CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework Patient and Community Engagement Indicator 2018/19 Assessment Final Score

Under the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012), CCGs have a statutory duty to involve the public in commissioning (section 14Z2). In addition to meeting statutory responsibilities, effective patient and public participation helps CCGs to commission services that meet the needs of local communities and tackle health inequalities. Following the national 2018/19 CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework (IAF) Patient and Community Engagement Indicator assessment, the Accountable Officer of each CCG will now have received, via email, a letter confirming the final RAGG* rating and score for their CCG. The overall IAF results are available on MyNHS. If you have further queries please email england.nhs.participation@nhs.net.

Announcements

Digital-first Primary Care: policy consultation on patient registration, funding and contracting rules

A consultation on digital-first primary care has been launched which includes proposals to amend the out-of-area registration rules, change the CCG allocation system to enable a quarterly recalculation, allow new digital-first practices to be established in under-doctored areas and adjust the new patient premium. A webinar for CCGs will be held on 6 August at 12pm to 1pm. This will be an opportunity to hear about the proposals, ask questions and share your feedback. To join the webinar, please register. You can also share feedback via our online survey until 23 August 2019. For further information, please contact: england.digitalfirstconsultation@nhs.net.

Improving mental health support through schools and colleges

NHS staff will work with more schools and colleges through Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs), with 123 more teams to be recruited, expanding work to improve mental health support for children and young people as part of the NHS Long Term Plan. Training for all schools and colleges will also be offered through a £9.3m programme bringing education and mental health services together, co-ordinated by CCGs. The Link Programme, run by the Anna Freud Centre, funded by the Department for Education, and supported by NHS England, will roll out from September for next four years. Details are available from the Anna Freud Centre.

EMIS gets full rollout approval for GP Connect Access Record: HTML

EMIS has achieved full roll-out approval Access Record: HTML for its EMIS Web clinical system. This is a key capability being delivered by NHS Digital’s GP Connect programme. This approval marks a major step forward for the national interoperability initiative. It will help share patient information, to deliver better care for patients across care settings, and improve coordination between staff working across primary care networks. For more information, visit the GP Connect website.

Action

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable adults: general practice reporting
A letter and supporting documents, outlining the arrangements needed for supporting and managing local authority requests for child protection reports have been produced. All CCGs and STPs working collaboratively, along with local GP providers representatives, need to review these as after October 2019 assurances will be sought from local safeguarding leads. We want to assure safeguarding activity, in general practice, is supported to contribute efficiently and effectively to local decision making on ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

**Publications**

**Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner Apprenticeship: procurement guidance for employers**

The newly published Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (PWP) Apprenticeship: procurement guidance for employers, informs Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) services of the procurement process they should follow, together with the support available from NHS procurement hubs and Health Education England (HEE). Available at [Health Education England: Apprenticeships section](https://www.he Forgot link). The guidance aims to raise awareness among IAPT services and higher education institutions of the new PWP Apprenticeship and promote applications to this mental health career route. It has been written by NHS England and NHS Improvement in partnership with HEE, and Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

**New GP Connect guidance available**

NHS Digital’s GP Connect programme team has provided new guidance for potential users of GP connect, which includes where to start and the what the approvals process looks like. Whether you are a commissioning organisation, GP practice or consumer organisation, there is a host of information and useful links available online.

**Better Care Fund Planning Requirements for 2019-20**

The Department for Health and Social Care, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the NHS published the Better Care Fund (BCF) planning requirements for 2019-20 on 18 July 2019, which sets out the detailed requirements to local areas on developing and implementing BCF plans following the 2019-20 Better Care Fund Policy Framework, published by Departments in April 2019. Minimum allocations for the BCF from CCGs for 2019-20 were also published by the NHS.

**Three National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme reports published with recommendations for Commissioners**

Establishing the person as central to service design, evaluation and care pathways, as well as workforce requirements to provide a high quality and safe care environment, are key recommendations for Commissioners in both National Audit of Care at the End of Life Report and National Maternity and Perinatal Audit Organisational Report. The National Cardiac Audit Programme Annual Report recommendations ask Commissioners to consider if guidance (NICE and British Heart Rhythm Society) is being followed for device implantation. All recently published reports can be found on the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership website.

**Events**

**Health and Care Innovation Expo 2019**

The agenda for Health and Care Innovation Expo 2019 is now available, with high-profile speakers from across the NHS, social care, local government, the voluntary sector and industry, focusing on the most important challenges and developments across health and social care. There are also opportunities to engage directly with leaders and innovators
in the limited-capacity theatre sessions and pop-up university workshops. All NHS and local government staff can register for free via the Expo website — register now to book your theatre and workshop places to avoid disappointment – the most popular fill up fast.

**GP IT Connect and Futures summer webinar series for CCGs**

NHS Digital is running a series of summer webinars to introduce the GP IT Futures and GP Connect programmes to directors of Finance, IT and commissioning within CCGs. The webinars are running from Tuesday 23 July - Friday 9 August and will provide an overview of both programmes in terms of; key delivery dates, actions and programme benefits. To find out more about the webinars or book your place, please contact Bob Quin, GP Connect Communications Lead, by emailing bob.quin1@nhs.net