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Informed Decision Making Bulletin *September / October 2019*

Current awareness for health care decision makers

Strategic Planning

[Health infrastructure plan: a new, strategic approach to improving our hospitals and health infrastructure](#)

Department of Health and Social Care - 01 October, 2019

The health infrastructure plan (HIP) will deliver a long-term, rolling five-year programme of investment in health infrastructure, including capital to: build new hospitals; modernise the primary care estate; improve mental health facilities; invest in new diagnostics and technology; and help eradicate critical safety issues in the NHS estate.

[The NHS's recommendations to government and parliament for an NHS Bill](#)

NHS England - 26 September, 2019

The NHS long-term plan included suggested changes to the law to help implement the plan. In spring 2019, NHS staff, partner organisations and interested members of the public were invited to give their views on the proposals. This document sets out the NHS response to the views it received during engagement and sets out its recommendations to the government and parliament for an NHS Bill. This Bill could help deliver improved patient care by removing barriers and promoting collaboration between NHS organisations and their partners.

[Exiting the EU: supplying the health and social care sectors](#)

National Audit Office - 27 September, 2019

This report reviews the Department of Health and Social Care's (DHSC's) preparations to make sure the UK has a steady flow of supplies for the health and social care sector when it leaves the EU. It finds that of the 12,300 medicines used in the UK, DHSC estimates that around 7,000 come from or via the EU. The report examines the progress made, working with other government departments, NHS and social care providers, and with private sector suppliers in implementing the Continuity of Supply Programme.

Service Quality and Service Improvement

[Providers deliver: better care for patients](#)

NHS Providers - October 2019

This report considers both the leadership approaches and frontline initiatives that underpin improvements in quality. Through 11 case study conversations, it considers some of the frontline work that has contributed to Trusts' improvements in Care Quality Commission ratings.

[Standing up for patient and public safety](#)

Royal college of Nursing - 8 October, 2019

This report describes the lack of clear roles, responsibilities and accountability for workforce planning and supply in England. In reality, this means that the health and care workforce is not growing in line with the increasing population need for health and care services, and there are large numbers of vacant posts throughout the system which impacts upon patient safety and outcomes and leads to a challenging working environment for staff. The RCN makes the case for legislation to resolve this, alongside additional investment in the nursing workforce and a national health and care workforce strategy for England.



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[The state of the NHS provider sector: October 2019](#)

NHS Providers - 8 October, 2019

The findings contained in the report detail the growing pressures and difficulties Trusts face, despite welcomed funding pledges from government and a new long term plan for the NHS. The warning follows a survey showing that the overwhelming majority (91 per cent) of Trust leaders do not feel there has been enough public debate about the challenges and opportunities facing the NHS and its long-term future.

[The state of the adult social care sector and workforce in England](#)

Skills for Care – October, 2019

This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the adult social care workforce in England and the characteristics of the 1.49 million people working in it. Topics covered include: employment information, recruitment and retention, demographics, pay, qualification rates and future workforce forecasts.

[A new approach to complex needs. Primary Care Psychological Medicine: first year evaluation](#)

Centre for mental health - 27 September, 2019

The Primary Care Psychological Medicine service offers psychological interventions to people who have high levels of unexplained or persistent physical symptoms of illness. This report finds that the service has reduced the use of GP, outpatient and emergency department services in one year by more than its own staff costs. The report concludes that primary care networks could benefit from setting up similar services in local areas across the country so that fewer people miss out on the support they need close to home.

[Developing allied health professional leaders : an interactive guide for clinicians and trust boards](#)

NHS Improvement - 8 October, 2019

This interactive guide describes the common features of the AHP leadership journey, by combining insights and evidence from trust chief executives and chief AHPs. Its primary audience is aspiring AHP leaders and those with responsibility for developing the AHP workforce. It will also interest trust boards, commissioners and other system leaders, keen to recognise the AHPs' potential for leading and delivery transformation across the health and care infrastructure.

[Using online consultations in primary care: implementation toolkit](#)

NHS England – 8 October, 2019

This online consultation toolkit is an interactive document that provides a range of ideas and options for different professionals, including clinicians, at different points in their implementation journey.

Workshops, Conferences and Events

[Cascading Leadership: supporting peer-to-peer leadership development in the voluntary and community sector](#)

Cascading Leadership is a free peer-to-peer leadership development programme for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations working in health and wellbeing.

Date: March 2020 Venue: The King's Fund, London, W1G 0AN. Register by emailing:

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