whilst leaving space for systems to set out how they will deliver and phase progress in line with local priorities. All systems will be expected to agree their plans by mid-November 2019 and publish them shortly thereafter.
- Additional links: [NHSE and NHSI useful resources](#)
                        [NHS Confederation briefing](#)

NHS Long Term Plan: legislative proposals
The Health and Social Care Committee has published [NHS Long-Term Plan: legislative proposals](#). The report welcomes, in principle, NHS England and NHS Improvement's proposals to promote collaboration, especially the proposal to repeal section 75 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and revoke the regulations made under it. The Committee believes that collaboration, rather than competition, is a better way for the NHS and the wider health and care system to respond to today's challenges.
- Additional link: [NHS Confederation briefing](#)

NHS Long Term Plan: primary and community services
NHS Providers has published [NHS England and NHS Improvement board meetings in common: Implementing the NHS long term plan in primary and community services paper](#). This briefing provides a summary of the expectations of primary care and community services as set out in the Long Term Plan implementation framework. It covers the new primary and community services funding guarantee; the initiation of the new community services programme; progress with primary care network (PCN) formation; and PCN development and delivery.
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Older People:

Care homes: contribution of allied health professionals
NHS England has published [Quick Guide: allied health professionals enhancing health for people in care homes](#). This quick guide aims to support local health and social care systems in improving the health of people living in care homes, with practical examples of how the allied health professions can support implementation and roll-out of the framework for enhanced health in care homes.

Decent and accessible homes for older people
The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Ageing and Older People has published its report, Decent and accessible homes for older people. The report aims to understand the detrimental impact of poor housing on older people's physical, mental and social wellbeing and contains 13 recommendations that look at the impact of poor quality, inaccessible housing on health, issues in supported housing and the private rented sector and the importance of home improvement agencies.

Emergency admissions from care homes
The Health Foundation has published Emergency admissions to hospital from care homes: how often and what for? This briefing presents the results of a national analysis of emergency admissions from care homes across England, to provide insight into how often care home residents are being admitted to hospital and the types of conditions that are causing their admissions. Drawing on evaluations of four enhanced care packages provided to care home residents, it also explores the factors that may be most influential in reducing hospital admissions.
- Additional link: Health Foundation press release

Statistics
The following statistical releases have been published:
- Living longer and how the UK's population is changing: a closer look at the numbers of older people compared to those of working age

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Policy and Strategy:

Ambulance service frameworks
NHS England and NHS Improvement have published the following documents:
- National Framework for Healthcare Professional Ambulance Responses – this framework should be used for patients who require an ambulance response in a community setting following assessment by a healthcare professional.
- National Framework for Inter-Facility Transfers - this framework should be used for patients who require transfer by ambulance between facilities due to an increase in either their medical or nursing care need.

Emergency Services Network
The Public Accounts Committee has published Emergency services network: further progress review. The report finds that despite extending the Emergency Services Network programme by 3 years and increasing its budget by £3.1billion, the Home Office has still not got a grip on whether it can deliver the programme. It recommends the Department should ensure it delivers a revised and approved business case, which both the emergency services and the other funders of ESN support, by the end of 2019 at the latest. The business case should include an appraisal of when continuing to spend money on ESN ceases to be value-for-money and should set out a 'plan B' for what would happen if that point was reached.

Genomic medicine: consent and confidentiality
The Royal College of Physicians has updated Consent and confidentiality in genomic medicine. This working party report covers new and emerging aspects that must be considered when using genetic and genomic information in the clinic.
- Additional link: RCP press release

Health in industrial strategies
The NHS Confederation has published Health in all local industrial strategies? This briefing reflects on the emerging importance of health to many of the early draft local industrial strategies; explores the opportunities for the NHS that exist at both system and organisational level; and outlines how to engage with and influence the development of these strategies.

