



NHS South of Tyne and Wear

serving Gateshead Primary Care Trust, South Tyneside Primary Care Trust and
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Key Points – 13th August 2010

Department of Health

the week:

<http://alturl.com/dzfvk>

Medical Director's bulletin – issue 104, August 2010

<http://alturl.com/z7a8y>

NICE work programme referrals - July 2010

The Department of Health has published 'NICE work programme referrals - July 2010'. The Department of Health has agreed that the topics which should be referred to the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) work programme. These technology appraisal topics have each been subject to consultation on the remit and scope.

<http://alturl.com/vxuxu>

Malaria: it's not all in the stars

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_118513

Review of future of Dr Foster Intelligence

The future of Dr Foster Intelligence, one of the UK's main providers of information, analysis and targeted communications to health and social care organisations, is under review, the Department of Health and Dr Foster Holdings LLP have announced.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_118452

Letters

Care Quality Commission (CQC): the Safer Management of Controlled Drugs annual report 2009

Letter from Dr Keith Ridge highlighting the recommendations in the recently published annual report by the Care Quality Commission, on the safer management of controlled drugs.

<http://alturl.com/uibyt>

Home oxygen programme update

<http://alturl.com/9kcr3>

Documents & Reports

Continuing care for veterans

This note is to remind those involved in the care of veterans, of the commitments given around priority healthcare and prostheses provision for veterans.

<http://alturl.com/x9uka>

Consultations

Fitness to practice adjudication for health professionals: assessing different mechanisms for delivery. A paper for consultation

The Government has been reviewing the progress of OHPA towards implementation, and reassessing the case for creation of a new body to regulate in this area as part of its wider spending review.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_118460

News releases 7-13 August 2010

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

Statistics

Statistical Press notice: Dental Commissioning Statistics – quarterly update.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_118429

Information Centre

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

<http://alturl.com/q4rzt>

Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) in England - April 2009 to March 2010. Pre operative data: Experimental Statistics

The Information Centre has published 'Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) in England - April 2009 to March 2010. Pre operative data: Experimental Statistics'. This publication updates provider, commissioner and participation tables of key statistics on patients' self-reported health status before undergoing four common elective surgical procedures; groin hernias, hip replacements, knee replacements and varicose veins. It covers the period from April 2009 to March 2010 and includes analysis of questionnaires that all hospitals treating NHS patients have been asked to collect from patients who wish to participate.

<http://alturl.com/tox3b>

National indicator statistics

The Information Centre has published 'Social Care and Mental Health indicators from the National Indicator Set - 2009-10 Provisional, England'. This set of national indicators (NIS) for English local authorities and local authority partnerships underpins the performance framework for local government. Key facts are that 50.1 per cent of adults with mental health problems aged 18-69 in contact with secondary mental health services were known to be in settled accommodation at the time of their assessment or latest review and 6.7 per cent of adults with mental health problems aged 18-69 in contact with secondary mental health services were known to be in paid employment at the time of their assessment or latest review.

<http://alturl.com/wfmdx>

NHS Evidence

NHS Evidence Later Life – August 2010

<http://alturl.com/vgfbi>

NHS Evidence Mental Health - August 2010

<http://alturl.com/cbxh5>

NHS Evidence Learning Disabilities - July 2010

<http://alturl.com/ks25u>

NHS Evidence – ethnicity and health – newsletter 11 August 2010

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/ethnicity/Page.aspx?pagename=NEWSLETTER>

NICE

NHS implementation of NICE public health workplace guidance

The Royal College of Physicians is coordinating the first national organisational audit to measure the extent and quality of the implementation by NHS trusts in England of six pieces of NICE public health guidance relevant to the workplace. The audit will involve all NHS trusts in England with an overall aim of improving staff health and wellbeing. Data collection will be from October to December 2010 and reports will be available in March 2011.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/newsroom/news/nhsauditofworkplaceguidance.jsp>

NICE announces development of further Quality Standards

<http://alturl.com/xue3b>

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a new warning over the use of rosiglitazone (Avandia) for the treatment of type-2 diabetes, as evidence grows of cardiovascular risk.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/newsroom/news/NewAdviceOnRosiglitazoneUse.jsp>

Current NICE consultations

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

NHS Confederation

PCT World Class Commissioning assurance results

The Department of Health has not published the World Class Commissioning (WCC) assurance results this year. As a result the PCT Network at the NHS Confederation has analysed results across the country. They have produced a report which analyses aggregate PCT scores on governance and the WCC competencies and have also issued a press release to publicise this report. They are still missing reports from five PCTs which have not yet published their results, but will update the report when these are available. The analysis shows significant improvement since year one of the WCC assurance process, and reflects well on the progress that boards and staff in PCTs across the county have made over the past 18 months.

