HEALTH MANAGEMENT BULLETIN
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Quality and Safety

- **Action on patient safety can reduce health inequalities** BMJ
  Providers and health systems should use ethnic differences in risk of harm from healthcare to reimagine their role in reducing health inequalities.

- **Personalised prescribing: using pharmacogenomics to improve patient outcomes** RCP
  A new report from the Royal College of Physicians and British Pharmacological Society joint working party considers the opportunities provided by increasing pharmacogenomic testing.

- **Discharge To Assess: The case for continued funding and support** NHE
  Good hospital discharge matters not only to help patients get home quickly and safely; it matters for the wider health and care system too. This article argues the case for continued funding of the Discharge to Assess.

- **Learning from Emergency Medicine compensation claims** NHS Resolution
  NHS Resolution has today published a set of three reports which explore clinical issues that contribute to compensation claims within Emergency Departments.

- **Duty of candour animation offers guidance on the importance of being open and honest** NHS Resolution
  NHS Resolution has produced a short animation to help those working in health and social care to better understand the similarities and differences that exist between the professional and statutory duties of candour. The 8-minute animation also offers guidance on how they can be fulfilled effectively.

- **Findings from clinical performance assessments** NHS Resolution
  Practitioner Performance Advice undertakes a range of assessment services to assist in the resolution of performance concerns about doctors, dentists and pharmacists. This article presents the findings of 102 clinical performance assessments during financial years 2013/14 to 2019/20.

- **Learning from medication errors** NHS Resolution
  To share learning from clinical negligence claims with healthcare professionals, NHS Resolution has now published four information leaflets relating to medication errors.

- **Five relationships that are essential to successfully managing the elective backlog** King's Fund
  In a recent roundtable, local health leaders identified five relationships that need to be strengthened to successfully manage elective backlogs.

- **Expert Panel: evaluation of the government's commitments in the area of cancer services in England** HSCC
  This House of Commons Committee Expert Panel report evaluates Government commitments in the area of cancer services.

- **Hospital discharge and community support guidance** DHSC
  This guidance sets out how NHS bodies and local authorities can plan and deliver hospital discharge and recovery services from acute and community hospital settings that are affordable within existing budgets available to NHS commissioners and local authorities.

- **Microplastics found deep in lungs of living people for first time** Guardian
  Particles discovered in tissue of 11 out of 13 patients undergoing surgery, with polypropylene and PET most common.

- **Launch of #SolvingTogether initiative to share ideas on recovering services** HTN
  A new programme led by Tim Ferris, Director of Transformation at NHS England and Improvement, to share ideas on recovering services, redesigning care delivery and addressing health inequalities, is to formally launch.

- **National Paediatric Diabetes Audit Annual Report 2020/21** HQIP
  The National Paediatric Diabetes Audit (NPDA) has published its latest annual report. The report covers the health checks (care processes) and outcomes for children and young people with diabetes who have attended Paediatric Diabetes Units (PDUs) during the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, aged 0-24 years on the first day of the audit period.

- **The two-week wait skin cancer pathway: innovative approaches to support early diagnosis of skin cancer as part of the NHS COVID-19 recovery plan** NHSE
  This guidance details new models of service delivery for systems to consider as they seek to optimise suspected two-week wait skin cancer referrals both to tackle the backlog and meet new demand as services are restored.

- **Mind the implementation gap: The persistence of avoidable harm in the NHS** NPSA
  This report by Patient Safety Learning highlights a patient safety implementation gap in the UK that results in the continuation of avoidable harm.

- **Results Of The Written Evidence Submitted By Organisations And Experts To Inform The Women's Health Strategy For England** DHSC
This report summarises the written responses to the women's health call for evidence from 436 organisations and experts in women's health. Topics raised include the need for greater support for pregnancy loss and menopause training for clinicians.

- **Written submission: Health and Social Care Committee workforce inquiry: recruitment, training and retention in health and social care** King's Fund
The 2019 Conservative Party manifesto included pledges to deliver 50,000 more nurses, 6,000 GPs and 6,000 other primary care professionals. Two years on, no plan to address workforce shortages has been published, funding for the training and development of staff was conspicuous by its absence from the Spending Review and the measures in the Bill relating to workforce remain weak.

- **2022/23 priorities and operational planning guidance: Elective recovery planning supporting guidance** NHSE
This guidance sets out our key ambitions for the next three years to deliver the plan to deliver the elective care backlog.

- **Emergency care in hospitals is as good at the weekend as on weekdays** NIHR
New research has challenged to assumption that people admitted to hospitals on Saturday or Sunday are more likely to die than those admitted Monday to Friday.

- **National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death: Review of Health Inequalities Short Report** HQIP
The National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) has published its latest report into health inequalities.

Service Improvement/Redesign

- **Identifying and understanding the factors that influence the functioning of integrated healthcare systems in the NHS: a systematic literature review** BMJ Open
This systematic review identifies factors which influence the successful functioning of integrated healthcare systems in the NHS.

- **ICSs adopt connected workforce platform for system resilience** HTN
This piece takes a closer look at Lantum, a digital workforce management solution on a mission to tackle the costs spent on temporary staffing.

- **Free online course for process improvement** NHSE

A free, CPD-accredited massive-online course, Lean Fundamentals builds foundational Lean process improvement skills.

Research and Innovation

- **[Diabetes patients receive artificial pancreas on NHS in world-first](#)** NHE
  Around 1,000 adults and children with type 1 diabetes have become part of the first ever trial of artificial pancreases which could prove life-altering. The groundbreaking hybrid closed loop system is being ran in a pilot scheme across 35 NHS diabetes centres across England.

