



**NHS South of Tyne and Wear**

servicing Gateshead Primary Care Trust, South Tyneside Primary Care Trust and  
Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust

## Key Points – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

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Department of Health

**the week: issue 161, 27 August - 2 September 2010**

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/theweek/DH\\_119117](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/theweek/DH_119117)

**Allied Health Professionals bulletin, issue 78, August 2010**

<http://alturl.com/fkw9n>

Letters

**Development of a national tariff for integrated sexual health services**

This letter seeks to confirm the development of a national tariff for integrated sexual health services on the platform of the London Sexual Health Programme tariff. It advises that non-London Trusts would validate the work, including the proposed costing models, tariff prices and activity datasets that are intended to inform future national currencies and subsequent tariffs.

<http://alturl.com/pjyv8>

**Water sources and potential for infection from taps and sinks**

This letter highlights recent issues around water sources and the potential for infection from taps and sinks.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH\\_119169](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_119169)

Documents & reports

**Moving beyond sponsorship: Interactive toolkit for joint working between the NHS and the pharmaceutical industry**

This guidance aims to encourage NHS organisations and staff to consider joint working for the delivery of high-quality healthcare, to drive efficiency in both primary and secondary care. Following feedback, this is an updated version of the toolkit published in March 2008.

<http://alturl.com/b75dw>

**Department of Health resource accounts 2009-10**

These accounts show how the Department's activities have been funded and its resources deployed.

<http://alturl.com/ax53p>

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

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

None this week

NHS Evidence

**Neurological conditions - Update - August 2010**

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/neurological/page.aspx?pagename=ONLINENEWS>

**NHS Evidence – commissioning - September 2010 news alert**

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

## Information Centre

**Provisional Monthly NHS Hospital and Community Health Service (HCHS) Workforce Statistics in England**

<http://alturl.com/tg4xf>

## National Library for Public Health

**Newsletter – September 2010**

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/publichealth/page.aspx?pagename=NEWSLETTER>

## North West Public Health Observatory

**Local Alcohol Profiles for England**

The Local Alcohol Profiles for England (LAPE 2010) have been released by the North West Public Health Observatory, profiling 23 alcohol-related indicators for every local authority and 24 for every primary care trust in England. The profiles provide a national 'map' of alcohol-related harms. Some key findings are: over the five years to 2008/09 there has been around a 65% increase in the number of people being admitted to hospital due to alcohol to 606,799 individuals - an increase of over 240,000 people; and there were 945,469 admissions to hospital for alcohol-related harm in England in 2008/09. This is 825 alcohol-related admissions a day more than five years ago.

<http://www.nwph.net/alcohol/lape/>

## NHS Employers

**NHS Workforce bulletin, issue 230, 31 August 2010**

<http://alturl.com/cgns0>

## NHS Networks

**PCT managers should not have a right to a job in GP commissioning**

<http://alturl.com/dx8tw>

## NICE

**Ablative therapy for the treatment of Barrett's oesophagus**

This clinical guideline offers evidence-based advice on the care and treatment of adults having ablative therapy to treat Barrett's oesophagus with high-grade dysplasia or with intramucosal cancer.

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG106>

**Hypertension in pregnancy**

This clinical guideline offers evidence-based advice on the care and treatment of women who have or are at risk of developing hypertension (high blood pressure) in pregnancy. It contains advice on the diagnosis and management of hypertension during pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period.

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG107>

### **Chronic heart failure: management of chronic heart failure in adults in primary and secondary care**

This clinical guideline (published August 2010) updates and replaces NICE clinical guideline 5 (published July 2003). It offers evidence-based advice on the care and treatment of people with chronic heart failure. New and updated recommendations are included on diagnosis, pharmacological treatment, monitoring and rehabilitation.

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG108>

### **Transient loss of consciousness in adults and young people**

This guideline offers evidence-based advice on the assessment, diagnosis and specialist referral of adults and young people (aged 16 and older) who have experienced transient loss of consciousness ('blackouts' or TLoC for short).

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG109>

### **Rheumatoid arthritis - drugs for treatment after failure of a TNF inhibitor**

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA195>

### **Gastrointestinal stromal tumours - imatinib (adjuvant)**

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA196>

### **Dronedarone for the treatment of non-permanent atrial fibrillation**

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA197>

### **Rheumatoid arthritis - tocilizumab**

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA198>

### **Psoriatic arthritis - etanercept, infliximab and adalimumab**

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA199>

## Health Protection Agency

### **A report on the management of diarrhoea in care homes**

This report presents the findings of a study which investigated how well diarrhoea is managed and treated in nursing and residential homes (care homes), to identify areas where knowledge and practice could be improved.

<http://alturl.com/osz5x>

### **Death of Injecting Drug User in Leicestershire**

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) and NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland can confirm that they are investigating the death of a drug injecting heroin user in Leicestershire. Testing of samples from the patient has confirmed the presence of anthrax.

[http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb\\_C/1281953632918](http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb_C/1281953632918)

## The Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)

### **Management of chronic venous leg ulcers**

SIGN issue a new guideline on the 'Management of chronic venous leg ulcers' (Guideline 120). This guideline provides evidence based recommendations on the management of venous leg ulcers and examines assessment, treatment and the prevention of recurrence. Evidence on provision of care is also presented.

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/fulltext/120/index.html>

## The Royal College of Physicians

### **National Sentinel Stroke Audit**

'National Sentinel Stroke Audit: Organisational Audit 2010: public report for England, Wales and Northern Ireland'. The report is aimed at the general public, patients with stroke and their

carers and presents the latest findings from Round 7 of the Sentinel Stroke Audit organisation of care in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In particular it deals with structures, staffing, policy, TIA (mini stroke) services, communication between staff groups and with patients and carers.

<http://alturl.com/fntvf>

## National Hip Fracture Database

### Hip fracture

A national report for 2010 has been produced from the National Hip Fracture Database. It provides details on the casemix, care and outcomes of 36,556 cases of hip fracture from the 129 hospitals that submitted more than 100 cases over the year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010; and from three smaller hospitals with fewer than 100 cases, but with 100% of cases submitted. This report shows how the care provided matches up to the standards set out in the Blue Book, and offers a detailed picture of hip fracture care in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands in 2009/10.

<http://www.ccad.org.uk/nhfd.nsf/NHFD%20National%20Report%202010.pdf>

## Food Standards Agency

### Update on products free of colours associated with hyperactivity

The Agency has updated its list of product ranges that do not contain the six food colours associated with possible hyperactivity in young children.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2010/sep/colours>

## Age UK

### Malnutrition in hospital: Still Hungry to be heard

Today, an unacceptable number of us are becoming malnourished when we are in hospital. We become malnourished because we don't get food we can eat or the help we need to eat it.

<http://alturl.com/mtcf6>

## BBC Health

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

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You can also read Key Points, and other info-related alerts and messages, on the CEHI (Centre for Enabling Health Improvement) **weblog** at:

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