



## NHS South of Tyne and Wear

serving Gateshead Primary Care Trust, South Tyneside Primary Care Trust and  
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# Key Points – 10th September 2010

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## Department of Health

**the week: issue 162, 3-9 September 2010**

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/theweek/DH\\_119218](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/theweek/DH_119218)

### Letters

#### **Efficient Use of Vaccines**

This is a letter from Jo Yarwood Acting Head of Immunisation, informing SHA and PCT Immunisation leads, on the work done on VESPA (Vaccine Efficiency Savings Programme Audit) and advises of future developments.

<http://alturl.com/sfqcq>

### Consultations

#### **Engagement exercises to seek views on possibilities for introducing independent prescribing responsibilities for physiotherapists and podiatrists [Closing date: 26 November 2010]**

This consultation seeks views on changes to medicines legislation to allow independent prescribing by physiotherapists and podiatrists. Feedback from the engagement exercises is intended to inform the development of a formal public consultation by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

<http://alturl.com/8pd6x>

### Documents & reports

#### **Diabetes type 1 in childhood. National Service Framework for children, young people and maternity services**

This guidance describes a care pathway for a child with type one diabetes. The 'patient journey' also provides a starting point for the development of new local strategies for managing complex childhood conditions.

<http://alturl.com/nezp4>

#### **National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services – Continence issues for a child with learning difficulties**

This exemplar describes a care pathway and the considerations which apply at each stage in supporting a child with continence issues relating to a learning difficulty.

<http://alturl.com/sjues>

#### **Exercising Healthy Outcomes: Sport and exercise medicine - A guide for commissioners to developing musculoskeletal and exercise medicine services**

This is a guide to inform the NHS about the medical specialty of sport and exercise medicine. It outlines how to create a cost-efficient service to provide medical support to patients and staff who wish to engage in health-enhancing physical activity, exercise or sport.

<http://alturl.com/vbwsr>

### **Midwifery 2020: Delivering expectations**

This document is the Midwifery 2020 programme's final report. It underpins the vision of how midwives can lead and deliver care in a changing health care environment, reflecting policy and service direction. It also identifies the changes required to the way that midwives work, their role, responsibilities, education and/or professional development to meet the vision.

<http://alturl.com/tygu7>

### **Valuing People Now**

The focus of action from the government this year is to embed real change at a local level so that the voice of people with learning disabilities and their families is heard, acted upon with an aim to improve services and support set out in Valuing People Now. The three key priorities are health, housing and employment.

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/SocialCare/Learningdisabilities/Valuingpeoplenow/index.htm>

### **Cross-border transfers of patients under the Mental Health Act**

This document outlines the considerations for the transfer of a patient from England to Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

<http://alturl.com/yn7uc>

### **Section 67 of the Mental Health Act**

One document on this page outlines the Secretary of State for Health's discretionary power to refer cases involving certain patients to the First-tier Tribunal. Another sets out when patients and their relatives may apply.

<http://alturl.com/83typ>

### **Mental Health pages updated**

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Mentalhealth/index.htm>

### **Mental Health Act information pages updated**

<http://alturl.com/v6z6d>

### **Social enterprise**

Content restored from archive

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Socialenterprise/index.htm>

### **Elective care**

New website section

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Electivecare/index.htm>

### **News releases 28 August – 3 September 2010**

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/environment/dh/>

### **Statistics**

#### **Diagnostics waiting times and activity data: July 2010 and Diagnostics Census for quarter ending June 2010**

<http://alturl.com/hs3uz>

#### **News releases 4-10 September 2010**

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/environment/dh/>

#### **The future of the National Programme for IT**

A Department of Health review of the National Programme for IT has concluded that a centralised, national approach is no longer required, and that a more locally-led plural system of procurement should operate, whilst continuing with national applications already procured.

Walk this way for a healthier future

Walk4Life to hit the streets on 26 September

## Information Centre

### **Primary Care Trust Prescribing for April to June 2010**

<http://alturl.com/bawen>

### **Provisional Monthly Hospital Episode Statistics for Admitted patient care, outpatient and Accident & Emergency data, May 2010**

<http://alturl.com/x48yr>

### **Guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983, England 2010**

<http://alturl.com/umay5>

## Audit Commission

### **Strategic financial management in councils**

This report reveals how organisations that manage their finances strategically are more adaptable and resilient when money is tight. It shows how councils can learn from this experience and is supported by a good-practice checklist that describes the key issues for improving financial management.

