Future-proofing General Practice – 30th September 2016

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

General

**A false economy: cuts to continuing professional development funding for nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions**

September 2016  
*Source: Council of Deans of Health*

Suggests the Department of Health should lead a discussion to address the disconnect between funding decisions and national strategic priorities.

Innovation

**HSJ Value in Healthcare Awards**

7th September 2016  
*Source: HSJ*

Entries for the HSJ Value in Healthcare Awards 2017 are now open.

**We're serious about innovation – now let's get serious about spread**

7th September 2016  
*Source: HSJ*

The Academic Health Science Network’s Atlas of Solutions in Healthcare launch brings together great ideas on tackling variation.

**Begin with culture; the rest will follow**

8th September 2016  
*Source: The King’s Fund*

Access diagnostic tools and supportive guidance from Phase 1 of the NHS Improvement culture and Leadership programme.

**Health and Care Innovation Expo 2016**

September 2016  
*Source: NHS England*

Health and Care Innovation Expo 2016 returned to Manchester Central on 7th and 8th September 2016. Follow @ExpoNHS to keep up to date with post-Expo discussion.

**Patient choice planning and improvement guide**

9th September 2016  
*Source: NHS Networks*

NHS England and NHS Improvement have co-developed a CCG choice planning and improvement guide for CCGs to assess how well patient choice is working in the services they commission.

**HSJ Solutions**

14th September 2016  
*Source: HSJ*

A unique database of all the shortlisted and winning entries from the last three years of the HSJ Awards, HSJ Value Awards, Patient Safety Awards, Nursing Times Awards and Local Government Chronicle Awards.

**Intelligent transparency: How to drive change in the NHS**

19th September 2016  
*Source: HSJ*

A system dedicated to continuous improvement and learning towards patient well-being and safety is the key to a sustainable NHS.
Emerging models of primary care
18th October 2016  Source: The King’s Fund
This event showcases advice from pioneer areas of the United Kingdom that are transforming primary care locally and regionally.

Bringing together innovation and clinical governance
21st September 2016  Source: HSJ
Easing pressure on hospital and GP services is central to the work of the New Care Models Programme, with the prevention of ill-health top of the list.

RCGP Annual Conference 2016
6-8th October  Source: RCGP
This year’s theme of Energising Primary Care will help to equip practices to face new challenges and make the most of emerging opportunities.

General practice development and new care models feature in latest Commissioning Excellence
23rd September 2016  Source: nhsnetworks
This issue of Commissioning Excellence looks at the aims of the GP Forward View and considers what PCC is doing to support the immediate and longer term development needs of practices.

Leadership

Demand Management Good Practice Guide
26th August 2016  Source: NHS England
Supports commissioners and providers to effectively manage demand for NHS services. It considers initiatives for CCGs to manage elective care services, to reduce unnecessary outpatient appointments, and is supplemented by case studies.

Large-scale general practice in England: What can we learn from the literature?
5th September 2016  Source: Nuffield Trust
Reports on literature review into examining evidence for collaborative ‘at scale’ models of care models which NHS England has signalled should form a core component of the Five Year Forward View.

New £816 million investment in health research
16th September 2016  Source: Gov.uk
Leading NHS clinicians and universities will benefit from new world class facilities and support services built by the 5-year funding package totalling £816 million. Research areas covered include mental health, dementia and antimicrobial resistance.

NHS England launches consultation on Managing Conflicts of Interest
20th September 2016  Source: HSJ
Proposes that NHS executives earning money from consultancy, advisory positions or honorariums should be expected to publicly declare them as interests.
Fiscal sustainability analytical paper: Fiscal sustainability and public spending on health
26th September 2016  Source: Office of Budget Responsibility
Reviews the latest evidence on the demographic and non-demographic determinants of health spending in the UK and its implications for long-term health spending projection.

First set of standardised products for NHS providers announced
27th September 2016  Source: HSJ
NHS Improvement has announced the first set of standardised products all NHS providers will have to use from next year. The products account for £100m of trusts’ annual expenditure: savings of up to 25 per cent could be unlocked if providers committed to the scheme.

Making difficult decisions: Commissioning healthcare in changing times
30th September 2016  Source: King’s Fund
Aims to support CCGs in making decisions on prioritisation of resources & service changes including factors that allow CCGs to retain the confidence of public, patients, local politicians and other key stakeholders when making changes.

Skill Mix & Workforce Planning

Understanding safe caseloads in the District Nursing service: A QNI Report
1st September 2016  Source: The King’s Fund
Identifies actions to improve and safeguard the future quality of services. Offers a thematic overview of issues to take into account, including skill mix, capacity, use of technology and housing.