High Intensity User services
NHS England has updated its Setting up a High Intensity User service resource pack. The High Intensity User (HIU) service has been shown to offer a robust way of reducing frequent user activity to 999, NHS 111, A&E, GP contacts and hospital admissions. This resource pack is intended to support local health communities who think that these innovations can be adapted and adopted to support an improvement opportunity in their local area.

Ill-health related job loss
The Department for Work and Pensions and the DHSC have launched a consultation Health is everyone's business: proposals to reduce ill health-related job loss. This consultation seeks views on different ways in which government and employers can take action to reduce ill health-related job loss. The proposals aim to support and encourage early action by employers for their employees with long-term health conditions, and improve access to quality, cost-effective occupational health. The consultation closes on 7th October 2019.
- Additional link: DHSC press release

Reducing avoidable conveyance to A&E
NHS England has published [Planning to safely reduce avoidable conveyance](#). This document aims to support ambulance services, lead commissioners and Sustainability & Transformation Partnerships / Integrated Care Systems to safely reduce the number of patients conveyed to Accident & Emergency Departments.

Use of restraint, seclusion and segregation
The Care Quality Commission has published [Joint agreement on escalation of concerns arising from thematic review of the use of restraint, prolonged seclusion and segregation](#). This agreement, between the CQC and NHS England, outlines which organisations have responsibility to raise and escalate concerns at different levels if CQC inspectors or Mental Health Act Reviewers encounter any concerns on visits to hospitals or adult social care services as part of phase two of the CQC's thematic review of restraint, seclusion and segregation.

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Pregnancy and Maternity Services:

National Maternity and Perinatal Audit
The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published [National Maternity and Perinatal Audit Organisational Report 2019](#). The second organisational survey of the National Maternity and Perinatal Audit (NMPA) maps current service provision as of January 2019 across England, Scotland and Wales. This report describes how services have changed since the last survey in January 2017, where service provision has improved and where further improvement is still needed in order to meet recommendations.
- Additional link: [RCOG press release](#)

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Primary Care and Community Services:

Community medicines
NICE, in collaboration with partner organisations, has launched an initiative to encourage better medicines support for people who are receiving social care services in their homes. [Involved & informed: good community medicines support](#) aims to ensure the safe and effective use of medicines in the community, so people get the best possible outcomes with a reduced risk of medicine-related harm. The campaign encourages health commissioners and local authorities to have a written agreement that sets out clear responsibilities for home-based medicines support.

Community pharmacy drug reimbursement reform consultation
The Department of Health and Social Care has published [Community pharmacy drug reimbursement reform](#). The Department is seeking views on proposals for changing how community pharmacy contractors in England are paid for the drugs they dispense against NHS prescriptions. The consultation closes on 17th September 2019.

General practice premises policy review
NHS England has published [General practice premises policy review.](#) This review engaged with key stakeholders to understand the issues currently impacting general practice premises and to explore potential solutions. The outcome is a series of policy responses to the issues explored, which are set out in this report.

GP Patient Survey 2019
NHS England and Ipsos MORI have published the latest results from the [GP Patient Survey 2019](#). The results show the majority of patients have had a good overall experience of their GP practice (83%). Related to these, NHS England has published:
- [A summary of key headlines for GP practices](#)
- [GP Patient Survey dental statistics: January to March 2019, England](#).

Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care
NHS England has published [Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: an update and a consultation on further guidance for CCGs](#). This report presents the results from the consultation held in late 2018/early 2019.
- Additional link: [Equality impact assessment](#)

Primary care indicators
In their latest indicator update, QualityWatch has looked at trends in the [quality of primary care services](#). The indicators cover access to GP services, patients' overall experience of GP services, confidence and trust in clinicians, involvement in decisions about care, supporting patients to manage their long-term condition, potentially preventable emergency admissions, emergency admissions for children with chronic conditions, cancer screening and antibiotic prescribing.

Primary care networks

The Community Network has published [Primary care networks: a quiet revolution.](#) This document provides a guide for provider organisations on how to engage effectively with PCNs. The paper draws on published guidance, discussions with PCN leaders in NHS England and NHS Improvement and discussions with providers of community services.

