

Health and social care management and policy update – October 2018

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News and blogs



NHS Providers: Long term plan must allow the NHS to return to sustainable success

In his opening speech for this year's NHS Providers conference, Chris Hopson argues that the forthcoming long term plan must be a 'reset' moment for NHS performance and finances.

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NHSI: Integrated acute and community trusts are more efficient

In May, the NHS's productivity tsar Lord Carter told HSJ integrated acute and community trusts are more efficient than stand-alone organisations. Health chiefs in Somerset will be among the first to test this theory as Taunton and Somerset Foundation Trust (acute) and Somerset Partnership FT (community and mental health) target a merger by September 2019.

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Kings Fund: Using technology to build a partnership of trust with patients

In this blog, Chris Ham explores how technology can enable positive clinician-patient relationships and support patients to take an active role in their health and wellbeing.

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NHS Improvement and NHS England face 20 per cent budget cuts

The meeting-in-common for the boards of NHS Improvement and NHS England last Thursday might have been most notable for the news that the combined entities were looking to slash their operating costs by a fifth. Some of the more outspoken foundation trust chief executives have called for the central bodies to be slimmed down as the provider trusts face increasing strain. The two organisations have a combined budget of roughly £680m.

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Carter sets out £500m emergency care efficiency opportunity

The NHS could deliver around £500m of annual savings by squeezing out unwarranted variation in ambulance performance, operations and procurement, a major review published today concluded.

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Kings Fund: Harnessing the winds of change— early learning on integrated care systems

How important is the local context in the development of integrated care systems? Nicola Walsh considers the actions that can be taken at a local and national level to create favourable conditions for collaborative working.

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Consultations



Open consultation: directions for integrated care providers (ICPs)

This consultation is aimed at GPs and others involved in the provision of primary medical services. It sets out the draft directions for those providing primary care as part of an ICP

and asks if the draft provisions for a new ICP contract are effective and sufficient, and whether there are any other impacts the government should be aware of. The closing date for comments is 7 December 2018.

[Consultation](#)

Reports and guidance



CQC: The state of health care and adult social care in England: 2017/18

This report looks at the trends, shares examples of good and outstanding care, and highlights where care needs to improve. Ratings show that quality overall has been largely maintained from last year, and in some cases improved, despite the continuing challenges providers face. However, it found that it was harder for people to access services in the community in places where services failed to work well together, putting extra pressure on acute and mental health services. The report also considers the factors that affect the sustainability of good care for people.

[Full report](#)

National Audit Office: Improving children and young people's mental health services

This report examines whether the government is on track to meet its ambitions for children and young people's services. It focuses on how the government decided to implement the policies set out in *Future in Mind*; whether it is on track to deliver improved mental health services to young people; and accountability for spending and outcomes.

[Full report](#)

Kings Fund: Improving people's health: applying behavioural and social sciences to improve population health and wellbeing in England

Academics, public health professionals, and representatives from funders and learned bodies have collaborated to produce this strategy, which will better enable the broad public health system to use behavioural and social sciences to more effectively reduce inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of the population.

[Full report](#)

Age UK: All the lonely people

This report presents new evidence about what Age UK knows about loneliness among people aged 50 and over, what increases the chances of people experiencing loneliness and how best to help those older people who are persistently lonely. The focus throughout is on the need for approaches to reducing loneliness to be tailored to the circumstances of the individual.

[Full report](#)

The state of the adult social care sector and workforce in England, 2018

This report provides information about the adult social care sector including its size and shape, employment information, recruitment and retention issues, workforce demographics, pay, qualification rates and future workforce forecasts. Among the findings is that 110,000 jobs in adult care in England are left vacant, a rise of 22,000 in a year.

[Full report](#)

WHO: European health report 2018

This report provides a snapshot of health in the WHO European region and progress towards health and wellbeing for all. It also shows trends in and progress towards the goals of Health 2020, the European health policy, and reveals some gaps in progress, inequalities and areas of concern and uncertainty, where action must be taken.

[Full report](#)

Perspectives

UNISON: We can't go on like this: why public service support staff need an alternative to austerity

This report, undertaken by the Smith Institute, is based on an online survey of 1,000 support staff who are UNISON members working in public services across the UK, and analysis of ONS jobs data. With the number of people employed in the public sector now at the lowest proportion of those in paid work since comparable records began, it finds that those who are left find themselves overworked, undervalued and deeply concerned about the impact that worsening working conditions are having on service quality and service delivery.