Transformation of seven day clinical pharmacy services in acute hospitals
5th September 2016  Source: NHS England
Sets out vision for safer and more efficient hospital pharmacy services, with 13 key recommendations of how they can be strengthened to benefit patients.

The Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework (PHSKF)
12th September 2016  Source: PHE
Tool aims to enable public health workforce in continuing to develop skills and competences needed both in contemporary & future contexts. Accompanied by a user guide.

Crown Commercial Service offers free workshops to help Trusts manage workforce needs
16th September 2016  Source: Gov.uk
Free workshops to support Trusts to manage their workforce more effectively and reduce reliance on agency staff, including one in London on October 14th.

NHS Operational Planning and Contracting Guidance proposes extended GP Hours
22nd September 2016  Source: HSJ
Every CCG will receive £6 per patient to extend GP access from 2019, according to a new document explaining how operational planning and contracting processes will change to support Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) and the ‘financial reset’.
Safe sustainable and productive staffing: case studies
22nd September 2016  Source: NHS Improvement
Staffing and workforce case studies give examples of best practice from NHS providers and commissioners across a range of settings.

Telehealth

Using information technology to improve the NHS
7th September 2016  Source: Department of Health

Hunt names 12 'digital excellence' trusts in line for funding
7th September 2016  Source: HSJ
Jeremy Hunt due to name 12 trusts that will “deliver pioneering approaches to digital services” as he looks to “fast track” technology implementation in the NHS.

Not prioritising cash for tech laggards is 'right'
21st September 2016  Source: HSJ
Jeremy Hunt’s new policy to prioritise more digitally mature hospitals for central funding instead of less technologically developed trusts, has been backed by a senior figure at NHS Digital.

Analysis: Wachter response must not ignore the digitally challenged
21st September 2016  Source: HSJ
The Wachter review has rightly been praised for its bold statements on timetables and funding – and its pragmatism - but a robust plan is still needed for digitally-challenged and non-acute trusts.

A digital NHS? An introduction to the digital agenda and plans for implementation
22nd September 2016  Source: The King’s Fund
Following on from the Wachter review of health technology, The King’s Fund new briefing assesses the progress made and what needs to happen next.

Online test results support patient self-management and help free up GP time
2nd September 2016  Source: GP and Practice Team Bulletin (NHS England)
The Swan Practice in Buckingham carries out around 50 blood tests a day and encourages patients to sign up for online services so they can view their results without having to call or visit the practice.

DigiHealth UK: Transforming Healthcare Delivery
14th September 2016  Source: Open Forum Events
This conference on 20th October at the Manchester Conference Centre will offer insight into the plans for the NHS to become a world leader in the development and use of technology in healthcare.

The Inclusion of Ethnic Minority Patients and the Role of Language in Telehealth Trials for Type 2 Diabetes: A Systematic Review
Talia Isaacs, T et al J Med Internet Res 2016 (Sep 26); 18(9):e256
Trials designed to test the effectiveness of telehealth interventions may under-recruit or exclude ethnic minority patients.
Stevens renews support for wearable tech and data mining
8th September 2016 Source: digitalhealth.net
The chief executive of NHS England supports wearable technology, and wants to make sure that trusts are financially rewarded for using it.

Patient engagement: a digital divide in health technology accessibility
August 2016 Source: Telehealth and Telecare Aware
Many patient engagement tools are over-designed and over-complicated for users, even if they are fairly competent and frequently use online and mobile tools.

Cheshire shares records across 80 organisations
6th September 2016 Source: digitalhealth.net
Cheshire has gone live with a shared care record that covers acute, primary, council, community, mental health and cancer data across the region using Graphnet’s CareCentric.

The Effect of Smartphone Interventions on Patients With Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbations: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
Aims to summarize and quantify the association between smartphone interventions and COPD exacerbations through a comprehensive systematic review and meta-analysis.

Graphnet plugs wearables into care record
15th September 2016 Source: digitalhealth.net
A project to improve the care of patients with epilepsy has led to the launch of a Graphnet product that combines wearable technology, data analysis, and digital care records.

Designing digital services around users’ needs
19th September 2016 Source: The King’s Fund
This workshop on 6th October will focus on how the NHS and Social Care can use the principles of user-centred design to create digital services that transform people’s outcomes.

Over 300 practices sign up to new smartphone app to improve access
21st September 2016 Source: iplato
The myGP app, developed by health technology company iPLATO, is free to patients and allows them to securely book or cancel appointments on their smartphone.

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