



NHS South of Tyne and Wear

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

Key Points – 6th August 2010

Department of Health

the week:

<http://alturl.com/wbgme>

the month: issue 34 July 2010

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/themonth/DH_118265

GP Bulletin, July 2010

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/GPbulletin/DH_118051

CNO Bulletin - Issue 89, July 2010

<http://alturl.com/xf899>

Social Care Bulletin – issue 14 July 2010

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/Socialcarebulletin/DH_118316

LAC (DH)(2010)4: Carers Strategy Demonstrator Sites Project Funding Allocations 2010/11

The purpose of this circular is to provide information on the administration of the 2010-11 allocation for local authorities taking part in the Carers Strategy Demonstrator Sites (CSDS) project.

<http://alturl.com/o2n5x>

Letters

Games 2012: Responsibilities for delivery of Health Bid Commitments.

This is a letter from Helen Shirley-Quirk, 2012 Director and Director for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, to all SHA Chief executives. She highlights the publication of a Memorandum of Understanding, between the Department and The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Limited, which sets out the key principles that will govern the provision of health resources and services for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

<http://alturl.com/n94gq>

Documents & Reports

Department of Health response to the public's comments on The Coalition: Our Programme for Government on public health

<http://alturl.com/rain8>

Department of Health response to the public's comments on The Coalition: Our Programme for Government on social care and disability

<http://alturl.com/nwvba>

Department of Health response to the public's comments on The Coalition: Our Programme for Government on the NHS

<http://alturl.com/z5sj9>

Principles and Rules for Cooperation and Competition

This document sets out revised Principles and Rules for Cooperation and Competition (PRCC) in commissioning and provision of NHS services. The PRCC were first issued under the 2007/08 Operating Framework and are intended to support cooperation and competition in the interests of patients and taxpayers

<http://alturl.com/5a3w6>

Procurement guide for commissioners of NHS-funded services

The Department of Health has published 'Procurement guide for commissioners of NHS-funded services'. The guide sets out expectations of commissioners on the use of procurement to improve services for patients, including, investment in new service models or significant additional capacity, upon expiry of existing contracts; or where services fail to improve through contract management.

<http://alturl.com/5kh3x>

Dental contracts and commissioning

The Department of Health has published information on dental contracts and commissioning. This data shows the number of Units of Dental Activity (UDAs) commissioned as at 30th June 2010. Key findings are: all 151 Commissioners (PCTs and Care Trusts) returned data; 87.9 million UDAs have been commissioned as at 30th June 2010; and this represents a decrease of 0.5 million (1%) on the UDAs commissioned as at 31st March 2010.

<http://alturl.com/ige2j>

Social enterprises scheme

The Department of Health has announced a scheme that puts NHS staff in the driving seat of innovative projects to transform patient care. 15 projects will form the second wave of NHS organisations that want to set up social enterprises. The NHS arm of the scheme, known as 'Right to Request', gives all Primary Care Trust staff the right to request setting up social enterprises. The new projects span two thirds of Strategic Health Authorities and include cities like London, Bristol, Leeds and Birmingham. Projects include a wide range of services like increasing access to psychological therapies, improving end of life care and a wider range of children services.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_118247

New Procure 21+ framework

The Department of Health has published the following press release 'Procure 21+ framework to save NHS over £200m and slash bureaucracy'. The new framework will streamline and simplify the process for NHS Trusts when procuring a construction company to carry out hospital refurbishments or new builds. It will also usher in a more transparent system, where detailed data on performance outcomes will be provided by each company and published online, so that the NHS can make informed choices about the companies they employ.

<http://alturl.com/nvs7c>

Third Sector Investment Programme: Innovation Excellence and Service Development Fund 2011-12 - information pack for third sector organisations

<http://alturl.com/99ha8>

Crackdown on genetic test services

Consumers who are given false reassurances about their future health from genetic testing services will receive better protection under new guidelines for this booming industry.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_118345

Opportunities for investment in NHS Professionals Ltd

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_118412

News releases 1-6 August 2010

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

Statistics

Imaging and Radiodiagnostics

<http://alturl.com/y3s7j>

Diagnostics waiting times & activity data, month ending 30 June 2010.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_118343

NHS Evidence

Eyes on Evidence – issue 15, July 2010

<http://alturl.com/5fcz2>

NHS Evidence – commissioning - August 10 news alert

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

NHS Evidence - ENT and audiology

Update issue 30, August 2010

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/ENT/ViewResource.aspx?resID=382847&tabID=290&catID=11484>

NHS Evidence - Kidney diseases and male urogenital disorders

E-newsletter, August 2010

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/kidney/ViewResource.aspx?resID=382789&tabID=290>

NHS Evidence - gastroenterology and liver diseases - Update August 2010

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

NHS Evidence - Infections e-newsletter

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/INFECTIONS/page.aspx?pagename=enews>

