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Innovation

UK Research and Innovation launches new Mental Health Networks

Economic and Social Research Council

6th September 2018

Eight new Mental Health Networks have been announced by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) today, to bring researchers, charities and other organisations together to address important mental health research questions.

Patients missing out on benefits of digital health as new scheme launched to "turbo-charge" take up of new innovations

Digital Health London Accelerator

12th September 2018

Digital mental health support, remote monitoring during pregnancy, and personalised autism support are among new products being offered to the NHS in new innovation scheme to speed up digital health.

Leadership

Skill Mix & Workforce Planning

GP/GPN partner perspectives on clinical placements for student nurses in general practice: can a community of practice help to change the prevailing culture within general practice?

Lewis, Robin; Kelly, Shona BMC Family Practice; Sep 2018; vol. 19 (no. 1)

Despite all the challenges, the evidence is that, through the Community of Practice, the ATPS scheme is beginning to 'bear fruit', and there is a subtle but discernible move by GPs from a 'why would we?' to 'why wouldn't we?' invest in education and training for nurses in general practice.

An audit of the utilization of physiotherapy assistants in the musculoskeletal outpatients setting within a primary care physiotherapy service.

Sarigiannis, Panos; Cropper, Steve Musculoskeletal Care; Sep 2018; vol. 16 (no. 3); p. 405-408

Using defined pathways in the treatment of musculoskeletal conditions of the peripheral joints provides the framework to standardize delegation of clinical tasks from qualified physiotherapists to physiotherapy assistants. However, the utilization of such pathways needs to be examined further, to clarify the clinical and cost effectiveness of delegating clinical work to physiotherapy assistants.

Constructing an assistant practitioner role in a children's community team.

Kessler I. British Journal of Healthcare Assistants 2018;12(8):398–404.

This article examines the development of an assistant practitioner (AP) role in a children's community team. Drawing on interviews, it outlines the rationale for the role, its implementation and consequences. Attention is drawn to the bespoke nature of the role in meeting team needs associated with supporting the specialist epilepsy nurse and helping with the delivery of gastrostomy care.

The role of the assistant practitioner in the clinical setting: a focus group study.

Henshall C.

BMC Health Services Research 2018;18(1):695.

Assistant practitioners have knowledge and skills beyond the level of traditional support workers, and work in many clinical settings. However, some assistant practitioners lack a clearly defined role and may be under-used due to issues around accountability and uncertainty about their purpose. This paper explores the assistant practitioner role from the perspectives of assistant practitioners and registered nurses.

Education and training: A general practice nurse team review.

Berry, Lyeanda; Smith, Polly Practice Nursing; Sep 2018; vol. 26 (no. 9); p. 442-445

This article explores the obstacles and opportunities of the training and education requirements of practice nurses and their teams.

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Health Visiting and the NHS in the next 10 years:position statement

Institute of Health Visiting – September 2018

The upcoming NHS England 10-year plan will fail if health visitors continue to be sidelined from the system as a result of being solely commissioned by local councils, leaders have warned.

Community pharmacies: promoting health and wellbeing

NICE guideline [NG102] August 2018

Community pharmacies can help maintain and improve people's physical and mental health and wellbeing, including people with a long-term condition. Encourages more people to use community pharmacies by integrating them within existing health and care pathways and ensuring they offer standard services and a consistent approach. It requires a collaborative approach from individual pharmacies and their representatives, local authorities and other commissioners.

Telehealth

Exploring the feasibility and acceptability of using tele-therapy for UK veterans with PTSD

Forces in Mind Trust

September 2018

This study, funded by the Forces in Mind Trust, evaluated a new approach to offering treatment to former Service personnel with mental health conditions including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It found tele-therapy to be an accessible, flexible and cost-effective approach to delivering trauma-focused therapies.



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