

Future-proofing General Practice – 8th June 2018

[Covering **innovation**, leadership, skill mix & workforce planning, telehealth]

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Innovation

Mapping the Landscape of UK Health Data Research & Innovation

Medical Research Council

23rd May 2018

The report highlights the complex and flourishing area of health data research in the UK, detailing key activities and major investments made by UK public funders, government, charities and universities from across the country.

Delivering a primary care-based social prescribing initiative: a qualitative study of the benefits and challenges

Kathryn Skivington et al.

British journal of general practice May 2018

Initiatives such as social prescribing cannot be seen as 'magic bullets'. In the context of economic austerity, such approaches may not achieve their potential unless funding is available for community organisations to continue to provide services and make and maintain their links with primary care.

Leadership

GP leadership in clinical commissioning groups: a qualitative multi-case study approach across England.

Marshall, Martin et al.

British journal of general practice May 2018

GPs are making an important contribution as leaders of health service improvement and redesign but there are significant professional and political barriers to them optimising a leadership role.

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Innovative models of General Practice

King's Fund

May 2018

In this report, we look at innovative models of general practice from the UK and other countries and identify key design features we believe will be important in designing effective GP services in the future.

Skill Mix & Workforce Planning

Receptionists' role in new approaches to consultations in primary care: a focused ethnographic study

Heather Dawn Brant, et al.

Br J Gen Pract June 4, 2018

Involvement of the wider practice team in planning and piloting changes, supporting team members through service reconfiguration, and providing an opportunity to discuss and contribute to modifications of any new system would ensure that reception staff are suitably prepared to support the introduction of a new approach to consultations.

[Ninth National GP Worklife Survey 2017](#)

Gibson, Jon et al

May 2018

This survey, commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care, has found that the number of GPs who say they are likely to quit direct patient care within five years rose to 39 per cent in 2017 from 35 per cent in 2015. More than nine out of ten GPs reported experiencing considerable or high pressure from 'increasing workloads'.

The role and experiences of advanced nurse practitioners working in out of hours urgent care services in a primary care setting.

Yuill, Jacci

Nursing management May 2018; vol. 25 (no. 2); p. 18-23

The article describes how supportive systems must be in place to enable mentorship, supervision programmes and development of this group of advanced practitioners.

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[Transformational change in health and care: reports from the field.](#)

The King's Fund.

May 2018.

Transformation is best brought about 'from within', led by frontline staff and service users, and that it needs collaborative and distributed leadership styles.

Nursing student perspectives on a quality learning environment in general practice.

Donley, Caroline; Norman, Kay

Primary Health Care; May 2018 ; p. 1-1

Further investment and support to increase mentor development in general practice will ensure a wider exposure and positive experience in this clinical practice area for nursing students. This may lead to fewer difficulties in recruiting practice nurses in future.

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[Using RightCare to engage general practice nurses in Liverpool.](#)

Poll, Sharon; Lloyd, Kerry

Nursing Times; Jan 2018; vol. 114 (no. 1); p. 188-188

Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group is using the RightCare approach to engage nurses working in its 92 GP practices, prompting them to discuss what can be done to improve care and reduce variation. This article describes this approach, in which the use of relevant and meaningful data is key.

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Training tomorrow's doctors to explain 'medically unexplained' physical symptoms: An examination of UK medical educators' views of barriers and solutions

Joyce E. et al.

Patient Education and Counseling; May 2018; vol. 101 (no. 5); p. 878-884

Negative attitudes towards Functional Syndromes(FS) by educators prevents designing and delivering effective education on this common medical presentation. Increased liaison between students, patients and educators is necessary to develop more informed and effective teaching methods for trainee doctors in order to minimise the impact of the hidden curriculum.

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Telehealth

[Qualitative process study to explore the perceived burdens and benefits of a digital intervention for self-managing high blood pressure in Primary Care in the UK.](#)

Morton K, Dennison L, Bradbury K, et al.

BMJ Open 2018;8

This qualitative study aimed to explore perceived burdens and benefits for patients using a digital self-management intervention for reducing high blood pressure.

Reliability and validity of two fitness tracker devices in the laboratory and home environment for older community-dwelling people

Elissa Burton, Keith D. Hill, Nicola T. Lautenschlager et al,

BMC Geriatrics 2018 18:103

The aim of the study was to test the reliability and validity of two fitness trackers (Fitbit Flex and ChargeHR) by step count when worn by older adults. Reliability and validity were tested in two conditions: 1) in the laboratory using a two-minute-walk-test (2MWT) and 2) in a free-living environment.

Hull taps Inhealthcare for community telehealth service

Digital Health

9th May 2018

City Health Care Partnership (CHCP), a community interest company (CIC) that provides community-based treatment services across Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire, has launched a telehealth service to help people with heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) manage their conditions at home.

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