

NHS news

NHS England announces nearly 300 GP premises upgrades across England

NHS England chief executive Simon Stevens has [announced](#) the GP practices and schemes who will benefit from NHS England's Estates and Technology Transformation Fund. The fund is a multi-million pound investment boost in GP premises and technology, to improve and expand out of hospital care for patients, a key commitment set out in the General Practice Forward View.

Six maternity pilot sites to shape midwifery supervision and help improve maternity

NHS England has [announced](#) six maternity pilot sites to drive the design of new approaches to midwifery supervision, helping to improve quality of care for women and their babies. The sites will pioneer a new model of midwifery supervision ahead of legislative changes due in spring 2017. The aim is to support midwives across all aspects of their role leading to improvements in maternity experiences and the quality of care. The pilot sites include Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust and Whittington Health NHS Trust.

New online

British Heart Foundation	Blood pressure: how can we do better?
Department of Health	Work, health and disability green paper: improving lives (consultation)
Department of Health	Listening to people with dementia and their carers
Health Service Journal	Major deal brings "Amazon-style" procurement to nearly 100 trusts
Health Service Journal	Seven councils reject STP submissions
Healthy London Partnership	A new way to tackle London's obesity crisis and new primary care cancer checklist published
NHS Improvement	National tariff payment system 2017/19: payment notice
NICE	New guidance – The physical health of people in prison
Public Health England	Innovative HIV prevention projects awarded £600,000

New guidance and publications

Health Select Committee – [Winter pressure in accident and emergency departments](#)

This report calls on the Government to make sure that sufficient funding is available to support the infrastructure investment required to ensure that type 1 emergency departments are fit for purpose, and to review the real terms cuts to NHS capital budgets in the Spending Review. [Nuffield Trust response](#). [Health Foundation response](#).

Local Government Association – [Adult social care funding: 2016 state of the nation report](#)

This report outlines how adult social care is a vital public service that supports some of our most vulnerable people and how it promotes wellbeing and independence, it states that for too long the service is seen by decision-makers as an addition to the NHS, rather than a service of equal importance, and that it is imperative that the adequacy, affordability and quality of adult social care is treated as an essential measure in shaping the vision of "building a country that works for everyone". [King's Fund response](#).

MIND – [Better equipped, better care. Improving mental health training for GPs and practice nurses](#)

This report focusses on the training needs of GPs and practice nurses in a GP practice setting and the support they receive for their own mental health. [Response to this](#) by NHS Clinical Commissioners.

National Audit Office – [Recovering the cost of NHS treatment for overseas patients](#)

The National Audit Office has found that progress has been made in recovering the cost of treating overseas visitors who are not entitled to free hospital treatment but, if current trends continue and the charging rules remain the same, the government's ambition of recovering up to £500 million a year by 2017-18 will not be achieved.

Policy research unit in commissioning and the healthcare system – [Alliance contracting, prime contracting and outcome-based contracting: What can the NHS learn from elsewhere?](#)

This report looks at the results of a review into the impacts of new contracting models. It considers how these have been implemented elsewhere and what lessons the NHS can learn from this.

PricewaterhouseCoopers – [Redrawing the health and social care architecture: exploring the role of national bodies in enabling and supporting the delivery of health and care services](#)

This research finds that 70 per cent of NHS staff do not understand the role of the national bodies in the healthcare system. It calls for the government to clarify the roles of these bodies and move to a more devolved system where local areas are given more accountability and responsibility. It also suggests that local areas should be given the power to raise funds for their regional health service.

Blogs and opinion pieces

BMJ Open	“Worried well” may be boosting their risk of heart disease
Health Service Journal	Never events are just the tip of the iceberg
King’s Fund	Co-production – an inconvenient truth – Jane McGrath (NWL collaborative)
Kings Fund	What if NHS leaders were more representative of their patients?
NHS Confederation	What do patients really want? – Anya de Longh
NHS Confederation	The workforce is key to transformational change – Danny Mortimer and Izzy Seccombe
NHS England	How blurring the lines between health and social care can benefit local communities – Iain MacBeath

Data and datasets

Health Service Journal	Mapped: The NHS Trusts merging, forming chains or building alliances
NHS Digital	National Child Measurement Programme shows increased obesity prevalence in primary schools
NHS Digital	A common vocabulary for patient records to reduce GP burden and improve patient care
NHS England	Dental commissioning statistics – September 2016
NHS England	Dementia assessment and referral data collection – August 2016
Public Health England	Heath Profiles – November 2016 data update
Public Health England	Public Health Outcomes Framework – November 2016 data update