- Additional link: [NHS Providers blog](#)

Understanding primary care networks

The Health Foundation has published [Understanding primary care networks: context, benefits and risks](#). This briefing places Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in the context of previous changes to general practice funding and contracting. It examines the rationale for networks, explores relevant evidence and draws out intended benefits and possible risks for the future of PCNs.

- Additional links: [NHS England press release](#)
  [NHS England blog](#)

Social prescribing link workers

NHS England has published [Social prescribing link workers: reference guide for primary care networks](#). This guide is provided as additional information to help primary care networks introduce the new role of social prescribing link worker into their multi-disciplinary teams as part of the expansion to the primary care workforce introduced under the GP contract reforms. The guide is accompanied by a technical annex.

Provider bulletin

NHS Improvement publishes this weekly bulletin:

- [3rd July 2019](#)
- [10th July 2019](#)
- [17th July 2019](#)
- [24th July 2019](#)

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Quality and Safety:

Antibiotic overuse

NICE has published [Antibiotic stewardship: duration of antibiotic treatment for common infections frequently exceeds guideline recommendations](#). This 'Medicine's evidence commentary' evaluates new evidence and highlights areas for improvement when prescribing antibiotics. The findings suggest that guidance on antibiotic use is not being implemented as well as it could be in all areas, which may lead to antibiotic overuse.

Driving improvement through technology

The Care Quality Commission has produced a new online resource containing [case studies looking at different ways in which technology is being used to improve quality in health and care services](#). The resource aims to start a constructive discussion around how services are doing things differently and what that means for people and regulation.

- Additional links: [CQC Blog](#)
  [CQC press release](#)

End of Life care audit data collection

NHS England has published [Sample retrospective end of life care audit data collection sheet](#). This template has been provided to support practices undertake a retrospective death audit as part of the End of Life care Quality improvement module for 2019/20.

Health and justice services

NHS England has published [Quality First: Quality Assurance and Improvement Framework: Health and Justice and Sexual Assault Referral Centres](#). This framework provides the basic infrastructure for quality assurance of health and justice services.

Healthcare quality improvement

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published [Impact report](#). This compendium provides a summary of some of the key impacts the projects within the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP) have had on patient care between June 2017 and February 2019.

A learning and just culture for staff and patients

NHS Resolution has published [Being fair: supporting a just and learning culture for staff and patients following incidents in the NHS](#). This report highlights the need for the NHS to involve users of care services and staff in safety investigations. It aims to help the NHS to create an environment to better support staff when things go wrong and to encourage learning from incidents.

National Audit of Care at the End of Life

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has published National Audit of Care at the End of Life: first round of the audit (2018/19) report. This audit reviews how people's preferences regarding care at the end of life are identified, discussed and implemented during their last admission in acute and community hospitals.

Oral health in care homes

The Care Quality Commission has published Smiling matters: oral health care in care homes. This in-depth review on the state of oral health care in care homes draws on one hundred inspections of care homes on which CQC inspectors were accompanied by inspectors from dental regulation. The report includes case studies of productive, joined-up relationships between care homes and local dental practices. It also includes a number of recommendations to improve oral health in care homes.

- Additional link: CQC press release

Patient safety strategy

NHS Improvement has published The NHS patient safety strategy. This strategy describes how the NHS will continuously improve patient safety, building on the foundations of a safer culture and safer systems. A number of additional resources have also been published and are available using the above link.

- Additional link: Nuffield Trust blog

Safe management and use of controlled drugs

The Care Quality Commission has published The safer management of controlled drugs: annual report 2018. This report examines the increase in opioid prescribing across the UK; measures put in place following the Gosport Independent Panel report; continuing concerns regarding lower schedule controlled drugs; and the introduction of legislation for cannabis-based medicinal products. It also includes prescribing trends for controlled drugs.

