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Innovation

[The spread challenge: How to support the successful uptake of innovations and improvements in health care.](#)

The Health Foundation; 2018.

Health care improvement is not only about finding innovative solutions to the challenges facing the health service, but also how to ensure these solutions are taken up successfully across the NHS. To spread innovation and improvement programmes should support those adopting an idea developed elsewhere, as well as innovators.

[NHS Innovation Accelerator: Understanding how and why the NHS adopts innovation](#)

NHS Innovation Accelerator

29th November 2018

Published in partnership with The Bayswater Institute and featuring nine real-world case studies, this report helps to inform understanding of adoption and the enabling factors which support the uptake and embedding of innovation in the NHS.

[Case study: Northumbria Primary Care – an innovative partnership between primary and secondary care \[Podcast\]](#)

Ockham healthcare November 2018

Northumbria Primary Care (NPC) is a network of seven GP practices across Northumberland and North Tyneside. NPC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust, the local acute trust, and that all the GPs are salaried.

[An initiative to improve wound management within community services across one clinical commissioning group in England](#)

Ivins N.; Clark M.; Fallon M., Wounds UK; 2018;14(5):45-55

This QIP identified that there were weaknesses in current practice and documentation. Re-evaluation after implementation of an eight-step improvement plan showed marked improvements in both wound care delivery and documentation especially where care was delivered in patients' homes. Complex health care delivery can be improved through a focused QI approach.

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Leadership

Influence of financial and reputational incentives on primary care performance: A longitudinal study

Kontopantelis E.; British Journal of General Practice; Dec 2018; vol. 68 (no. 677)

In the short term, general practices were more sensitive to revenue than reputational rewards. In the long term, general practices appeared to divert their focus towards the reputational reward, once benchmarks of performance became established.

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Improving the quality of general practice services in the UK: Surveying the activities of GPs and practice managers (abstract & commentary)*.

Gosling, Jennifer et al; International Journal of Nursing Studies; Dec 2018; vol. 88 ; p. 121-122

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Skill Mix & Workforce Planning

The health care workforce in England: make or break?

King's Fund

15th November 2018

In advance of the publication of the NHS long-term plan, this briefing highlights the scale of workforce challenges now facing the health service and the threat this poses to the delivery and quality of care over the next 10 years.

Working with informal caregivers: advice for nurses.

Barber C. British Journal of Nursing 2018;27(19):1104-1105.

The article offers advice for nurses on cooperating with informal caregivers. Topics include the demographics of informal caregivers in Great Britain, the role of community nursing teams in supporting informal caregivers, and the work of community mental health and learning disability teams in helping informal caregivers. Advice for various hospital personnel is provided.

Clinical pharmacists in general practice: an initial evaluation of activity in one English primary care organisation.

Bush, Joseph et al; International Journal of Pharmacy Practice; Dec 2018; vol. 26 (no. 6); p. 501-506

Clinical pharmacists in general practice in Dudley CCG are able to deliver clinical interventions efficiently and in high volume. In doing so, clinical pharmacists were able to generate considerable financial returns on investment. Over 4 months clinical pharmacists saved 628 GP appointments plus an additional 647h of medication review and management of repeat prescribing.

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Preparing to improve access for young people's mental healthcare.

Crompton, Heidi; Hardy, Sheila Practice Nursing; Dec 2018; vol. 29 (no. 12); p. 600-605

The aim of this project was to prepare staff so that they could improve access to treatment for young people with mental health problems presenting in a general practice setting. A survey carried out 4 months after the training showed that staff thought they were more likely to ask a young person about their mental health and provide them with supportive materials.

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Telehealth

Launch of NICE evidence standards framework for digital health technologies

Digital Health London

10th December 2018

The standards will accelerate the uptake of products like healthcare apps and wearable devices across the NHS.

Using digital to empower children and young people to self-care in Speech and Language Therapy

Digital Health London

19th December 2018

Could digital therapeutics offer self-management tools to improve functioning and reduce the burden of the underlying impairment?

Evaluation of GP at Hand: Progress report

Ipsos Mori/York Health Economics Consortium

December 2018

NHS Hammersmith and Fulham CCG and NHS England are undertaking a programme of evaluative activities to understand the Babylon GP at Hand practice and its impact on a range of audiences. This evaluation consists of 5 key strands. This report provides details of the approach, and progress to date, for each strand.

Telemedicine programme can prolong life for heart failure patients

NIHR Signal

20th November 2018

A comprehensive programme of daily telemedicine monitoring and 24-hour access to a physician-led hotline can reduce the number of deaths and the time spent in hospital, among patients with heart failure.

Delivering the digital future.

Donaldson I. British Journal of Nursing 2018;27(19):1136-1136.

The article discusses the relation of digital technologies in British healthcare to patient safety. Topics include the impact of technological innovations on nurse-patient interactions, the impact of digital technologies in medical education and continuing professional development, and standards for nurses' digital and technological literacy from the government body Nursing and Midwifery Council.

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