<http://alturl.com/cekg8>

## Care Quality Commission

### **A Joint Inspection of Youth Crime Prevention**

This report is the outcome of a thematic inspection which examined the approaches to child crime prevention by local partnerships, including health workers. Nearly every young person who comes into contact with youth offending services has some need relating to their physical health, emotional health or substance misuse. NHS services are required to provide staff to work within the local youth offending team to help meet these needs and to minimise the extent to which health problems may be contributing to a young person's offending.

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Joint\\_Report\\_on\\_Youth\\_Crime\\_Prevention.pdf](http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Joint_Report_on_Youth_Crime_Prevention.pdf)

## Centre for Health Economics

The ninth issue of the electronic newsletter from the Centre for Health Economics (CHE), at the University of York, reports on four pieces of research: Schooling and later life health, Financial integration across health and social care: evidence review, Improving the empirical basis for the NICE cost-effectiveness threshold and Terminology matters.

<http://www.york.ac.uk/che/publications/newsletters/>

## Centre for Mental Health

### **Reaching out, reaching in: promoting mental health and emotional wellbeing in secure settings**

This study was commissioned by the Department of Health to review current levels and standards of mental health provision in the young people's secure estate in England.

This paper suggests that there is an urgent need for all secure units to develop an integrated, whole system and comprehensive approach to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of the young people in their care and, no less important, to ensure that any improvements made while in custody are supported and maintained following release.

<http://alturl.com/bpyab>

### **You just get on and do it: Healthcare provision in Youth Offending Teams**

This paper shows the results of a study of healthcare provision in YOTs in England and reviews mental health diversion work along the youth justice pathway, examining how these services might be better developed to improve outcomes for young people and their families.  
<http://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/publications/index.aspx>

#### **Directory of services for high-risk young people**

This directory outlines services in England and Wales: it contains a summary of each service, detailing whom it's for and the contact details, and a report examining the need for a variety of services and discussing some of the key issues surrounding this topic.  
<http://alturl.com/oj65a>

## Commission for Rural Communities

#### **Insights from users and providers of maternity services in rural England: summary report**

This research explores the experience of having a baby in four rural areas in England. It looks at antenatal care, through labour and the birth itself, to the period after the baby is born.  
<http://alturl.com/6pmmmy>

#### **Being a young carer in rural England**

This summary report gives details of research conducted with young people aged 11 to 21 years who were living with a family member with a disability and had some caring responsibilities in their families. Interviews were also conducted with local and regional policy managers and frontline support providers working directly with young people or their families in rural England. It offers suggestions to encourage new thinking among practitioners and to provoke innovative, practical solutions for young carers.  
<http://ruralcommunities.gov.uk/2010/09/08/young-carers-summary/>

## Communities and Local Government

#### **Statutory Homelessness: 2nd Quarter (April to June) 2010, England**

<http://alturl.com/963vu>

## Department for Culture, Media and Sport

#### **4,000 historic buildings to open for free this weekend**

From 9-12 September, the doors of a number of historical and cultural buildings across England will be thrown open to the public as part of Heritage Open Days 2010.

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news\\_stories/7411.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/7411.aspx)

#### **For Tyne and Wear Open Heritage Days see:**

<http://www.twhods.org.uk/>

## Department for Work and Pensions

#### **Ethnic minority customers of the Pension, Disability and Carers Service: An evidence synthesis**

This research aims to give a better understanding of the issues faced by the Pension, Disability and Carers Service's ethnic minority customers. It highlights measures to raise the levels of take-up and service satisfaction and advises on further research opportunities.

[http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/report\\_abstracts/rr\\_abstracts/rra\\_684.asp](http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/report_abstracts/rr_abstracts/rra_684.asp)

## Food Standards Agency

**Bite magazine, issue 03, Autumn 2010**

<http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/publication/biteautumn10.pdf>

## Health Protection Agency

### **Healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance: 2009/10**

This annual report shows that a total of 1,898 cases of MRSA bacteraemia were reported in 2009/10, representing a 35% reduction in cases from the previous year when 2,935 cases were reported. In the same period, 25,604 cases of clostridium difficile infection were reported, representing a 29% reduction from the previous year when 36,095 cases were reported.

