



Health and Social Care e-Bulletin

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Public Health

The new public health system supporting communities in Kent, Surrey and Sussex

We attended Kent, Surrey and Sussex's Public Health Centre's first stakeholder event last week. The event brought together key participants in the new public health landscape from across Kent, Surrey and Sussex, to discuss how to work with each other to protect and improve the health of people and communities and reduce inequalities. Participants came from a wide range of organisations including local government, Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS England, Public Health England, local Healthwatch and voluntary and community groups.

The broad purpose of the day was to initiate discussion about what Public Health England can contribute and what the Kent Surrey and Sussex Public Health England Centre should do to support improved outcomes in a number of key areas: obesity, drugs alcohol and tobacco control, mental health and wellbeing, long term conditions, screening and immunisation, health protection and emergency planning, developing the public health system and supporting health and wellbeing boards.

Outcomes from this event, along with upcoming similar events in Wessex and Thames Valley will be shared through this bulletin shortly.

Public Health England publishes latest data on NHS Health Check

This is the first data release since responsibility for the NHS Health Check programme moved from primary care trusts to local authorities in April. It covers activity in April, May and June 2013. [See what's happening in the South East](#)

Isle of Wight Good Neighbourhood Scheme gets a mention

Duncan Selbie's weekly message includes reference to the Isle of Wight Good Neighbourhood scheme as an example of how local authorities can work in partnership with its citizens. [Read the full weekly message](#)

New public health eLibrary from the UK Health Forum

The UKHF has launched a new eLibrary and briefing service: [Prevention Information & Evidence \(P.I.E\)](#). The eLibrary contains all the latest news and resources in public health. Topics covered include obesity, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco, mental health & well-being and air pollution. All resources are critically appraised by qualified information professionals before being added to the P.I.E eLibrary to ensure quality content.

You can subscribe to receive free weekly updates of all the latest additions to the P.I.E eLibrary. The briefing is emailed every Wednesday and you can tailor your briefing service to only receive updates on topics of interest to you.

Building resilient communities

The Mental Health Foundation has produced a report in which it calls on every council to prioritise mental health within their public health strategy. It brings together the evidence base and people's experiences about what makes resilient people and communities. It offers practical steps to help teams design wellbeing and resilience services aimed at preventing the development of mental health problems, and to measure their impact. [Read the report](#)

Making recovery a reality in your community: a briefing for commissioners of mental health, drug and alcohol services

This briefing from the Centre for Mental Health urges commissioners to tackle the poorly integrated support received by those with overlapping needs. It identifies new commissioning arrangements in public health and the

NHS as an opportunity to put recovery at the heart of commissioning to build better lives for people with multiple needs. It argues that by focusing on what matters most to people's lives – a home, a job, family and friends – services can enable people with multiple needs to build better lives on their own terms. [Read the briefing](#)

Reducing health inequalities: the challenge of public health

This think piece from the British Council suggests that a solution to tackling inequalities in public health lies with creating co-produced services which utilise the assets within people. It draws from findings of the *People Powered Health* project, as well as horizon scans from around the world to explore the capacity within people and communities to help themselves and each other. [Find out more](#)

In sickness and in health: assessing the transition to a more localist health system - the first step towards a marriage between the NHS and local government?

This report, produced in partnership with Pfizer, assesses the recent move to a more localist health system and examines opinions on this from those in local government. It also takes stock of how councils have adapted to the return of public health to their portfolio, and the dismantling of barriers between health and social care. [Read the report](#)

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Health and Wellbeing Boards

Development tool to track progress launched

The LGA has launched an online self-assessment tool to enable Health and Wellbeing Boards to track their progress and effectiveness. [Find out more](#)

Reminder: Regional Voices survey on Health and Wellbeing Boards closes 9am 26 September

There is still time to tell us your views about your Health and Wellbeing Board. [Find out more and take the survey](#)

Orchestrating the possible for integrated care

The Health and Wellbeing Collaborative has produced a guide based on experience of direct work with health and wellbeing boards. It addresses key areas that they need to address to make sure that they reach their full potential through four key questions: Have you got the basics right? How will you engage stakeholders? How will you add value? How will you know if you are making a difference? [Read the guide](#)

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CQC

CQC listening event

CQC are holding a series of listening events to encourage people to share their experiences of care at the first four trust inspections which are taking place over September.

- Croydon Health Services NHS Trust, 17 September
- Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, 19 September
- Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, 24 September
- The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, 26 September

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Consultations and opportunities to get involved

RAISE responds to CQC consultation

Read [our response](#) to CQC's consultation on changes to the way CQC regulates, inspects and monitors health and care services.

Electronic prescription service (EPS) - update and engagement

The electronic prescription service (EPS) is currently rolling out across England, allowing GPs to send prescriptions electronically to a community pharmacy or dispensing appliance contractor of the patient's choice, offering a safer and more convenient service for patients receiving prescriptions. Many representatives from voluntary sector organisations helped to shape the way EPS works today, both in its design and the patient and public communication literature. Further views are sought as the scheme expands. [Find out more](#)

Help make England a great place to grow old

The Department of Health recently launched a national engagement exercise looking at how to improve care and support for vulnerable older people. Some radical improvements are proposed to make sure that the most vulnerable and the elderly have the support they need to keep them in better health and out of hospital. Here a series of questions about the proposals are presented: by clicking on the [questions](#) you can view the proposals, read what others are saying and give your comments. The site is open for comments until 27 September 2013.

