

Health and social care management and policy update – December 2018

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News and blogs



HSJ: Council quits leading ICS due to 'lack of democratic oversight'

A major council has pulled out of a leading integrated care system because of a lack of “democratic oversight”. Nottingham City Council has suspended its involvement in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS for six months due to concerns over the project’s transparency.

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Local Government Chronicle: Finance settlement delayed by Brexit vote

The publication of the local government finance settlement, due to take place 6 December, has been delayed until after MPs have held a meaningful vote on Brexit next week.

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Shedding light on service design involving patients and the public

In this guest blog, Rich Stockley, Head of Research and Engagement at Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership, explains how good patient and public involvement requires a robust and well-designed research process and not just hoping for the elusive ‘lightbulb moment’.

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Kings Fund: Prevention is better than cure – and actions speak louder...

The vision for prevention presented by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, is welcome. But how and when will words become deeds? Dave Buck makes his assessment in this new blog.

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Reports and guidance



Local Government Association: Shifting the centre of gravity: making place-based, person-centred health and care a reality

The examples in this report aim to show what can be achieved by system leaders and staff from local government, the NHS, the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, and service user and carer groups working together to improve health and deliver person-centred care.

[Full report](#)

Sir Ron Kerr review: empowering NHS leaders to lead

This review was led by Sir Ron Kerr and explores three challenges faced by executive leaders across the NHS:

- expectations and support available for leaders
- alignment of performance expectations at the organisational and system level
- level of administrative burden placed upon executive leaders

The review makes a number of recommendations to address these challenges.

[Full report](#)

Modernising the Mental Health Act – final report from the independent review

The Independent Review of the Mental Health Act 1983 has set out recommendations for government on how the Act and associated practice needs to change.

[Full report](#)

Kings Fund: A vision for population health: towards a healthier future

We need to move away from a system just focused on diagnosing and treating illness towards one based on promoting wellbeing and preventing ill health. Our report sets out a new vision for population health.

[Full report](#)

Children's Commissioner for England: Children's mental health briefing

This briefing finds that child and adolescent mental health services are improving in most areas in the country, yet with the exception of eating disorder services, the provision of services in the youth justice system and in perinatal mental health care, the rate of progress is slow. A vast gap remains between what is provided and what children need. As a result, the current rate of progress is still not good enough for the majority of children who require help but are not receiving it.

[Briefing](#)

Policy Research Unit in Commissioning and the Healthcare System (PRUComm): Investigating recent developments in the commissioning system: final report

There is now a more complex local landscape of organisations all of which need to be involved in the planning of local services; and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) need to be able to find ways to engage with them effectively. This project investigated the initial stages of this process, looking at how CCG decision-making processes are changing; the role of the individual CCG in the current commissioning landscape; how accountability is maintained by CCGs in the current commissioning landscape; how competition and the current pricing regime is relevant to CCGs' commissioning decisions; and how commissioning should develop in the future?

[Full report](#)

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services: Policing and mental health: picking up the pieces

This report finds that police officers are increasingly being used as the default service for responding to people with mental health problems. It finds that, whilst the police service is doing a good job in difficult circumstances, there are concerns over whether the police should be involved in responding to mental health problems at the current level. The report emphasises that there needs to be a radical rethink and a longer-term solution to what has become a national crisis.

[Full report](#)

National Statistics: Health Survey for England 2017: summary of key findings

The Health Survey for England (HSE) monitors trends in the nation's health and care. It provides information about adults aged 16 and over, and children aged 0 to 15, living in private households in England. The survey is used to monitor overweight and obesity and to estimate the proportion of people in England who have certain health conditions and the prevalence of risk factors and health related behaviours, such as smoking and drinking alcohol.

[Full report](#)

Perspectives



Kings Fund: Shared responsibility for health: the cultural change we need

The relationship between the public and the NHS, and between patients and staff, needs to be transformed. This long read explores what needs to be done to bridge this gap, drawing

on examples of work currently under way and moving beyond innovative projects to system-wide transformation.

[Long read](#)

Events



Meeting the changing needs of people living with cancer – 6 March, 2019

More people are living for longer following a cancer diagnosis. While for some cancers survival rates are still low, the number of people living with cancer as a long-term condition or surviving for more than 10 years is increasing. This brings new challenges in ensuring that people get the support and care they need.

So, how can place-based approaches support people throughout their cancer journey?

This one day event, run in partnership with Macmillan, will explore this in detail.

[Book here](#)

Digital health and care congress 2019 – 22-23 May, 2019

This annual event brings together leading NHS and social care professionals who are all interested in how data and technology can improve the health and wellbeing of patients and the quality and efficiency of services.

[Book here](#)

Newsletters



- [LGA online magazine: 5 December](#)
- [Behind the headlines – a guide to the science that makes the news](#)

Statistics and data



- [Mental health of children and young people in England: 2017](#)
- [Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in primary school age children: provisional monthly data for 1 September 2018 to 31 October 2018](#)
- [Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in health care workers 2017 to 2018: provisional monthly data for 1 September 2018 to 31 October 2018](#)
- [Summary Hospital-level Mortality Indicator \(SHMI\) - deaths associated with hospitalisation, England: July 2017–June 2018](#)
- [NHS sickness absence rates: July 2018, provisional statistics](#)
- [General and personal medical services, England: final 30 June and provisional 30 September 2018, experimental statistics](#)
- [Nearly 7,000 children and young adults with Type 2 diabetes: Diabetes UK](#)
- [Less than a third of doctors involved in winter planning, new Royal College of Physician poll finds](#)
- [Figures show rise in EU nationals exiting public sector after Brexit vote](#)
- [Quarterly hospital activity: Q2 2018/19](#)
- [Excess winter mortality in England and Wales: 2017 to 2018 \(provisional\) and 2016 to 2017 \(final\)](#)
- [Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in GP patients: monthly data, 2018 to 2019](#)
- [Mental health bulletin: 2017–18 annual report](#)
- [Prescribing costs in hospitals and the community, England: 2017–18](#)
- [Statistics on drug misuse, England: 2018 \(November update\)](#)

- [Maternity services monthly statistics: August 2018](#)
- [Pulse survey: GPs and winter pressures](#)
- [RCGP survey of 1,094 GPs in England](#)
- [Cancer services profiles: 2018 annual update](#)
- [National general practice profiles: 2018 annual update](#)
- [Young people profiles: 2018 update](#)

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