



Integrated Care Bulletin



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Our fortnightly round-up of all the latest news and events on integrating health and care across the country, including examples of best practice from NHS, local government and voluntary sector partnerships.

NEWS

Department for Health and Social Care publishes a consultation on the Provider Selection Regime

The proposed regime will replace the existing procurement rules for healthcare services in England and is proposed as part of the Health and Care Bill. Respondents can feed in views on the Provider Selection Regime and how it should be implemented.

The consultation will run for five weeks from 21 February to 28 March 2022. [Details of the consultation can be found here.](#)

DHSC will also be hosting webinars for the consultation, you can [sign up here.](#)

NHS Race and Health Observatory | Ethnic inequalities in healthcare: a rapid evidence review

[This review](#) into ethnic inequalities in healthcare has revealed vast inequalities across a range of health services. Some of the largest inequalities were found for mental health care, where treatment for Black groups was particularly poor, and found there was a lack of research into the care of ethnic minority newborn babies.

Focus group participants needed to help develop leadership resources for ICSs

The Innovation Agency are developing two new self-assessment resources to support Clinical and Care Professional Leadership Frameworks and the overall cultural development of Integrated Care Systems as they form and evolve into the future. To ensure the resources are fit for purpose, the agency is holding several focus groups and sharing an online questionnaire throughout March. Please get involved by:

- [attending a one-hour online focus group](#), guided by an expert facilitator, at a time that best suits you, or
- responding to this [online questionnaire](#).

Full details are available through the [Innovation Agency](#), which is partnering with NHS England and NHS Improvement to develop these resources.

Public health grants to local authorities

This circular sets out the allocations of the ringfenced local government public health grant for 2022 to 2023.

[Read more.](#)

Take part in PRSB's shared decision-making survey

The Professional Record Standards Body (PRSB) has published a [survey](#) to gain feedback from professionals and people on its draft shared decision making information standard. The information standard will support the process of shared decision making by capturing the discussion between person and clinician and making this information digitally shareable between different care settings, supporting safer, personalised care. The survey closes on 18 March 2022.

SCIE Update | Reducing inequalities in care for people with learning disabilities

Social Care Institute for Excellence's (SCIE) 'Reducing inequalities in care for people with learning disabilities' project is now fully funded and started to address the inequalities that contributed to people with learning disabilities being six times more likely to die from COVID-19. [Read the full update here.](#)

Health Education England | Psychological Professions Workforce Plan

[The plan](#) sets out how to achieve NHS Long Term Plan's ambitions to grow the workforce by 60% by 2024. It highlights the role of the national NHS bodies, Integrated Care Systems, employers, and higher education institutes in working together to support this direction.

RESOURCES

RESOURCE | Major Service Change: An Interactive Handbook

NHS England and NHS Improvement's new guide, Major Service Change: An Interactive Handbook provides information and support to those undertaking service change. You will find a detailed explanation of the core components of service change, links to supporting resources, case studies, key documents, and other materials. The document is for all those working on service change, whether they are at the start of their journey, looking for detailed support on development, or want to see examples of good practice elsewhere.

The handbook can be found [here](#) on their Future NHS System and Service Reconfiguration workspace. To hear more about the System Partnerships team and their wider work, a webinar will be held on 26 April 2022 at 2-3pm via MS Teams. Register [here](#).

GUIDANCE | Updated NHS Digital ICS implementation guidance and documentation

Information and guidance on NHS Digital's work to support the implementation of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) have been updated on the [NHS Digital website](#).

Changes include updates to reflect the new ICS implementation target date of 1 July 2022 and the publication of a revised [ODS Change Summary](#) which contains some code and geography corrections and an additional tab detailing the GP practices impacted by boundary changes.

Additional guidance relating to Spine Demographics Reporting Service (SDRS) has also been added to the [reconfiguration checklist](#). Please ensure you are working from the latest versions.

BRIEFING | Health and Care Bill: House of Lords Report stage

The Health and Care Bill ([House of Lords Bill 2021–22](#)) introduces new measures to promote and enable collaboration in health and care, building on earlier recommendations made by NHS England and NHS Improvement in 2019. The Bill also contains new powers for the Secretary of State to intervene in the health and care system, and targeted changes to public health, social care, and the oversight of quality and safety. [Read the full briefing by The King's Fund here.](#)

REPORT | Governing the health and care system in England: creating the conditions for success

[This report](#) by NHS Confederation recommends changes for ICSs to outcomes for patients and the public, and outlines rules to guide those leading the reform programme.

BRIEFING | Levelling up the UK: what you need to know

[This latest briefing](#) by NHS Confederation provides an overview and analysis of the Levelling up White Paper and analyses what it means for the health and care sector.

REVIEW | Social care reform: independent report by Baroness Cavendish

[This internal review](#), commissioned by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in June 2020, makes recommendations for social care reform and integration with health in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP | Getting digital right in integrated care

This article from the Society for Innovation Technology and Modernisation looks at how ICS's can achieve digital transformation during the move to integrated care. It focusses on key challenges such as working towards digital maturity at place-level, up-skilling all stakeholders to make the most of digital and more. [Read the full article here.](#)

BLOGS

BLOG | Be bold with the ask: embedding the VCSE in system planning and design

Partnership working between the voluntary sector, local government and the NHS is crucial to improving care for people and communities. Gary Sainty, VCSE Programme Director for Humber Coast and Vale ICS [comments on the role of VCSEs in developing integrated care systems and services.](#)

BLOG | The Covid-19 vaccine rollout shows the opportunities of place-based partnerships

Nicholas Timmins [summarises the findings](#) of The King's Fund latest report on what the vaccine rollout in England has achieved and what learnings can be used in the future.