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Workforce, Education and Training:

Effective staffing case studies

The Care Quality Commission has published a series of Effective staffing case studies. The case studies highlight what providers have done to take a flexible approach to staffing, showing different ways of organising services. They focus on the quality of care, patient safety, and efficiency, rather than just numbers and ratios of staff.

- Additional link: CQC press release

GP appraisal

NHS England has published Medical appraisal: feedback from GPs in 2018-19. The aim of this report is to review the available data to see what GPs are saying about their experience of appraisal across England. The feedback provides evidence that medical appraisal is valued by GPs who report it made a difference to personal and professional development and patient care.

Health Education England mandate

The Department of Health and Social Care has published The Department of Health and Social Care mandate to Health Education England: April 2019 to 2020. This document sets out the government's objectives for Health Education England around workforce planning, health education and training and development.

NHS staff pay

The following reports relating to pay for NHS staff have been published:

- The National Health Service Pay Review Body 32nd Report: 2019 sets out the NHSPRB's analysis of evidence provided by relevant organisations and makes observations on the pay of NHS staff paid under Agenda for Change for 2019/20
- The Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' remuneration 47th Report 2019 sets out the DDRB's analysis of evidence given by relevant organisations and makes recommendations for doctors' and dentists' pay and associated issues in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
  - Additional link: DHSC press release

NHS Workforce Bulletin

NHS Employers has published the following editions of its NHS Workforce Bulletin:

- 2nd July 2019
- 29th July 2019

Promoting professionalism, reforming regulation

The Department of Health and Social Care has published Promoting professionalism, reforming regulation: government response. This is the government's response to the 'Promoting professionalism, reforming regulation' consultation, which set out proposals to make professional regulation faster, simpler and more responsive. The government will now take forward legislative changes to the regulators' fitness-to-practise processes and operating framework.

Regulation of senior leaders

The NHS Confederation has published Should there be a regulator for senior leaders in the NHS? This briefing examines the recommendations of the Kark review which attempted to establish why the fit and proper person test (FPPT) for directors was not being applied effectively.

Sickness absence in the workplace

The Department for Work and Pensions and the DHSC have published Sickness absence and health in the workplace: understanding employer behaviour and practice – an interim summary. This research aims to understand employer behaviours and practices relating to sickness absence and health in the workplace. It is a summary of survey data from 2,564 employers. The full report will be published later in 2019.

Suicide prevention training

NHS Clinical Commissioners is encouraging NHS staff to take a free, online training course in suicide prevention. The training course from the Zero Suicide Alliance takes just 20 minutes and aims to enable people to identify when someone is experiencing suicidal feelings, to be able to speak out in a supportive manner, and to empower them to signpost the individual to the correct services or support.

Workforce race equality

NHS England has published A fair experience for all: closing the ethnicity gap in rates of disciplinary action across the NHS workforce. This document is an evolving guide to help support local practices in promoting workforce race equality. In addition, information has been published by NHS England about the 37 new Workforce Race Equality Standard Experts who will help to ensure each part of the health service is helping to address inequalities between different groups of staff. This brings the total number of ambassadors for the WRES programme to more than 80.

Workforce Race Equality Standard annual collection

NHS England has published a template for the Workplace Race Equality Standard annual collection. This template is intended to support NHS trusts and CCGs in collecting their 2019 NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard data for submission through SDCS.

Workforce retention

NHS England has published the following resources relating to the retention of GPs:

- Independent Evaluation Report for the GP Retention Intensive Support Sites (GPRISS) Programme - provides an independent evaluation of the impact of running multiple interventions, delivered at three levels (individual, practice and system), on seven GP Retention Intensive Support Sites;
- Making general practice a great place to work – a practical toolkit to improve the retention of GPs - this toolkit is aimed at system leaders and clinical leads working across primary care to develop robust local retention action plans that provide GPs with the support they require to develop fulfilled careers in general practice. It also aims to tackle issues at practice, network and system level that may be impacting on local GP retention.