- **[NHS runs world-first test into 'sci-fi like' artificial pancreases](#)** NHSE
  Almost 1,000 adults and children with type 1 diabetes have been given a potentially life-altering 'artificial pancreas' by the NHS in England as part of the first nationwide test into the effectiveness of this technology in the world.

- **[Revolutionary, chaotic or stagnating? The future of digital tech in health and care in the UK](#)** Healthcare IT News
  Despite significant investment and well over a decade of different transformation plans and initiatives, there's still much to do before we can say the health and care system has truly gone through a digital revolution.

- **[Two years on: Can medtech innovation extend healthcare beyond the hospital?](#)** Med-Tech Innovation News
  Two years on from the first national lockdown, healthcare professionals are reflecting on the Government's Living with COVID plan that's set to define how we enter this new phase of the pandemic.

- **[The digital, data and technology playbook: government guidance on sourcing and contracting for digital, data and technology projects and programmes](#)** Cabinet Office
  This document sets out key policies and guidance for how digital projects and programmes are assessed, procured and delivered.

- **[UCLH and UHB announce data partnership in PIONEER](#)** HTN
  A major digital health initiative has been launched that will see University College London Hospitals (UCLH) NHS FT work in partnership with University Hospitals Birmingham (UHB) NHS FT, using data collected in acute care settings to improve patient care.

- **[Better, broader, safer: using health data for research and analysis](#)** DHSC
  Professor Ben Goldacre's review into how the efficient and safe use of health data for research and analysis can benefit patients and the healthcare sector.

Information Management

- **[Better use of data is vital to NHS recovery – the Goldacre Review is welcome but government must now provide a credible plan](#)** Health Foundation
  Health Foundation response to the Goldacre Review.

Public Health

- **[Vulnerabilities: applying All Our Health](#)** OHID
  This guide is part of All Our Health, a resource which helps health professionals provide better access to health and care, and promote wellbeing as part of their everyday practice.

- **[Public health in local government: celebrating 10 years of transformation](#)** LGA
  This year's tenth Local Government Association (LGA) public health annual report reflects on 10 years of public health in local government and looks forward to the opportunities and challenges of the coming years.

- **[The European Health Report 2021. Taking stock of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals in the Covid-19 era with a focus on leaving no one behind](#)** WHO
  The aims of the European Health Report 2021 are to provide insight into Regional progress towards the health-related Sustainable Development Goals and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on population health, thereby focusing on health inequalities and how the pandemic is affecting these.

- **[Lincolnshire Partnership launch wellbeing kiosks to reduce digital exclusion](#)** HTN
  Lincolnshire Partnership NHS FT has launched seven new digital kiosks in community hubs across Lincolnshire to help reduce health inequalities within the area.

- **[A Matter of Life and Death: Explaining the Wider Determinants of Health in the UK](#)** Health Foundation
  This report outlines an evidence-based framing strategy for shifting understanding and building greater support for action to address the wider determinants of health. This strategy centres on making the issue more tangible for people by using explanation.

People Management

- **[The nursing target and the case for international recruitment](#)** HFMA
  The government's 2019 manifesto included an ambitious target to increase the number of nurses in the NHS by 50,000 by March 2024, but are they on track to meet this goal?

- **Managing healthcare staff with symptoms of a respiratory infection or a positive Covid-19 test result** UKHSA
  This new guidance applies to patient-facing healthcare staff in the NHS and NHS commissioned services who have symptoms of a respiratory infection including coronavirus (COVID-19), or a positive test result for COVID-19.

- **NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard – March 2022** NHSE
  The WRES 2021 Data Analysis Report for NHS Trusts published on 7 April 2022, highlights the experience of black and minority ethnic (BME) people working in the NHS. It provides an overview of the data on all nine WRES indicators and where possible, comparison against data from previous years.

Leadership

- **What next for NHS management? Messages for Messenger** NHS Confederation
  Implications for the future of NHS management and four key areas requiring action.

- **United against health inequalities: a commitment to lasting change** NHS Providers
  This report highlights how and why trusts must prioritise tackling health inequalities.

Training and Development

- **Education and training tariff guidance and prices for the 2022 to 2023 financial year** DHSC/HEE
  This guidance document is intended to provide further information in support of the education and training (ET) tariff payment process for the 2022 to 2023 financial year.

- **Blended learning offers flexibility to train our future healthcare workforce** HEE
  Health Education England (HEE) has today launched a comprehensive guide to blended learning for undergraduate multi professional education in healthcare.

Finance

- **Investigation into the management of PPE contracts** NAO
  This investigation examines the Department of Health & Social Care performance in managing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) contracts.

- **The government's 2022-23 mandate to NHS England** DHSC
  The government's mandate to NHS England sets out their objectives and budgets for 2022 to 2023.

- **Health and Social Care Levy to raise billions for NHS and social care** DHSC
  From Wednesday 6 April, the Health and Social Care Levy will begin to raise billions to tackle the COVID backlogs and reform adult social care.

Bulletins

● **Medication Safety Evidence Summaries: March 2022**

Annual Reports & Statistics

● **Deaths registered weekly in England and Wales, provisional: week ending 18 March 2022**
● **Department of Health and Social Care: spending over £25,000, January 2022**
● **UK health indicators: 2019 to 2020**
● **Suicides among people diagnosed with severe health conditions, England: 2017 to 2020**
● **Fab Newsletter** – March 2022
● **Deaths registered weekly in England and Wales, provisional: week ending 25 March 2022**
● **Dementia profile updates**
● **Palliative and end of life care profiles: April 2022 data update**
● **Personal well-being in the UK, quarterly: April 2011 to September 2021**
● **April release of NHS performance statistics**

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