<http://alturl.com/kby9e>

Health Protection Agency

WHO announces end of influenza pandemic

<http://alturl.com/4xcp6>

Emergence of a new antibiotic resistance mechanism in India, Pakistan, and the UK: a molecular, biological, and epidemiological study

<http://alturl.com/zsmxy>

Malaria leaflet

The Health Protection Agency has published 'Malaria: information for people travelling overseas'. This leaflet contains information about malaria and how people can protect themselves and their families when travelling to malaria-risk countries.

<http://alturl.com/ebtx>

Transport of radioactive materials

The Health Protection Agency has published 'Radiological consequences resulting from accidents and incidents involving the transport of radioactive materials in the UK – 2009 review'. This report includes descriptions of 32 accidents and incidents which occurred in 2009. The number of events in 2009 was less than reported in 2008 (39 events), but more than previous years. None of the events reported resulted in any significant radiation doses to workers or members of the public.

<http://alturl.com/si8r9>

Interim Director of Health Protection Services appointed

<http://alturl.com/yxovy>

The NHS Confederation

Implementing trauma systems: key issues for the NHS

The Government has confirmed that trauma systems should be developed by March 2011, and implemented the following year. This report highlights the key questions that regional commissioners and trauma care providers (ambulance services, hospitals, and rehabilitation units) will need to address to develop regionally appropriate changes to save more lives and reduce long-term disability. The report also analyses the key issues and summarises the debates surrounding trauma system development, and also emphasises that a single model will not be appropriate for all localities.

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/reports/Pages/Implementing-trauma-systems.aspx>

The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse

Substance misuse business plan

The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA) has published its Business plan 2010-2011. The NTA expects that during 2010-11 it will be able to reposition the treatment system to focus on sustained recovery, and demonstrate transparent outcomes, while consistently providing more for less. The key themes of the plan are: improving outcomes for those in treatment; providing better value for money from central investment; championing abstinence-focussed treatment; re-balancing the system to ensure a consistent approach to commissioning community and residential rehabilitation; a new recovery-oriented blueprint for the treatment system to replace the current framework; and consultation with clinicians, practitioners and providers to ensure that any changes are underpinned by the latest evidence and best practice.

<http://www.nta.nhs.uk/news-2010-businessplan.aspx>

The Nuffield Trust

NHS reforms briefing

The Nuffield Trust has published 'The Coalition Government's NHS reforms: an assessment of the White Paper' which outlines the main features of the proposed reforms and assesses whether they are fit for purpose. The briefing concludes that the reforms are substantial and will result in fundamental changes to the organisation and delivery of care to patients in the NHS in England. It supports the overall direction of travel but suggests that the reforms will require significant management expertise and that GP commissioning consortia will need support.

<http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/publications/detail.aspx?id=145&PRid=720>

The King's Fund

Referral management

The King's Fund has published 'Referral management: lessons for success'. The 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. The report draws out seven lessons that will help GP commissioners ensure that any referral management approach improves quality and make savings.

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

The Health Services Management Centre

Policy Paper on embedding prevention in older people's services

'The billion dollar question: embedding prevention in older people's services - 10 high impact changes' identifies and reviews ten high impact changes, addressing the acknowledged need to embed prevention into older people's services. The interventions and approaches covered in the report are: promoting healthy lifestyles; vaccination; screening; falls prevention; housing adaptations and practical support; telecare and technology; intermediate care; re-ablement; partnership working; personalisation.

<http://www.hsmc.bham.ac.uk/news/news/2010/8/policy-paper-embedding-prevention.shtml>

BBC Health

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

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