BLOG | Seven key actions for leaders in the NHS workforce crisis

This workforce crisis presents an enduring and enormous leadership challenge in health and care, made even more difficult by the huge demands of dealing with a pandemic. What can be done to help address the health and care workforce crisis? Suzie Bailey and Michael West [outline seven key actions leaders can take.](#)

CASE STUDIES

CASE STUDY | Forty high-risk people with COPD given help to address wider determinants through PHM



Forty people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) were given help from a health and wellbeing coach or social prescriber to improve control over their condition by pinpointing two issues which 'mattered most to them'. The Proactive Care Team, at Holderness Health Primary Care Network, worked on the project as part of the [National Population Health Management \(PHM\) Development Programme](#).

They aimed to reduce pressure on the health and care system by addressing the social determinants of health such as debt, weight management and stopping smoking. [Read more here](#) or [join the PHM Academy](#) to see the full [PHM Case Study Series](#) including short reads and infographics on each PHM project.

CASE STUDY | Keyworking services move from the pilot phase towards full geographical cover

The NHS Long Term Plan included a commitment that 'by 2023/24 children and young people with a learning disability and/or who are autistic with the most complex needs will have a designated keyworker'.

There are 16 remaining areas of the country now developing plans for their Keyworking service. These areas are being urged to work in partnership with stakeholders across their local system, including parent carers and young people to establish their vision and consider strategic oversight, infrastructure, planning and operational considerations for how they will work together to develop a service which helps children, young people and their families get the right support at the right time. These following case studies demonstrate how Keyworking is making a difference to people's lives in [Middleton and Rochdale and South Yorkshire](#).

CASE STUDY | Diabetes UK and the British Muslim Heritage Centre working together to tackle health inequalities in Greater Manchester

The British Muslim Heritage Centre (BMHC) is at the forefront of supporting the Muslim community across Greater Manchester and beyond. Both Diabetes UK and the BMHC were working to raise awareness of diabetes in lesser heard communities across the region and in 2019, they came together to see how they could collaborate to better support these communities. [Read the full case study here.](#)

WEBINARS AND EVENTS

EVENT | NHS ConfedExpo

This summer we're uniting with NHS Confederation at Liverpool ACC to deliver one of the most significant events in the health care calendar: NHS ConfedExpo. The event will bring together senior leaders from the NHS, SMEs, commercial organisations, charities and more to discuss key issues, share successes and explore how we can support each other to improve patient care.

NHS ConfedExpo will provide a space and time for conversations to happen between health and care leaders and their teams, so join the conversation and [book your free* pass online.](#)

Free places are offered to NHS, local government and wider public sector staff

Date | 15 -16 June 2022

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE | Improving quality of care: the vital role of people's voices

The King's Fund and Healthwatch England join forces to explore how meaningful engagement and listening to people's experiences can result in better-quality care.

Date | 28 - 31 March 2022

[Register your interest](#)

COURSE | An introduction to leading with kindness and compassion in health and social care

Develop your understanding of how to lead with compassion with this free introductory three-week course from The King's Fund, designed for anyone working in or interested in health and social care regardless of experience or role.

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WEBINAR | Using digital technology to transform care pathways

Digital technology has already transformed how health and care services are offered, accessed and used, helping to ensure patients can access care from the right person in the right place at the right time.

The event from The King's Fund will provide an opportunity to share how experiences from dermatology offer wider learning across the NHS to continue empowering patients and supporting clinicians to create patient-centred care, leading to improved health outcomes.

Date and Time | 9 March 2022, 12pm

[Book here](#)

COURSE | The School for Change Agents

Would you like to develop the skills to make a difference and create change in health and care? [The School for Change Agents](#) is now open.

The School offers anyone who works in health and care, at whatever level and whether they are clinical or non-clinical, the opportunity to take their desire to see change happen and make it a reality. The School is free to join and runs for 8 weeks. [More information and how to join here.](#)

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WEBINAR | Carbon Net Zero: Journey to a greener NHS

The NHS accounts for 4% of the UK's carbon footprint annually and 53% of NHS trusts are either behind on decarbonisation targets or without them completely. Join speakers from NHS England in collaboration with Atos Life Sciences on 9 March at 1pm in the first instalment of a series of webinars looking at how to meet current demand as part of a concerted digital journey towards carbon net zero.

Date and Time | 9 March 2022, 1pm

[Book here](#)

WEBINAR | Addressing digital inequalities in healthcare

On 29 March at 9.30am, Dr Bola Owolabi, Inara Khan (NHS England and NHS Improvement) and Neil Milliken (Atos) will be discussing how we should address the gap in digital equalities to move to models of care that fits the individual patient, rather than the masses.

Date and Time | 29 March 2022, 9.30am

[Book here](#)

In the news

- [How the Health and Care Bill can help the homeless and socially excluded](#)
(HSJ (£), 14 February 2022)
- [Integrated care systems are the ideal way of levelling up](#)
(The MJ, 22 February 2022)

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