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Key Points – 25th June 2010

Department of Health

the week: issue 151, 18 - 24 June 2010

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/theweek/DH_116929

Allied Health Professionals bulletin, issue 77, June 2010

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/Alliedhealthprofessionalsbulletin/DH_117012

Chief Nursing Officer bulletin, issue 88, June 2010

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/Chiefnursingofficerbulletin/June2010/index.htm>

GP and practice team bulletin, June 2010

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/GPbulletin/DH_116814

Revision to the NHS Operating Framework for 2010/11 [Letter]

This is a letter from NHS Chief Executive Sir David Nicholson to NHS chief executives in England about the revision to the operating framework for the NHS in England 2010-11.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_116856

Abolition of the four-hour waiting standard in Accident and Emergency [Letter]

This letter from Health Secretary Andrew Lansley to the President of the College of Emergency Medicine considers the abolition of the four-hour waiting standard.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_116918

Embedding workforce within the Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) assurance process [Letter]

This is a letter to strategic health authority workforce planners on arrangements to enable the Centre for Workforce Intelligence to undertake work, commissioned by the department, to collate and understand the assumptions underpinning strategic health authorities' workforce plans and ensure that these plans are robust and fully aligned with activity and finance plans.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_116924

PL/CMO/2010/01, PL/CNO/2010/01, PL/CPHO/2010/01: The influenza immunisation programme 2010/11 [Professional letter]

This is a correct version of a letter that was originally issued on 28 May 2010. The letter contains information about the annual seasonal influenza immunisation programme for winter 2010-11.

The correction concerns the age below which children who have not previously received a seasonal influenza vaccine should receive two doses of vaccine.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Professionalletters/Chiefmedicall officerletters/DH_116507

Mobile Working Readiness Assessment Framework

This document aims to assist community services to help them understand their current state of readiness for adopting mobile working technology and associated work processes and the level of risk that the proposed scope for adopting mobile solutions would introduce based on the current state of readiness and the local context.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_116846

DH business expenses, Quarter 3 October - December 2009

The business expenses for all of the Department's Permanent Secretaries, Directors General and our Non-Executive Directors, incurred in pursuit of the Department's aims and objectives, are set out in these. They also contain information about the provision and receipt of hospitality.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/MinistersandDepartmentLeaders/Departmentdirectors/DH_110759

Statement of Financial Entitlements (Specification of National Minimum Percentage Uplift and Amendment (No.2)) Directions 2010

The primary purpose of the amendment is to implement the increases in the fee levels in the GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements effective from 1 April 2010.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Legislation/Directionsfromthesecretaryofstate/DH_117019

Health Secretary speech to NHS Confederation

This is a transcript of the speech by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley to the NHS Confederation on 24 June 2010. He talks about how a vision for patient-centred care will propel the NHS, the professionals and the front-line through the unique and challenging times ahead.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_117005

Breastfeeding and introducing solid foods: consumer insight summary

This is a summary of consumer insight research on breastfeeding and the introduction of solid foods. It is designed to pool knowledge of the barriers to and insights into breastfeeding and insights into the introduction of solid foods along with recommended interventions where appropriate. It draws on a range of consumer insight research reports supplemented by key academic papers.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_116885

News releases 19-25 June 2010

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

[Health Secretary speech to NHS Confederation](#)

In a speech at the NHS Confederation annual conference, the Health Secretary will set out how a vision for patient-centred care will propel the NHS, the professionals and the front-line through the unique and challenging times ahead.

[Statistical Press notice: Access to GUM services](#)

[Psychological therapies offered across the NHS](#)

Psychological therapies will continue to be rolled out across the NHS in the coming year Health Secretary Andrew Lansley announced.

[Sir Hugh Taylor to leave Department of Health](#)

Sir Hugh Taylor, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health, has announced today that he will be retiring on 31 July 2010 after a 38-year career in the Civil Service.

[Health Secretary sets new challenges for the NHS](#)

- NHS must accelerate cuts in management costs
- Targets removed as focus shifts to outcomes

Statistics (DH)

Genito-Urinary Medicine Access Monthly Monitoring (GUMAMM), April 2010

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Statistics/Perfomancedataandstatistics/SexualHealth/index.htm>

Information Centre

Ambulance Services England 2009-10

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/audits-and-performance/ambulance/ambulance-services-england-2009-10>

Quarterly analysis of Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Assessments (England) Quarters 1 to 4 2009/10

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/mental-health/mental-health-act/quarterly-analysis-of-mental-capacity-act-2005-deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards-assessments-england-quarters-1-to4-2009-10>

10 Downing Street

PM and Deputy PM letter to public sector workers

This is a letter from Prime Minister David Cameron and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg to public sector workers about the launch of the 'Spending Challenge'.

