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Informed Decision Making Bulletin
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Strategic Planning

Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2019 to 2020
Department of Health and social Care - 18 July 2019
This document sets out the Better Care Fund planning requirements, which support the core NHS operational planning and contracting guidance for 2019 to 2020. It also details the Better Care Fund operating guidance.

Public health advice and support arrangements into integrated care systems in England
Public Health England - July 2019
Local NHS organisations in England are increasingly focused on their contribution to population health outcomes through new integrated care systems (ICSs). ICSs provide a mechanism for local partners to lead the planning and commissioning of care for their populations, providing system leadership and accountability at scale across local authority and clinical commissioning group boundaries. Directors of public health and their teams are vital to the development, leadership and influencing of local population health plans and this note focuses specifically on their role in England.

Planning for a no-deal Brexit: information for the health and care sector
Department of Health and Social Care - 8 August, 2019
Guidance for industry and organisations involved in health and care about plans for a no-deal Brexit. Tells you what to do if there is a no-deal Brexit. It will be updated if anything changes, including if a deal is agreed. Sign up for email alerts to get the latest information.

Social workers and a new Mental Health Act: final report
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Work - 17 July 2019
In May 2019 the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Work and the British Association of Social Workers launched a new inquiry: Social Workers and a New Mental Health Act. The inquiry was established in response to the Independent Review of the Mental Health Act 1983, published in December 2018.

Service Quality and Service Improvement

NHS launches accredited suppliers for electronic patient records
NHS England - 5 August 2019
NHSX and NHS England have published a list of accredited suppliers of electronic patient record solutions, to give purchasers in the NHS more confidence in their route to digitisation. The framework was created to provide services that support the delivery of integrated care – including population health management – and the new EPR section will provide access to supplier systems able to meet the Global Digital Exemplars (GDE) standards. It will mean Trusts and other NHS entities can digitise more quickly.

How can we help you use Freedom to Speak Up (FTSU) guidance?
NHS Improvement - 14 August 2019
Webinars are being held for executive leads who need further clarification or assistance implementing the revised Freedom to Speak Up guidance for boards. To make these webinars as useful as possible, and to

inform how they can help FTSU leads, let them know which areas you'd like them to focus on. submit your requests by midnight Friday 6 September.

Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) update
NHS Improvement - 14 August 2019
Following the launch of the NHS Patient Safety Strategy, we have updated our timescales for the PSIRF — which we expect to replace the existing Serious Incident Framework by 2021.
The new framework will be published as introductory guidance this autumn, with a small number of NHS providers testing early implementation.

NHS Widening Digital Participation: improving healthcare outcomes through digital inclusion
Good Things Foundation Digital Health Lab - August 2019
The Good Things Foundation are working with NHS Digital to pilot 20 different ways to embed digital inclusion into healthcare. The aim of the programme is to design, test and iterate 20 different pathfinders over 12 months that, if successful, can be scaled across other areas of the country.

Corporate services productivity toolkit
NHS Improvement - 28 June, 2019
Summary: To help NHS providers implement their corporate services transformation and to enable the NHS to share best practice, NHS Improvement is developing a toolkit of 'how to' guides and templates. Available from: https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/corporate-services-productivity-toolkit/

Workshops, Conferences and Events

Homes and health: how housing and the NHS can work together
The King's Fund and Public Health England are co-hosting a conference to explore in depth ways in which health care and housing can come closer together.. You'll explore the role of social prescribing in tackling health inequalities for older people in critical need of preventive services. Date: 26 September 2019. Time: 9.00am-4.45pm. Venue: ETC. Venues, 11 Portland Street, Manchester, M1 3HU

Health Business Awards 2019
Recognising excellence in the provision of NHS services. The HBA is free of charge and open to all organisations within or in collaboration with the NHS. Please complete the form before: 25th October 2019. Entry form: http://www.hbawards.co.uk/entry-form Event Date: 1 December, 2019. Venue: Leonardo Royal hotel, St. Pauls, London (formerly Grange hotel).

The big population health conversation
This free-to-attend virtual conference focuses beyond health and social care to areas where there is untapped potential for local and national action to support healthier lives. We will explore how a wide range of organisations – across local government, the voluntary sector, the private sector and local communities – have it within their power to improve people's health. #kfonline
Date: 18 September 2019 Time: 9.00am-4.00pm Venue: Online event.

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