

# Reshaping Clinical Care in General Practice –16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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## Dementia

### [The Golden Ticket: primary care takes the lead in improving dementia care](#)

25<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: Health Foundation

The Golden Ticket is a new approach to the management of dementia in primary care, piloted by the Buxted Medical Centre in East Sussex.

### [World's most in depth study to detect early signs of Alzheimer's disease](#)

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

Source: Medical Research Council

The Deep and Frequent Phenotyping study hopes to dramatically improve the success rate of clinical trials for treatments in Alzheimer's disease.

### [Improving care for people with dementia: development and initial feasibility study for evaluation of life story work in dementia care.](#)

September 2016

Source: National Institute for Health Research

Life story work (LSW) is used across different health and social care settings in England, but in different ways, not all of which reflect 'good practice'.

### [Statin withdrawal in people with dementia](#)

McGuinness B. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2016;(9):CD012050.

Randomised controlled studies need to be conducted to assess cognitive and other effects of statins in participants with dementia, especially when the disease is advanced.

### [The Prevalence of Visual Impairment in People with Dementia \(the PrOVIDe study\): a cross-sectional study of people aged 60-89 years with dementia and qualitative exploration of individual, carer and professional perspectives.](#)

Bowen M., 2016, *Health Services and Delivery Research*, 4(21)

The prevalence of visual impairment (VI) is disproportionately higher in people with dementia living in care homes.

## Long-Term Conditions

[including Cancer, Diabetes, and general management]

### [NICE recommends crizotinib for lung cancer](#)

17<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: NICE

NICE issues new draft guidance approving twice-a-day pill crizotinib for people with advanced non-small-cell lung cancer who have not received treatment before, offering an alternative to intravenous chemotherapy.

### [NICE approves new cancer drugs for routine use](#)

24<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: NICE

NICE has recommended bosutinib to treat some people with chronic myeloid leukaemia when other treatments no longer work, and pemetrexed for lung cancer for a broader range of patients as an option to stop a person's cancer returning if they are in remission.

### **Smoking cessation for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease**

20<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: *Cochrane*

Systematic Review evaluates the effectiveness of behavioural or pharmacological smoking cessation interventions in smokers with COPD, based on 16 previous studies.

### **Existing drugs for rheumatoid arthritis may also improve associated fatigue**

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

Source: *NIHR*

Study concludes treatment with biologic interventions in patients with active RA can lead to a small to moderate improvement in fatigue, in addition to other symptoms and joint damage.

### **30-day mortality after systemic anticancer treatment for breast and lung cancer in England: a population-based, observational study**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2016

Source: *Lancet Oncology*

Studies the dataset collated by PHE to establish national 30-day mortality benchmarks for breast and lung cancer patients receiving SACT and identify where patient care could be improved.

### **Top Tips for GPs: Implementing the NG12 NICE Guidelines for Suspected Cancer: recognition and referral**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: *Macmillan*

Aims to support GPs who are involved in implementing the updated NICE NG12 guidelines for suspected cancer: recognition and referral, released June 2015 and covering England and Wales.

### **Interpretation of the evidence for the efficacy and safety of statin therapy**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: *The Lancet*

Reviews evidence from randomised controlled trials. Discusses how claims that statins commonly cause adverse effects reflect a failure to recognise the limitations of other evidence about the effects of treatment.

### **NICE recommends Cancer Drugs Fund treatment for prostate cancer for routine NHS use**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Source: *NICE*

Prostate cancer patients who have not already received docetaxel treatment can access radium-223 through the NHS and no longer need to access the CDF.

## **Older people**

### **Potentially inappropriate prescribing according to STOPP and START and adverse outcomes in community-dwelling older people: a prospective cohort study.**

Moriarty, Frank; Bennett, Kathleen; Cahir, Caitriona; Kenny, Rose Anne; Fahey, Tom, *British journal of clinical pharmacology*, Sep 2016; 82 (3): 849-857

Is potentially inappropriate prescribing (PIP) associated with increased healthcare utilization, functional decline and reduced quality of life (QoL) in a community-dwelling older cohort?

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## **Transforming end of life care: why we can't afford not to – Dr Katherine Sleeman**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: NHS England

Palliative care expert Dr Katherine Sleeman sets out her thoughts on the importance of more focus being placed on supporting patients to have a good death at all levels of the NHS.

## **'Who knows best?' Older people's contribution to understanding and preventing avoidable hospital admissions**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: SCIE

Focused on whether the older people felt it was appropriate to be admitted to hospital and whether they thought anything could have prevented their admission.

## **Social care for older people**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: The King's Fund

This report, published jointly by The Kings Fund and The Nuffield Trust, looks at the current state of social care services for older people in England.

# **Integrated Care**

## **Syphilis epidemiology in London**

17<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: Public Health England

Updates rates of syphilis transmission in London (56% of UK cases in 2015). Urges GPs to remain vigilant and promote screening and safe practices, particularly among men who sleep with men.

## **Implementing NICE's guideline on transition between inpatient hospital settings and community or care home settings for adults with social care needs**

19<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: SCIE

Summarises issues and actions, and provides some practical initiatives & resources, from two local workshop events which explored how the NICE Guideline can be used to improve practice.

## **NHS England kickstarts programme to help 30,000 more new or expectant mums with serious mental illness**

19<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: SCIE

NHS England launches a £5m Perinatal Community Services Development Fund to help close a wide gap in the availability of high quality care for women with severe or complex mental conditions.

## **Neurology and primary care: Improving the transition from primary care for people with neurological conditions**

23rd August 2016

Source: Neurological Alliance

Poll of GPs finds low levels of confidence in ability of local services and systems to manage neurology patients effectively. Sets out eight recommendations aimed at improving the primary care, including a call for a pan-neurological 'watch list' of the ten signs and symptoms.

## **Community pharmacy forward view**

30<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: *The King's Fund*

Fuller integration of community pharmacies with other local health and care services may enhance support and wellbeing services and facilitate personalised care for patients with long-term conditions.

## **Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community or care home settings**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2016

Source: *NICE*

Guideline covering admission and discharge from mental health hospitals. Aims to improve transition planning & execution to deliver better care to service users, their families, and carers.

## **The value of community pharmacy**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: *Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee*

Examines the contribution community pharmacies make to the NHS, including more than 150 million interventions in 2015: a benefit of over £250,000/pharmacy, or £54.61 for every resident of England.

## **Developing, implementing and evaluating integrated care models for infants, children, young people and their families**

28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: *Arch. Dis. Child.*

Reviews practice with five case studies across three clinical commissioning groups, and defines four common traits which may support integrated paediatric care.

*Available through OpenAthens.*

## **Safeguarding**

### **GPs reminded to ask SSRI patients about illicit drug use after citalopram death**

18<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: *Gov.uk*

reminds prescribers to note the potential increased risk of bleeding when Citalopram is prescribed to patients who are taking cocaine.

### **PHE publishes advice on meningitis and septicaemia vaccinations**

17<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: *Public Health England*

PHE urges young people to get vaccinated against meningitis and septicaemia before starting university, as cases of the aggressive MenW strain continue to rise.

### **UK Chief Medical Officers' Low Risk Drinking Guidelines**

26<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Source: *Gov.uk*

Consultation on new unit guidelines for alcohol consumption are now official, including advice to avoid any alcohol whatsoever if you are, or may be, pregnant.

### **Vulnerable children's data missing from protection system**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Source: *HSJ*

72% of children with child protection plans do not currently have their details stored on the Child

Protection Information Sharing scheme (CP-IS). NHS Digital recommends health professionals “follow local safeguarding processes whilst the coverage increases”.

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