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Welcome on behalf of Dame Barbara Hakin
Welcome to this week's Bulletin.

This bulletin is sent directly to Regional Directors and Directors of Commissioning Operations. Please ensure this bulletin is cascaded widely within your teams.

For Action

- 1. Guidance on local digital roadmaps published - Publications Gateway Reference No 03814**

FAO: NHS England Regional Directors and NHS England Directors of Commissioning Operations

Action: To note the actions CCGs need to take, and the support available, to develop their local digital roadmaps

Guidance for CCGs, local authority partners and their providers on the production of local digital roadmaps by April 2016 [has been published](#). Endorsed by the Five Year Forward View members and produced by the National Information Board, the guidance outlines the actions that CCGs need to take to support their health economies to become 'paper-free at the point of care'. The guidance also highlights the support available from the national leadership community. By the end of October, each CCG in conjunction with local authorities and providers are asked to declare the footprint for their digital roadmap, contributing membership and governance.

Contact for further information: Paul Rice, Head of Technology Strategy
– England.digitalroadmap@nhs.net

2. The Primary Care Web Tool: for Commissioning Nurse Leaders and General Practice Nurses - Publications Gateway Reference No 03987

FAO: NHS England Directors of Commissioning Operations, local Heads of Primary Care and CCG Directors of Nursing/Quality and Safety

Action: Please bring to the attention of Commissioning Nurse Leaders in your region

NHS England is inviting all commissioning nurse leaders and general practice nurses to register to use the primary care website
www.primarycare.nhs.uk/register.aspx.

Nurses play a vital role in contributing to patient outcomes and a variety of indicators presented within the General Practice Outcome Standards (for quality improvement) and General Practice High Level Indicators (for assurance management) may be of further interest to nurses in supporting peer review and benchmarking. Supporting guidance materials and data definitions are provided in the website resources section of the website.

Contact for further information:
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3. Primary care co-commissioning survey: final opportunity to share your views - Publications Gateway Reference No 03864

FAO: Directors of Commissioning, Heads of Primary Care and Primary Care teams

Action: Please complete the survey

There is still time for CCG and NHS England commissioners to share their views on the development of primary care co-commissioning arrangements via a [short survey](#). The closing date for responses is Friday 4 September. The findings of the survey will help to inform on-going co-commissioning policy development and support.

Contact for further information:

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4. Draft refreshed guidance for recording and reporting RTT waiting times - Publication Gateway Reference No 03991

FAO: Regional Team Directors and Regional Team Directors of Commissioning, for dissemination to teams

Action: To send comments on the draft guidance to england.rtt@nhs.net by 15 September 2015

Feedback from providers and commissioners is that existing guidance on recording and reporting referral to treatment (RTT) waiting times is comprehensive, but that it is long and published in different areas. NHS England has therefore produced [consolidated and simplified guidance](#) and [FAQs](#). Other than the removal of the provision to report patient pauses in data returns to NHS England, none of the information in this refreshed guidance is new and it does not change when each patient's waiting time start and stop must be recorded and reported.

Contact for further information:

England.rtt@nhs.net

5. Further application guidance for Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Pilot released - Publications Gateway Reference No 03975

FAO: NHS England Heads of Primary Care

Action: Heads of Primary Care are requested to disseminate this information

GP practices applying for NHS England's Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Pilot will need to submit applications online using a bespoke SharePoint site.

Applications must be submitted between 9am on 11 September and 5pm on 17 September 2015. However, applicants are encouraged to register for access to the SharePoint site well in advance. Further guidance is available

here: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/primary-care-comm/gp-action-plan/cp-gp-pilot/guidance/>

New supporting information, including a video case study, written case studies and revised FAQs is also available here:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/primary-care-comm/gp-action-plan/cp-gp-pilot/>

Contact for further information:

England.clinicalpharmacyenquiries@nhs.net

6. Penrose Inquiry Recommendations for Hepatitis C Testing - Publications Gateway Reference No 04007

FAO: Regional Directors, Directors of Commissioning, Heads of Primary Care and Heads of Nursing

Action: All clinical staff to be reminded that testing should be offered to patients where their clinical history indicates that they may have had a blood transfusion before 1991

Before the introduction of blood donor screening for hepatitis C in September 1991, patients receiving a blood transfusion may have been exposed to hepatitis C. Look back exercises have been conducted to identify those who may have been infected, however it is likely that there remain patients who are asymptomatic, unaware of their possible exposure and who have not yet been tested for hepatitis C.