[Full report](#)

Events

Kings Fund: Digital health and care congress 2019

The Kings Fund Digital health and care congress is returning in 2019. General booking for the event has open and if you book before 22 October you could benefit from early bird rates.

[Book here](#)

Managing digital change in health and care -22 November, 2018

Discover how large-scale digital change can be successfully implemented within organisations and learn from other organisations that have done it well.

[Book here](#)

The Montefiore Health System in New York: key factors for high performance and learning for the NHS – 26 November, 2018

The Montefiore Health System in New York is a successful model for health care delivery and has improved service delivery and outcomes for its population in many areas that are also currently challenging for the NHS. At this event, experts from Montefiore will be in London to share their insights into integrating services, improving quality and addressing the social determinants of health.

[Book here](#)

Outstanding social care: exploring good practice – 4 December, 2018

This event brings together professionals, commissioners, researchers, carers, service users and policy-makers to explore examples of best practice that are innovative and original, and deliver outstanding quality of care.

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Newsletters

- [Community Pharmacy News: September 2018](#)
- [NHS Improvement provider bulletin: 10 October 2018](#)

Statistics and data

- [Cover of vaccination evaluated rapidly \(COVER\) programme 2018 to 2019: quarterly data](#)
- [National cancer patient experience survey: NHS trust and CCG data](#)
- [Department of Health and Social Care departmental spending over £25,000: 2018](#)
- [Department of Health and Social Care departmental spending over £500: 2018](#)

- [Personal social services adult social care survey, England: 2017-18](#)
- [NHS key statistics: England, October 2018](#)[Estimates of the very old, including centenarians, UK: 2002 to 2017](#)
- [National life tables, UK: 2015 to 2017](#)[Hospital admitted patient care activity: 2017/18](#)
- [Learning disability services monthly statistics: provisional statistics \(Assuring transformation: August 2018; Mental Health Statistics Data Set: June 2018, final\)](#)
- [Investment in general practice: 2013/14 to 2017/18, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland](#)
- [CCG outcomes indicator set: September 2018](#)
- [Summary hospital-level mortality indicator - deaths associated with hospitalisation: England, April 2017-March 2018](#)
- [Direct access audiology waiting times: July 2018](#)
- [Diagnostic imaging dataset: May 2018](#)
- [Medical Defence Union research: GPs can expect to be sued once every ten years](#)[Female genital mutilation: April 2018–June 2018, experimental statistics report](#)
- [Maternity services monthly statistics: June 2018, experimental statistics](#)
- [Sexual and reproductive health services, England: 2017/18](#)
- [NHS staff earnings estimates to June 2018: provisional statistics](#)
- [NHS sickness absence rates: May 2018, provisional statistics](#)
- [NHS workforce statistics: June 2018, including supplementary analysis on pay by ethnicity](#)
- [National data opt-out: September 2018](#)
- [Compendium: mortality from acute myocardial infarction or ischaemic heart disease other than acute myocardial infarction](#)
- [The NHS in numbers: what the service does in one day](#)
- [Cancer outcomes: emergency presentation by CCG: October 2018](#)
- [NICE technology appraisals in the NHS in England \(innovation scorecard\): to March 2018](#)
- [Mental health services monthly statistics – final July, provisional: August 2018](#)
- [Community services statistics for children, young people and adults: June 2018](#)
- [Out of area placements in mental health services: July 2018](#)
- [Hospital outpatient activity: 2017–18](#)
- [Provisional monthly Hospital Episode Statistics for admitted patient care, outpatient and accident and emergency data: April–August 2018](#)
- [Provisional accident and emergency quality indicators for England: August 2018, by provider](#)
- [National Child Measurement Programme, England: 2017/18 school year](#)
- [Psychological therapies: reports on the use of IAPT services, England: July 2018 final, including reports on the IAPT pilots](#)
- [NHS 111 minimum data set: September 2018 data](#)
- [Mixed-sex accommodation breaches: August 2018](#)
- [Diagnostics waiting times and activity: August 2018](#)
- [Ambulance quality indicators: clinical outcomes: May 2018 data](#)