<http://alturl.com/ju3ya>

### **West Nile Virus - Greece**

There has been a significant increase in reports of cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Northern Greece. The current outbreak in Greece does not involve any popular tourist destinations and the risk of catching this virus during travel to Greece remains very low, as is also the case anywhere else in Europe. However, in the light of the current outbreak, travellers to Greece should take particular note of measures to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

<http://alturl.com/c8d6v>

## Joseph Rowntree Foundation

### **Home-ownership and the distribution of personal wealth: A review of the evidence**

This paper analyses the evidence on the role that housing plays in the overall distribution of wealth in the UK.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/home-ownership-distribution-personal-wealth>

### **Public attitudes to housing**

This paper aims to facilitate discussion by highlighting public attitudes to a range of key housing issues and examines public attitudes towards housing tenure; public attitudes towards neighbourhood and property types; perceptions of housing taxation; and the implications of the evidence for reforming the housing system to support vulnerable households.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/public-attitudes-to-housing>

## King's Fund

### **Referral management: lessons for success**

This report provides practical advice to those seeking to influence the content and pattern of GP referrals. It draws on the current literature and new qualitative and quantitative research to evaluate the full range of referral management activities from full-scale referral management centres to the 'passive' provision of guidelines to GPs.

[http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/referral\\_management.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/referral_management.html)

## National Obesity Observatory

### **Collection of Resources on Evaluation – CoRE**

The NOO has compiled a collection of resources to support practitioners with the evaluation of weight management and related interventions. 'CoRE' (Collection of Resources on Evaluation) covers: evaluation guidance (including NOO's Standard Evaluation Framework); reports from evaluation of nationally-initiated schemes; and evaluation websites. The collection will be developed over the next year to include more detailed guidance, quality appraisal of evaluation; links to ongoing evaluations; and case studies.

[http://www.noo.org.uk/evaluation\\_portal](http://www.noo.org.uk/evaluation_portal)

## NHS Connecting for Health

### **Microsoft NHS Resource Centre**

NHSCfH has decided not to renew the NHS Enterprise-wide Agreement with Microsoft. One of the consequences of this is that staff who purchased MS Office (to use on home computers) under the Home User Programme with Microsoft “may” be required to uninstall their MS Office software.

[https://65.55.21.250/uk/nhs/pages/licensing/post\\_ea\\_update.aspx](https://65.55.21.250/uk/nhs/pages/licensing/post_ea_update.aspx)

## NHS Employers

### **NHS Workforce bulletin, issue 231, 6 September 2010**

[http://www.nhsemployers.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/NHS-Workforce-Bulletin\\_231\\_060910.HTML](http://www.nhsemployers.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/NHS-Workforce-Bulletin_231_060910.HTML)

## NHS Evidence

### **NHS Evidence - commissioning**

September 10 news alert

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/commissioning/Page.aspx?pagename=ALERT>

### **NHS Evidence – neurological conditions**

Annual evidence update 2010 on epilepsy. A systematic literature search to identify all high level evidence published since the date of the last Epilepsy AEU in 2009 has been carried out, including guidelines, systematic reviews, health technology assessments and economic evaluations

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/NEUROLOGICAL/ViewResource.aspx?resID=384385>

### **NHS Evidence – gastroenterology and liver diseases**

Update, September 2010

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/gastroliver/Page.aspx?pagename=NEWS>

### **NHS Evidence – later life**

Newsletter, September 2010

<http://alturl.com/38eg8>

### **NHS Evidence – mental health**

Newsletter, September 2010

<http://alturl.com/oeub5>

### **NHS Evidence - kidney diseases and male urogenital disorders**

Newsletter, September 2010

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/KIDNEY/ViewResource.aspx?resID=386851&tabID=290>

## Office for National Statistics

### **Cancer survival statistics**

This report presents one-year and five-year age-adjusted relative survival in the 28 Cancer Networks of England for patients diagnosed with a cancer of the oesophagus, stomach, colon, lung, breast (women) or cervix in England during 1991–2006 and followed up to 2007. The analysis is divided into three periods: 1991–1995, 1996–2000, 2001–2006.

Report: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15387>

Cancer survival by Primary Care Trust:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15388>

## Office of Health Economics

### **Shedding the pounds: obesity management, NICE guidance and bariatric surgery in England**

This report details the results of an exercise looking at: trends in obesity; current provision of bariatric surgery in England with particular reference to the NICE clinical guideline for obesity; and potential economic benefits that could be achieved through adherence to the NICE guideline.

<http://alturl.com/vmb3x>

### **BBC Health**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/>

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