

Better Care Fund – Integration Executive

Integration Resources - February 2018

A. Care Quality Commission Board Meeting: Report on Local System Reviews

To view the report on Local Systems Reviews considered at the CQC Board meeting on 19 December please visit <http://www.cqc.org.uk/about-us/board-meetings/care-quality-commission-board-meeting-19-december-2017> (item 6 refers).

B. Facing the facts, shaping the future: a draft health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027

This consultation is to inform the workforce strategy that will be published in July 2018. The strategy has been developed by the whole health and care system and is therefore branded as both an NHS and Public Health England document. The consultation closes on Friday 23 March 2018.

To view the strategy please visit

https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Facing%20the%20Facts%20Shaping%20the%20Future%20a%20draft%20health%20and%20care%20workforce%20strategy%20for%20England%20to%202027_0.pdf

To respond to the consultation please visit

<https://consultation.hee.nhs.uk/submit-your-response#no-back>

C. Sustainability and transformation in the NHS

This report by the National Audit Office gives a summary of the financial position of NHS England, clinical commissioning groups and trusts, looks at what the Department of Health, NHS England and NHS Improvement (the national bodies) have done to support local NHS bodies to improve their financial positions (Part Two), and examines the support the national bodies have given local NHS bodies to help them work better in partnership, in order to enable the NHS to become financially sustainable.

To view the report please visit <https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Sustainability-and-transformation-in-the-NHS.pdf>

D. Digital inclusion guide for health and social care

NHS Digital's digital inclusion guide for health and social care is for commissioners and designers of digital health technologies. It will help them to take practical steps to ensure all services and products are inclusive and accessible to all.

To view the guide please visit https://digital.nhs.uk/widening-digital-participation/digital-inclusion-guide?utm_content=buffer3949c&utm_medium=social&utm_source=linkedin.com&utm_campaign=buffer

E. Working together to improve patient flow

Delayed transfers of care is a hot topic in the headlines but what's really happening on the ground? On 15 May, this King's Fund event will explain what the data is really telling us and will provide you with practical whole-system approaches to improving patient flow.

The event will cover:-

- how integrated teams are reducing hospital admissions
- the role of housing in dealing with patient flow issues
- the importance of nurturing relationships between NHS and social care and how better communication can facilitate huge reductions in delayed transfers
- harnessing assets from the voluntary sector and the important role the sector plays in keeping patients at home and out of hospital.

Finally, it will explore the new opportunities arising from place-based systems of care and how key organisations plan to make delayed transfers of care a problem of the past.

For more details please visit https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/working-together-improve-patient-flow?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9069460_MKEVT_J925%20Email%20-%20NHS%20and%20Webinsights&utm_content=See%20the%20programme&utm_i=21A8,5EE1G,FLWOSX,KW4KJ,1#programme

F. 10 things providers want from the imminent 2018/19 planning guidance

The next big policy announcement on the horizon is the planning guidance for 2018/19. Already much later than usual, and with the next financial year starting to loom large, this document will be key to understanding what the NHS will be asked to deliver next year.

It is a document that will need to carefully balance the needs and requirements of the frontline and the arms length bodies along with the expectations from the Department of health and social care (the Department) and wider government.

This blog from NHS Providers sets out 10 things trusts have said that they want and will be looking for in the planning guidance.

To view the blog please visit <http://nhsproviders.org/news-blogs/blogs/10-things-providers-want-from-the-imminent-201819-planning-guidance>

G. NHS plans: privatisation or progress

To read this BBC news article from 30 January about Accountable Care Organisations please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-42873285>
