

# Better Care Fund – Integration Executive Integration Resources - January 2018

## A. Competition and Markets Authority: Care Homes Market Study

The CMA has published their report on the care home market.

See link <https://www.gov.uk/cma-cases/care-homes-market-study>

Recommendations include:

- LA's improving their information and advice offer to enable people to make informed choices
  - Government promotion of the need to plan ahead for care
  - Greater Consumer Protection in relation to care home charging and fees
  - LA's to increase their fee rates to meet provider costs
  - Government to increase funding levels to allow LA's to increase fee rates
  - CQC to provide oversight of LA commissioning and market shaping
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## B. Out in the cold Lung Disease, the hidden driver of NHS winter pressure

This report from the British Lung Foundation identifies a seasonal trend in respiratory admissions over the past seven years and argues that a failure to address this annual fluctuation is contributing to winter A&E pressures. It argues that community care and support outside hospitals needs to be strengthened and that service planning for a rise in respiratory admissions is needed to effectively manage this seasonal variation.

To view the report please visit

[https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0221/4446/files/Out\\_in\\_the\\_cold\\_Dec\\_2017.pdf?15282568839826487629&\\_ga=2.261886413.1773468313.1513002046-1349287658.1513002046&utm\\_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=8973991\\_NEWSL\\_HMP%202017-12-15&dm\\_i=21A8,5CCDJ,FLWOSX,KN8IG,1](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0221/4446/files/Out_in_the_cold_Dec_2017.pdf?15282568839826487629&_ga=2.261886413.1773468313.1513002046-1349287658.1513002046&utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8973991_NEWSL_HMP%202017-12-15&dm_i=21A8,5CCDJ,FLWOSX,KN8IG,1)

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## C. National Data Guardian for Health and Care 2017 report: Impact and influence for patients and service users

This report looks back over the past three years since the creation of the National Data Guardian role and describes future priorities. It sets out a case for the independent advice and challenges that the role provides to ensure that confidential data collected by the NHS and social care services is safeguarded and used appropriately to improve care.

To view the report please visit

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/668729/NDG\\_Progress\\_Report\\_FINAL\\_v1.1.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/668729/NDG_Progress_Report_FINAL_v1.1.pdf)

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#### **D. Effective discharge planning and practice: improving transfer of care**

Healthcare Conferences UK will hold a conference to give CCGs, local councils, integration managers and discharge coordinators an opportunity to learn about improving joint working on discharge in the health and social care system, and develop skills to implement effectively Discharge to Assess (High Impact Change number 4).

Rosie Seymour, Deputy Director of the Better Care Support team will provide an update on current developments within the BCF programme, metrics for reducing delayed discharges from hospital, and examples of emerging practice across England.

The conference will take place on Monday 22 January 2018 in London. Please visit <https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/effective-discharge-planning> for further information or to register your place at this conference.

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#### **E. The role of home adaptations in improving later life**

The review commissioned by the Centre for Ageing Better aims to provide evidence to make the case for the importance and effectiveness of adaptations, primarily to influence policy-makers at national and local levels, practitioners and local commissioners.

For more information, please visit <https://www.ageing-better.org.uk/publications/role-home-adaptations-improving-later-life>

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#### **F. Enhanced health in care homes: Learning from experiences so far**

- Enhanced health in care homes is realistically achievable in any area of England. A history of joint working between relevant organisations – NHS, care homes and local authorities – is useful but not essential and, in some cases, significant results can be visible within a few months.
- This report is based on interviews with people in 15 areas around England that could demonstrate progress in developing enhanced health in care homes.
- Better ways of measuring impact, including effects on care quality and quality of life, are needed. Care home residents should be involved in defining what 'good' co-ordination of care looks like.
- Those in leadership roles need to constantly reinforce equal partnerships and avoid historical patterns of making decisions without consulting care homes, accepting lower access to health care for care home residents, or assuming that care home staff need additional training to enable co-ordinated care, but NHS staff do not.

- Enhanced health in care homes requires skilled leadership. Networks and communities of practice are essential to support leaders at all levels and share learning.
- More clarity is needed on expectations for access to health care for care home residents; resourcing enhanced health in care homes and understanding return on investment; and appropriate use of public funds to support training and information systems in independent care homes.

To view this King's Fund report please visit

[https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/enhanced-health-care-homes-experiences?utm\\_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=8956504\\_NEWSL\\_HMP%202017-12-08&dm\\_i=21A8,5BYVS,FLWOSX,KLAXK,1](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/enhanced-health-care-homes-experiences?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8956504_NEWSL_HMP%202017-12-08&dm_i=21A8,5BYVS,FLWOSX,KLAXK,1)

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### **G. Some assembly required: Implementing new models of care**

This report sets out ten lessons for local leaders seeking to systematically make changes across services in their area. These are based on first-hand accounts of clinicians and managers from NHS England's new care models programme vanguard sites, who have developed and tested new ways of joining up health and social care services.

To view the report please visit

[http://www.health.org.uk/sites/health/files/SomeAssemblyRequired.pdf?utm\\_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=8942160\\_NEWSL\\_HMP%202017-12-05&dm\\_i=21A8,5BNTC,FLWOSX,KK2BS,1](http://www.health.org.uk/sites/health/files/SomeAssemblyRequired.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8942160_NEWSL_HMP%202017-12-05&dm_i=21A8,5BNTC,FLWOSX,KK2BS,1)

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### **H. Transforming children and young people's mental health provision: A Green Paper**

This Green Paper outlines the government's proposals to improve mental health support for children and young people in England. The measures include: encouraging schools and colleges to designate a mental health lead; setting up mental health support teams to work in schools; and piloting a four-week waiting time target for children and young people's mental health services. Views and feedback are being sought on these proposals until 2 March 2018.

For more information please visit

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/664855/Transforming\\_children\\_and\\_young\\_people\\_s\\_mental\\_health\\_provision.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664855/Transforming_children_and_young_people_s_mental_health_provision.pdf)

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