All clinical staff to be reminded that testing should be offered to patients where their clinical history indicates that they may have had a blood transfusion before 1991.

More information can be found [here](#).

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7. Dental Christmas Hours - Publications Gateway Reference No 04008

FOA: NHS England Directors of Commissioning Operations, Head of Primary Care and local Dental Leads

Action: To disseminate the attached correspondence to all dental contract holders

In order to ensure dental resilience within the system during the forthcoming Christmas holiday period local offices are requested to send the [attached correspondence](#) to all dental contractors by no later than 30 September 2015. We would advise working closely with your local LDC's and once fully populated sharing the practice availability with both 111 and NHS England call centre to enable patients to be sign posted appropriately.

Contact for further information:

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8. Dental out of hours data collection - Publications Gateway Reference No 04015

FAO: NHS England Directors of Commissioning Operations and local Heads of Primary Care

Action: Please complete the spreadsheet by 30 September 2015

In order to achieve greater understanding and clarity of service provision within dental out of hours service, local offices are asked to complete [this spreadsheet](#). This will provide insight into where gaps may exist and more importantly ensure we have equitable access across England.

Contact for further information:

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9. Five Million at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, new figures show - Publications Gateway Reference No 04011

FOA: NHS Regional Directors, Directors of Commissioning Operations, Regional Heads of Primary Care

Action: Please cascade to ensure a wide circulation. The NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme is a major priority for NHS England and it is important that regular updates on the programme filter through to all levels.

Five million people in England have blood sugar levels indicating a high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. The report published by Public Health England (PHE) gives the most up to date estimate of how many people over 16 are at risk of developing the condition. The report commissioned by the [NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme \(NHS DPP\)](#) is run by NHS England, PHE and Diabetes UK. The NHS DPP will support those on the cusp of

developing the condition, by helping them lose weight and become more active.

See these links for further information:

[Five million people at high risk of Type 2 diabetes](#)

[Diabetes Prevention Programme - Non-diabetic hyperglycaemia](#)

[Diabetes Prevention Programme - Evidence Review](#)

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10. Pharmacists, Optometrist and Dental SMS Services Update - Publications Gateway Reference No 03836

FOA: NHS England Directors of Commissioning for Pharmacist, Optometrist and Dentist Providers

Action: Please communicate out to all CCGs and Commissioning Hubs and all Pharmacist, Optometrist and Dental Providers

As per [previous communications](#), the SMS service for Primary Care will cease to be funded by NHS England on 30 September 2015. As with current IM&T arrangements for Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry, responsibility for local procurement to enable the continuation of SMS provision post September 2015 will be with the provider. To assist providers when considering SMS service offerings from other potential suppliers, EE, the successful supplier following CCS procurement, have confirmed they will honour the price for Primary Care Organisations. More information regarding SMS is available on the [NHS England Website](#).

Contact for further information:

The Digital Primary Care Team england.digitalprimarycare@nhs.net

For information

11. Unit of Dental Activity (UDA) standardisation - Publications Gateway Reference No 03997

FAO: All Heads of Primary Care

Please see [this letter](#) to all Heads of Primary Care, dated 25 August, and [briefing pack](#), regarding work being carried out by the Central Dental Analytical Team to investigate the variation in Unit of Dental Activity (UDA) values across standard general dental contracts.

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12. Flu vaccination resources 2015/16 - Publications Gateway Reference No 03998

FOA: Heads of Public Health and SILs

Patient information leaflets for the flu vaccination programme have now been [published](#) by Public Health England. In addition to a general leaflet, tailored versions targeting pregnant women, parents of eligible children and people with learning disabilities are also available. Hard copies can be ordered through the Department of Health [orderline](#) or by phoning 0300 123 1002 and quoting the reference numbers on the back pages of the leaflets.

Template letters are also available on the [website](#) to assist GPs in inviting eligible patients for the vaccine and the Winter Marketing Campaign 2015/16 incorporates flu vaccination. Materials for the campaign will be made available in late September.

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If you have any comments on the bulletin, please send to [Lesley Tillotson](#)

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