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/statements-and-articles/2010/06/pm-and-deputy-pm-letter-to-public-sector-workers-52319>

Audit Commission

Maximising resources in adult mental health

This document looks at the scope for improving the efficiency of the acute care pathway in adult mental health, while maximising quality.

http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/health/nationalstudies/financialmanagement/Pages/100623maximisingresources_copy.aspx

Department for Education

Young people's alcohol consumption and its relationship to other outcomes and behaviour

The study explores alcohol consumption among young people aged 14 to 17 using data from the Longitudinal Study of Young People in England.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectId=15815&type=5&resultspage=11>

Youth Taskforce study of perceptions in Youth Crime Action Plan areas

This report explores the views of residents within youth crime action plan areas to understand more about perceptions regarding young people and crime, anti-social behaviour and alcohol use/misuse and efforts to tackle these problems.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectId=15846&type=5&resultspage=11>

The Characteristics of Bullying Victims in Schools

This study represents the first in-depth investigation of pupil and school characteristics in relation to bullying of secondary school pupils aged 14 to 16 in England.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectId=15874&type=5&resultspage=11>

Health Protection Agency

MRSA patient information leaflet

This leaflet contains information about MRSA - what it is and how it affects patients in hospital and the people around them. It has been endorsed by the Royal College of Nursing and the Infection Prevention Society.

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Publications/InfectiousDiseases/AntimicrobialAndHealthcareAssociatedInfections/1006MRSAInformationforpatients/>

Influenza pandemic preparedness

In response to the ongoing need to update and inform colleagues of the latest news and developments in relation to seasonal, avian and pandemic influenza, the Health Protection Agency has launched 'Influenza Preparedness Updates'. These will be issued on a 4-6 weekly basis and issue 1 (June 2010) is now available

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Publications/InfectiousDiseases/Influenza/0610InfluenzaPandemicPreparednessUpdate/>

HM Treasury

Budget, June 2010

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/2010_june_budget.htm

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Drugs research: an overview of evidence and questions for policy

In 2001 the JRF embarked upon a programme of research that explored the problem of illicit drugs in the UK. This study gives an overview of the projects in the programme. The topics covered include: the policing of drug possession; the domestic cultivation, purchasing and heavy use of cannabis; non-problematic heroin use, heroin prescription and Drug Consumption Rooms; the impact of drugs on the family; and drug testing in schools and in the workplace.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/drug-research-policy-questions>

Brownfield residential redevelopment in England

Government policy has emphasised the importance of regenerating towns and cities and delivering new housing supply by focusing on recycling previously developed (brownfield) land. The aim of this study is to examine the extent of brownfield regeneration through the delivery of new housing development and its effects on housing and socio-economic change across the most deprived neighbourhoods in England.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/brownfield-redevelopment>

King's Fund

Giving GPs budgets for commissioning: what needs to be done?

This briefing paper has been developed jointly by six national organisations: Nuffield Trust, The King's Fund, NHS Confederation, NHS Alliance, National Association of Primary Care and Royal College of General Practitioners, who have been working together over a number of months to explore what needs to happen if GPs are to be given real power and responsibility for leading commissioning in the NHS.

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/giving_gps_budgets.html

NHS Employers

NHS Workforce bulletin, issue 220, 21 June 2010

http://www.nhsemployers.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/NHS-Workforce-Bulletin_220_210610.HTML

NHS Evidence

Annual Evidence Update on osteoporosis

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/musculoskeletal/ViewResource.aspx?resID=377976&tabID=289&catID=1016>

The latest Annual Evidence Update on osteoporosis covers publications in this area in the 12 months up to the end of March 2010 and concentrates on highlighting systematic reviews, as being the most reliable and least biased evidence available to guide practice and improve knowledge in this area.

Annual Evidence Update (AEU) on Oesophago-gastric cancers

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/cancer/viewResource.aspx?resid=375884&code=18643417b08b62304931d39d521ec0ca>

This second Annual Evidence Update includes systematic reviews and guidance published since the last AEU in June 2009, clinical commentary by Dr. Jamshed B. Bomanji and an overview by Dr Chris Alcock.

NICE

NICE e-newsletter, June 2010

Register to receive the current issue by email

http://admin.nice.org.uk/newsroom/nicenewslettersandalerts/nice-newsletter/nice_enewsletter.jsp

Guidance – June 2010

Clinical guideline 100: Alcohol-use disorders: physical complications

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG100>

Clinical guideline 101: Management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in adults in primary and secondary care (partial update). This guideline partially updates and replaces NICE clinical guideline 12

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG101>

Clinical guideline 102 The management of bacterial meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia in children and young people younger than 16 years in primary and secondary care

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG102>

Public health guidance 24: Alcohol-use disorders - preventing the development of hazardous and harmful drinking.

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH24>

Public health guidance 25 Guidance on the prevention of cardiovascular disease at the population level

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH25>

Public health guidance 26: How to stop smoking in pregnancy and following childbirth

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH26>

Technology appraisal guidance 190 Pemetrexed for the maintenance treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA190>

Interventional procedure guidance 348: Extracranial to intracranial bypass for intracranial atherosclerosis

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/IPG348>

Interventional procedure guidance 349 Percutaneous occlusion of the left atrial appendage in non-valvular atrial fibrillation for the prevention of thromboembolism

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/IPG349>

Interventional procedure guidance 350: Photodynamic therapy for Barrett's oesophagus

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/IPG350>

Interventional procedure guidance 351: Stapled transanal rectal resection for obstructed defaecation syndrome

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/IPG351>

BBC Health

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

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