NHS Improvement has published The national retention programme: two years on. This article outlines the retention programme's progress and key actions on retention in the interim NHS People Plan. It provides an insight into trusts' initiatives to achieve sustained improvements in their turnover rates.

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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):

- Motor neurone disease: assessment and management (NG42 updated)
- End of life care for infants, children and young people with life-limiting conditions: planning and management (NG61 updated)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16s: diagnosis and management (NG115 updated)
- Suspected neurological conditions: recognition and referral (NG127 updated)
- Hypertension in pregnancy: diagnosis and management (NG133)
- Depression in children and young people: identification and management (NG134)

- Long-acting reversible contraception (CG30 updated)
- Generalised anxiety disorder and panic disorder in adults: management (CG113 updated)
- Neuropathic pain in adults: pharmacological management in non-specialist settings (CG173 updated)
- Multiple sclerosis in adults: management (CG186 updated)

- Service user experience in adult mental health services (QS14 updated)
- Patient experience in adult NHS services (QS15 updated)
- Hypertension in pregnancy (QS35 updated)
- Learning disability: behaviour that challenges (QS101 updated)
- Dementia (QS184)
- Hearing loss in adults (QS185)
- Learning disability: care and support of people growing older (QS187)
- Lyme disease (QS186)

NICE consultations:

- Pentosan polysulfate sodium for treating bladder pain syndrome: appraisal consultation. Closing date for comments: 1st August 2019.
- gammaCore for cluster headache: draft guidance. Closing date for comments: 2nd August 2019. Additional link: NICE press release.
- Vaccine uptake in the general population: draft scope consultation. Closing date for comments: 5th August 2019.
- Rapid tests for Group A Streptococcal infections in people with a sore throat: diagnostics consultation. Closing date for comments: 7th August 2019.
- Implantable cardiac monitors to detect atrial fibrillation after cryptogenic stroke: diagnostics consultation. Closing date for comments: 8th August 2019.
- Diverticular disease: diagnosis and management: draft guidance consultation. Closing date for comments: 9th August 2019.
- Indoor air quality at home: draft guidance consultation. Closing date for comments: 9th August 2019. Additional link: NICE press release.
- Lung cancer (update): quality standard consultation. Closing date for comments: 23rd August 2019.

NICE shared learning:

- NICE Guidance for Stable Chest Pain Patients (CG95 & MTG32) to appropriately diagnose patients with suspected coronary artery disease – Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital
- Atrial Fibrillation (AF) Holistic Care Pathway – University Hospital of North Midlands
- How we used a World Café as a springboard to support heart failure teams in Kent, Surrey and Sussex to implement the new NICE guidelines for chronic heart failure

NICE surveillance reports:

- Type 1 diabetes in adults: diagnosis and management (NG17, 2015) - surveillance decision: NICE **will** update the guideline.
- Diabetes (type 1 and type 2) in children and young people: diagnosis and management (NG18, 2015) - surveillance decision: NICE **will** update the guideline.
- Diabetic foot problems: prevention and management (NG19, 2015) - surveillance decision: NICE **will not** update the guideline.
- Type 2 diabetes in adults: management (NG28, 2015) - surveillance decision: NICE **will** update the guideline.
- Lung cancer: diagnosis and management (NG122, 2019) - surveillance decision: NICE **will not** update the guideline.

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NICE-related News and Publications

NICE health technology evaluation methods review
NICE has announced details of its [review of health technology evaluation methods](). The purpose of the review is to optimise NICE's evaluation methods to support the ambition of the NHS to provide high quality care that offers good value to patients and to the NHS.

NICEimpact: adult social care
NICE has published [NICEimpact adult social care](). Using data relating to the use of NICE guidance alongside real-life examples, this report considers how NICE's evidence-based guidance contributes to improvements in adult social care. It also looks at areas where there is room for improvement.

NICE News
NICE has published the [July 2019]() edition of NICE News.

NICE in Social Care
NICE has published the [July 2019]() edition of NICE in Social Care.

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

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