Join us in celebrating International Nurses Day

Sunday 12 May marks International Day of the Nurse and is an opportunity to celebrate all that nurses do. Nurses provide much needed support to people and loved ones at different times throughout their lives and this is our chance to thank them for going above and beyond for anyone in need. In the lead up to and on Sunday 12 May we want people to share tweets and videos showing their appreciation for all that nurses do. If you work with a nurse or have been touched by the care provided by a nurse, tweet out your thanks using the hashtag #thankyounurses and share your story. We will also be tweeting messages from the NHS England account and the twitter accounts of Ruth May, Chief Nursing Officer for England, throughout this week and on the day. Please follow us at @NHSEngland and @RMayNurseDir and retweet our messages.

Announcements

Support offer database for local systems

A system transformation support offer database is now available. The database index compiles the different types of support currently offered by NHS England, NHS Improvement and other national bodies such as Health Education England and the Local Government Association. This resource will help connect systems, providers and individuals with organisations that offer support across a broad range of development opportunities for effective and sustainable system working. The database summarises each support offer and how to access it, and content is updated regularly to reflect changes and additions.

Action

Monthly announcement of national dementia diagnosis rate

National dementia diagnosis rates (DDR) for March 2019 have now been published and can be found on NHS Digital’s website. Commissioners are asked to cascade this information to member practices and to continue working with practices reporting low diagnosis rates. The dementia CCG IAF support offer can be found on NHS England’s website. Practices with a DDR of ≥66.7% are encouraged to continue to improve the care of people with dementia and their families. Please can CCG’s check their DDR and act to maintain, or improve their rate, to support NHS England’s business plan priority to maintain a minimum of two thirds diagnosis rates for people with dementia.

Publications

System transformation diagnostic – ‘Bronze level’

NHS England and NHS Improvement, in partnership with all regional teams, have produced system transformation diagnostic Bronze level reports for every STP and integrated care system. They enable systems to look beyond...
organisational boundaries and bring together information regarding all components of health and care to ensure planning truly reflects the needs of local populations. The reports identify three main high-impact areas where system level focus could improve outcomes and performance and should be used in the development of 2019/20 operational plans and considered for long-term financial planning. Please visit or email england.deliveryunit@nhs.net for further information.

2019/20 physical health SMI data collection technical guidance

Technical guidance supporting the Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) collection for people with severe mental illness (SMI) receiving a full physical health check has been updated for 2019/20 and is available on NHS England’s website. The updated indicator for 2019/20 asks CCGs to report quarterly on the delivery of physical health checks for people on the SMI register in any setting, including the relevant follow-up interventions and access to national screening. The first return to the collection will be in July 2019. Updated SDCS reporting template to facilitate submission will be made available prior to collection launch.

Publication of new service specification for Adult Critical Care services

NHS England has published a new service specification for Adult Critical Care services, clarifying the standards for service delivery when the critical care period is linked with a specialised spell. Since the majority of adult critical care services are commissioned to provide specialised and non-specialised care, it is envisaged that CCGs will consider formal adoption of this service specification through their provider contracts by working with local Adult Critical Care Operational Delivery Networks and specialised commissioning regional teams.

Events

Health and Care Innovation Expo 2019

Registration is now open for this year’s Health and Care Innovation Expo, the biggest NHS led event of the year. This year’s Expo will focus on bringing the NHS Long Term Plan to life and give an insight into the latest NHS and social care plans, as well as a chance to meet the people leading transformation. Expo inspires leaders and clinicians to make improvements for patients and service users – almost three-quarters pledge to start new projects or initiatives after visiting. It unites people from right across the health and social care sector to share perspectives, learn from one another, and find solutions. Don’t forget to tweet us @ExpoNHS when you register and tell us why you’re attending Expo 2019. Please use the hashtag #expounites.

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