National Library for Public Health e-Newsletter – August 2010

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

NICE

Nice news – July 2010

<http://alturl.com/668v7>

Update for Primary Care – July 2010

<http://www.nice.org.uk/media/17D/9D/UPCJuly2010.pdf>

NICE potential indicators for 2011/12 QOF set to provide good quality patient care

<http://www.nice.org.uk/newsroom/pressreleases/QOF2011-12.jsp>

NICE current consultations.

http://www.nice.org.uk/getinvolved/currentniceconsultations/current_nice_consultations.jsp

The National Prescribing Centre

QIPP: Medicines management options for local consideration

The National Prescribing Centre (NPC) has been working with the Department of Health and other stakeholders on the QIPP agenda involving medicines. A broad spectrum of initiatives are being developed which will be launched by DH, in the late summer, as a rounded package of QIPP activities around medicines use and their procurement. In advance of this the NPC has published a document to share with PCTs providing an initial list of therapeutic topics for early consideration, which offer real opportunities for maintaining or improving quality and enhancing value for money.

<http://www.npc.co.uk/policy/qipp/qipp.htm>

Clinical Knowledge Summaries

NHS Evidence Accreditation

The process used to develop the NHS Clinical Knowledge Summaries (CKS) has been accredited by NHS Evidence. This 'seal of approval' means that healthcare professionals can be confident that CKS provides information and advice that is clear, up-to-date, and of high quality.

http://www.cks.nhs.uk/news/cks_news/nhs_evidence_accreditation

Care Quality Commission

Health and social care services are monitoring controlled drugs more effectively, says CQC

Health and social care organisations are continuing to develop systems and services to manage controlled drugs more effectively and to share information on concerns and best practice at a local and national level, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) has announced.

<http://alturl.com/m2k8d>

NHS Networks

Flexible nursing - report for NHS professionals

This report calls for a strategic approach to the flexible workforce that addresses both the demands of healthcare professionals and the pressure to restrain expenditure.

<http://alturl.com/kbvja>

The National Obesity Observatory

Bariatric surgery for obesity

This paper describes the most commonly performed bariatric surgery procedures in the UK, and discusses the efficacy of the various forms of bariatric surgery as a treatment option for obesity. The paper also presents available data on levels of bariatric surgery activity in England.

http://www.noo.org.uk/uploads/doc/vid_7204_Bariatric_Surgery_for_Obesity.pdf

Review of dietary assessment methods in public health

This report provides a descriptive summary of tools to measure dietary intake and dietary behaviours - exploring the application, reliability and validity of the various tools.

http://www.noo.org.uk/uploads/doc/vid_7223_Review_Dietary_Assessment.pdf

Obesity and life expectancy

This paper briefly outlines key findings of studies investigating the impact of obesity on life expectancy.

http://www.noo.org.uk/uploads/doc/vid_7199_Obesity_and_life_expectancy.pdf

Health Protection Agency

Success in vaccination programme for preventing hepatitis B

Report shows mixed picture of health and welfare of injection drug users

New data published by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) reveals a complex profile of the health and welfare of injecting drug users (IDUs).

<http://alturl.com/nky39>

Pregnant women from ethnic backgrounds at higher risk from listeria food poisoning

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

Audit Commission

Health Update 37

<http://alturl.com/rz77d>

Food Standards Agency

The National Diet and Nutrition Survey

The National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS) rolling programme is a continuous cross-sectional survey of the food consumption, nutrient intakes and nutritional status of people aged 18 months and older living in private households in the UK. It covers all four countries of the UK and is designed to be representative of the UK population.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/science/dietarysurveys/ndnsdocuments/>

King's Fund

Maternity care in general practice

GP involvement in the care of pregnant women has declined significantly over the past 30 years and midwives are now the main health care providers for 'low risk' pregnancies. The role of GPs in maternity care could disappear completely, unless valid future responsibilities can be defined and clarified.

<http://alturl.com/fu7ri>

The Human Genetics Commission

Genetic testing services

The Human Genetics Commission has published the following guidance 'A Common Framework of Principles for direct-to-consumer genetic testing services'. The rapidly growing market for 'direct-to-consumer' services, that offer testing for conditions like Huntington's and Breast Cancer, is currently unregulated and can raise unnecessary concerns or offer false hope to patients without clinical support. This new framework aims to ensure that the public have confidence in genetic testing kits. It will require companies to follow basic principles of consent, data protection, truth in marketing, scientific rigour and balanced interpretation.

<http://alturl.com/ihff>

BBC Health

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

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

www.cehi.org.uk

Sue Austin & Sue Graham
tel: 0191 4971460 0191 5297209
Librarian/Knowledge Managers
email library@sotw.nhs.uk