Public Voice newsletter from NHS England

The Patient & Public Voice & Information team at NHS England seeks to involve and engage patients, service users, carers and the public in shaping the NHS for the future. A new Public Voice Newsletter provides updates on the activities of the team. Its second edition introduces Emily Carter – Head of Patient and Public Voice for the South of England. Read the [Public Voice Newsletter](#). Learn more about RAISE's [meeting](#) with Emily Carter earlier this year.

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Commissioning

Statement on the Integration Transformation Fund

This joint document, from NHS England and the Local Government Association, outlines the planning vision for how the pooling of £3.8 billion of funding will ensure a transformation in integrated health and social care. It provides a roadmap for local areas to plan in the run up to the fund taking full effect from 2015/16. [Read the statement](#)

Reminder: Commissioning for Equality Measuring Outcomes and Impact

A series of free workshops are being hosted by FaithAction and the National Children's Bureau looking at the measurement and evaluation of social impact. [Find out more](#)

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Building evidence to support the VCS

Integrated care

As part of their work on integrated care, the King's Fund has been conducting an in-depth examination of approaches to care co-ordination in primary care settings around the UK. The project focuses on five case-study sites that have developed innovative approaches, and the results from the first two sites have now been published: including the [Midhurst Macmillan Community Specialist Palliative Care Service](#) a community-based, consultant-led, specialist palliative care service in a rural community in the south of England and the [Sandwell Esteem Team](#), a holistic primary and community care-based approach to improving social, mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Exploring the system-wide costs of falls in older people in Torbay

This paper uses Torbay's unique patient-level linked data set to explore the NHS and social care costs of the

care pathway for older people in the 12 months before and after being admitted to hospital as a result of a fall. It finds that one in three people aged over 65, and half of those aged over 80, fall at least once a year and that falls cost the NHS more than £2 billion per year. With the number of people aged 65 and over predicted to increase by 2 million by 2021, these costs are set to rise further. [Read the paper](#)

Building dementia friendly communities: a priority for everyone

This report from the Alzheimer Society finds that while there are some excellent examples of community provision for dementia, less than half of survey respondents think their area is set up to help them live well with dementia (42%). Results also become considerably lower the more advanced the person's dementia is. Findings show that there is significant goodwill in the community to help people with dementia live well. The report states that not only do people feel that dementia-friendly places would be better for everyone, but that for every one person with dementia that is able to stay in their own home for a year longer, rather than entering residential care, £11,000 would be saved. Read the [report](#) and the [executive summary](#)

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News roundup

Extending the street triage scheme: new patrols with nurses and the police

Five new police forces have been selected to pilot a scheme aimed at improving the way people with mental health problems are treated during emergencies, Care and Support Minister Norman Lamb has announced. [Find out more](#)

Linking data sets to improve how healthcare is delivered

NHS England is introducing a modern information service on behalf of the NHS called care data. This programme of work will be a first step towards data linkage with Hospital Episode Statistics (HES). The service will use information from a patients' medical record to improve the way that healthcare is delivered. Further information for patients and healthcare staff is now available. [Find out more](#)

Imagine a future where you have access to all of your health information online

By April 2015 patients will have the choice to securely access the health information held by their GP online from their PC or smart phone. For three years the myRecord project has looked at how patients have used this information to better manage their health. [Find out more](#)

Supporting working carers: the benefits to families, businesses and the economy

Carers UK has published its findings and recommendations from the Employers for Carers and Department of Health Task and Finish Group set up in 2012 to explore ways in which carers can be supported to combine work and care. The report includes information on the current complexity of care and support services; and the part

that assistive technologies such as telehealth and telecare have to play in enabling carers to combine work and care. Read the [report](#) and the [executive summary](#)

Access to Diabetes test strips - a postcode lottery?

A report published by Diabetes UK argues that people with diabetes are being denied the chance to monitor their blood glucose levels because vital test strips are being rationed to save money. It suggests that nearly a quarter of the people who said they had their prescriptions restricted had been told by their GP that this was due to restrictive policies issued by local health managers. [Find out more](#)

Launch of cross channel research project to help identify the reasons behind late diagnosis of HIV

The IMPRESS Health 2 project has been funded by the [Interreg IVA France \(Channel\) England programme](#) and plans to work with local authorities, charities and healthcare organisations in Kent and Medway and their partners in Picardie, France. This proposal, which has received £967,880 of funding, is scheduled to run for two years. Around half of all patients diagnosed HIV positive in Kent and Medway are diagnosed at a late stage. If someone is diagnosed a long time after they have been infected with HIV, it is more likely that the virus will have already seriously damaged their immune system. In 2012, 118 people were newly diagnosed with HIV in Kent and Medway, 58% of which were diagnosed at a late stage.

Innovation, excellence and strategic development fund information pack

Subscribers to our general bulletin will be aware that the information pack and application forms for voluntary sector organisations wishing to apply for funding under the IESD scheme are now available. The scheme is open for applications for projects starting in April 2014 or later which: test and develop innovative approaches to health and care; actively share and disseminate excellent practice; and improve collaboration and partnerships within the voluntary sector to provide better outcomes, greater efficiencies and sustainability. [Find out more](#)

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