

## Future-proofing General Practice – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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### Innovation

#### **Opportunities for primary care to reduce hospital admissions: a cross-sectional study of geographical variation.**

*Busby, John et al, The British Journal of General Practice: the journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners; Jan 2017; vol.67 (654): e20*

Reducing unplanned hospital admissions is a key priority within the UK. Substantial inter-practice variation in admission rates for ambulatory care sensitive conditions (ACSC) suggests that decreases might be possible.

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#### **[GPs' perspectives on prescribing for older people in primary care: a qualitative study.](#)**

*Riordan, David O et al, British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology; Jan 2017; doi: 10.1111/bcp.13233*

The study aimed firstly, to reveal the determinants of GP prescribing behaviour for older adults in primary care and secondly, to elicit GPs' views on the potential role for broad intervention strategies involving pharmacists and/or information technology systems in general practice.

#### **Revealed: Trusts in mix for millions in digital funding**

*5<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

*Source: HSJ*

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust is one of 14 Trusts vying for funding is to invest in technology, infrastructure, staff training and to create a “new generation” of chief clinical information officers, to speed up advances in digital technology.

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### Leadership

#### **[Safe, sustainable and productive staffing: An improvement resource for learning disability services](#)**

*6<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

*Source: National Quality Board*

Draft guidance to help standardise staffing decisions for learning disability services in community and inpatient settings, and to help commissioners and providers create, review and sustain safe and effective specialist services. Closing date for comments is 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

#### **[Swimming together or sinking alone: Health, care and the art of systems leadership](#)**

*6<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

*Source: Institute of Healthcare Management*

Report aims to help leaders understand the values, culture and skills they need to survive and thrive as the NHS tries to change from organisations working in silos to local health and care networks focused on the needs of patients.

## **[Delivering high value health care](#)**

19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Source: King's Fund

Speaker presentations and papers from a joint event held by the King's Fund together with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2017, with the theme of 'Delivering high-value health care' are now available online.

## **Skill Mix & Workforce Planning**

### **[Professional Appraisal and Revalidation: Ensuring a high-quality professional public health workforce](#)**

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Source: PHE

Guide to statutory systems in place to help local government employers ensure doctors they employ can maintain the high standards of professional practice needed to fulfil their role, and sets out the legal requirements for these doctors to practice, and support is available for concerned employers.

### **[Competencies for staff undertaking administrative roles within the NHS Diabetic Eye Screening Programme](#)**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Source: PHE

Guidance aims to help diabetic eye screening providers develop local frameworks to train and develop administrative staff. Local providers are advised to implement the competencies in this document and any additional competencies relevant to their local service.

### **[UK clinical academic training in medicine and dentistry: principles and obligations](#)**

13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Source: Medical Research Council

Sets out principles and obligations of all UK institutions and clinical trainees in receipt of nationally competitive funding for clinical academic research training.

### **[Taking revalidation forward: Sir Keith Pearson's review of medical revalidation](#)**

18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Source: GMC

Finds that revalidation has delivered benefits in terms of clinical governance and driving changes in doctors' practice. Highlights concerns around the added workload of revalidation and makes recommendations for better ways to support doctors who are undergoing the revalidation process.

### **[AHPs into Action: Using Allied Health Professionals to transform health, care and wellbeing](#)**

18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Source: NHS England

Vision of how the effectively use of AHPs could transform care, and aims to help carers and decision makers understand the transformative potential of AHPs within the health, social and wider care system, with examples and a framework to help local delivery plans.

## **Team dynamics, clinical work satisfaction, and patient care coordination between primary care providers: A mixed methods study.**

Song, Hummy et al., *Health Care Management Review*; Jan 2017; vol.42 (1):p28-41

The aim of this study was to examine relationships around team dynamics, primary care provider (PCP) clinical work satisfaction, and patient care coordination between PCPs in 18 Harvard-affiliated primary care practices participating in Harvard's Academic Innovations Collaborative.

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## **Telehealth**

### **Babylon as AI diagnostician that is '10 times more precise than a doctor'**

18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Source: *Telehealth & Telecare Aware*

The NHS announced at the top of this month that it would test Babylon Health's 'chatbot' app for the next six months with 1.2 million people in north London. During the call to the 111 medical hotline number, they will be prompted to try the app, which invites the user to text their symptoms.

### **DigiHealth UK: Enhancing the Patients Journey**

16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Source: *Open Forum Events*

This unique conference on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 in London, offers key information and knowledge to take advantage of new tools, technologies and platforms, exploring how to deliver substantial benefits to both patients and professionals alike.

### **Training interventions for improving telephone consultation skills in clinicians.**

Vaona A. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, January 5th 2017;(1):CD010034.

Telephone consultation skills are part of a wider set of remote consulting skills whose importance is growing as more and more medical care is delivered from a distance with the support of information technology.

### **Telemedicine and primary care obesity management in rural areas - innovative approach for older adults?**

Batsis, John A, et al, *BMC geriatrics*; Jan 2017; 17(1):6

The use of Telemedicine has successfully been implemented in other specialties and could be a useful modality in delivering much needed intensive behavioural therapy, particularly in distant, under-resourced environments.

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