





Community and Mental Health Services

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Reports

Hewitt Review: an independent review of integrated care systems

The Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt was commissioned to lead an independent review of integrated care systems in November 2022.

National green social prescribing delivery capacity assessment

National research into the existing provision of green and nature-based activities and the potential for upscaling such activities.

COVID-19 vaccination of children aged 6 months to 4 years: JCVI advice, 9 December 2022

Statement setting out the advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 6 months to 4 years.

One Size Doesn't Fit All: reimagining medicines information for patients'

The new report investigates the current medicines product information paradigm and whether it can be enhanced to more positively influence both patient experience of and adherence with prescription medication. The report also explores if an opportunity exists to improve how this information might be provided in the future using digital solutions with the aim of increasing its value to patients and healthcare professionals (HCPs).

Report Summaries

Hewitt review: what you need to know

Summary and analysis of Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt's review into the oversight, governance and accountability of integrated care systems (ICSs).

Safety Alerts

RCGP co-signs safety alert on menopause care

The RCGP has issued a safety alert with the British Menopause Society, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Society for Endocrinology and Royal College of Nursing's Women's Health Forum on menopause care.

Guidelines

COVID-19 rapid guideline: managing COVID-19: [NG191] Last updated: 29 March 2023

This guideline covers the management of COVID-19 for babies, children, young people and adults in all care settings. It brings together our existing recommendations on managing COVID-19, and new recommendations on therapeutics, so that healthcare staff and those planning and delivering services can find and use them more easily.

The Vaccine Messaging Guide

An Evidence Based Guidance For Developing Behavior Centered Vaccine Messaging Resource.

Educational

Population Health and Health Inequalities: Education and Training Newsletter

This newsletter signposts leaders, educators and staff working within England's Integrated Care Systems and Partnerships to a variety of digital learning resources relating to population health, health improvement and tackling health inequalities.







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Public Advice

Self Care Forum publishes strep A factsheet

PIF member the Self Care Forum publishes new factsheet on strep A and scarlet fever.

Supporting the physical health of people with severe mental illness

People living with severe mental illness often have poorer physical health than the general population. They are much more likely to die below the age of 75, mostly from physical illnesses that could have been prevented. They are also more likely to have multiple physical health conditions alongside their mental illness, and this increases the complexity of their care.

But poor outcomes are not inevitable. Physical health can be improved, and many early deaths avoided, if people receive the support they need, when they need it.

Surveys

Public satisfaction with the NHS and social care in 2022: Results from the British Social Attitudes survey

The Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund have joined forces again to publish the gold-standard measure of public attitudes and opinions towards the NHS and social care, as surveyed by NatCen during 2022. Public satisfaction with the health service has slumped to its lowest level ever recorded in the 40-year history of the British Social Attitudes survey.

Podcasts

Patricia Hewitt: There's a real chance to tackle health differently this time

Patricia Hewitt on how integrated care systems can support people to live longer, healthier and happier lives.

News

New scheme for cheaper hormone replacement therapy launches

From 1 April 2023, women in England will be able to access cheaper hormone replacement therapy (HRT) to help with menopause symptoms.

Smokers urged to swap cigarettes for vapes in world first scheme

Pregnant women will also be offered financial incentives to help them quit as part of a sweeping package of measures to cut smoking rates in England.

NHS launches spring covid jab campaign for five million most vulnerable people

The NHS will kick off the next phase of its world-renowned covid vaccination programme on Monday with a spring campaign to protect the most vulnerable, starting in care homes. Around five million people in total will be eligible for a spring covid jab, including over 75s, those with a weakened immune system and older adult care home residents.

7 year low in maternal whooping cough vaccine uptake puts newborns at serious risk of hospitalisation

2022 data shows the average vaccine uptake across England has dropped to 61.5%, its lowest level since 2016.

COVID-19 testing approach from April 2023

The changes come over a year after the nation began the transition to living with COVID-19.







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Shedding pounds might benefit your heart even if some weight is regained – new study

Programmes to help people lose weight through changes to their diet, exercise or both, are mainstays of weight management. Despite their widespread use, many people worry that after the programmes end they will regain the weight they lost — or more - removing the health benefits.