

Health and social care management and policy update – September 2018

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News and blogs



Appointment of the Chair of NHS England

Lord David Prior of Brampton is the government's preferred candidate for the position of Chair of NHS England. This report outlines the results of a hearing that addressed Lord Prior's background in the health and social care sector and, as a minister, his commitment to patient care and his views on the challenges facing NHS England and its board.

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NHS Confederation: Extra funding welcome to avoid intolerable strain of last winter, says NHS Confederation

Responding to the Government's announcement of funding for emergency care ahead of winter, Niall Dickson, chief executive of the NHS Confederation, provides his view.

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Matthew Winn, Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust – A single, unified voice for community services

In a new blog from Matthew Winn, he calls for a new Community Network. [More](#)

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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Kings Fund: Shaping the future of general practice

NHS England and general practice must collaborate to deliver new ways of working. In this new blog, Beccy Baird considers how this relationship needs to develop if innovative working is really going to succeed.

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Consultations



Social care funding in England: call for evidence

This inquiry will focus on the funding challenges faced by the social care system in England. The Committee is seeking to assess the effectiveness of different funding models, the shortfalls in delivery and to make recommendations on how future social care demands can be met in England. The deadline for submissions is 9 October 2018.

[Call for evidence](#)

Consultation on contracting arrangements for Integrated Care Providers (ICPs)

NHS England has launched a 12 week consultation on the contracting arrangements for Integrated Care Providers (ICPs).

The consultation provides more detail about how the proposed ICP Contract would underpin integration between services, how it differs from existing NHS contracts, and how ICPs fit

into the broader commissioning system. There is widespread support for ending the fragmented way that care has been provided to improve services for patients and the NHS has been working towards this in a number of ways. The consultation period runs from 3 August to 26 October 2018. [More](#)

A response is currently being developed by Peter Howitt, Director for System Redesign, BLMK ICS. To discuss contact Peter – peter.howitt1@nhs.net

Reports and guidance

A year of integrated care systems: reviewing the journey so far

Integrated care systems (ICSs) represent a fundamental and far reaching change in how the NHS works across different services and with external partners. This report is based on interviews with eight of the ‘first wave’ ICs to understand how they are developing and to identify lessons for local systems and national policy-makers.

[Full report](#)

Performance of the NHS provider sector for the quarter ended 30 June 2018

This report finds that the start of the financial year saw frontline staff cope with record A&E attendances, high bed occupancy levels and improved discharge rates. The sector ended the quarter £814 million in deficit – £22 million better than planned at the beginning of the year but £78 million worse than the same quarter last year.

[Full report](#)

PHE: Local action on health inequalities: understanding and reducing ethnic inequalities in health

This guidance aims to support local and national action on ethnic inequalities in health. It provides: a summary of information and data by ethnic group in England; examples of practical approaches to address ethnic inequalities in health; case studies of local action to address ethnic health inequalities.

[Full report](#)

GP Forward View: assessment of progress: year 2

This second annual assessment of the GP Forward View highlights areas where the five-year plan is falling short, particularly in the efforts to boost the GP workforce by 5,000 by 2020. Since the plan was launched in April 2016, the GP workforce has actually fallen by more than 1,000 full-time equivalent GPs, according to official figures, meaning that more than 6,000 are now needed to meet the government's target. While the promised funding of £2.4 billion extra a year by 2020 is on track to be delivered, this report states that GPs are just not feeling the impact of this extra investment on the front line of patient care.

[More information](#)

Perspectives

Kings Fund: The NHS 10-year plan: how should the extra funding be spent?

The government has announced increases in NHS funding over five years, beginning in 2019/20, and has asked the NHS to come up with a 10-year plan for how this funding will be used. After eight years of austerity, growing financial and service pressures within the NHS and the damaging and distracting changes brought about by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, there is now an opportunity to tackle the issues that matter most to patients and communities and to improve health and care.

[Long read](#)

NHS Providers: Provider Voices, Integrated Care

Creating a truly integrated health and care system is a key strategic objective for the NHS. NHS Providers latest Provider Voices report is devoted to exploring the challenges and opportunities presented by local sustainability and transformation partnerships and integrated care systems.

[Full report](#)

LGA: 'The lives we want to lead' – the LGA green paper for adult social care

Years of significant underfunding of councils, coupled with rising demand and costs for care and support, have combined to push adult social care services to breaking point. The Government's recent decision to delay its long-awaited green paper on the issue until the autumn has prompted local government to take action and publish its own green paper and public consultation.

The consultation seeks the views of people and organisations from across society on how best to pay for care and support for adults of all ages and their unpaid carers, as well as how to shift the overall emphasis of our care and health system to focus more on preventative, community-based personalised care, which helps maximise people's health, wellbeing and independence and alleviates pressure on the NHS.

[Full report](#)

Statistics and data



- [Hospital A&E activity: 2017–18](#)
- [Out of area placements in mental health services: June 2018](#)
- [Reports on the use of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies services, England: June 2018](#)
- [Provisional monthly hospital episode statistics for admitted patient care, outpatient and A&E data: April 2018 – July 2018](#)
- [Provisional A&E quality indicators for England: July 2018](#)
- [Mental health services monthly statistics: final June, provisional July 2018](#)
- [Community services statistics for children, young people and adults: May 2018](#)
- [Recorded dementia diagnoses: August 2018](#)
- [Patients registered at a GP practice: September 2018](#)
- [Monthly provider cancer waiting times: July 2018](#)
- [Monthly commissioner cancer waiting times: July 2018](#)
- [Consultant-led referral to treatment waiting times data: July 2018](#)
- [NHS 111 minimum dataset: August 2018](#)
- [Monthly hospital activity data: July 2018](#)
- [Monthly A&E activity data: August 2018](#)
- [Mixed-sex accommodation breaches: July 2018](#)
- [Early intervention in psychosis waiting times: July 2018](#)
- [Monthly diagnostic waiting times and activity data: July 2018](#)
- [Delayed transfers of care data: July 2018](#)
- [Critical care bed capacity and urgent operations cancelled: July 2018](#)
- [Ambulance quality and systems indicators: April and August 2018](#)