

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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Integrated Care Systems

NHS Confederation, [Working collaboratively in an ICS: freeing up opportunities in community pharmacy](#) “Exploring the opportunities for greater collaborative working between community pharmacy, primary care networks and federations within ICSs.”

[Army of tech angels to help people with shopping and virtual life](#) “More than 3,000 people in Surrey have been helped by 50 volunteers who teach them how to order food shopping online, meet friends in virtual cafes, make crafts and even go on virtual ‘trips’ to the countryside, museums or far-flung attractions.”

IPPR, [Solving the puzzle: delivering on the promise of integration in health and care](#) This report “suggests the proposed reforms could be a ‘turning point’ in the drive towards a more integrated health care system. However, it warns that improved outcomes will only be delivered if combined with changes to the way health care is organised and how services work together”

Event, The King’s Fund, [Integrated care systems and place based partnerships: 6 months on. 1 November to 4 November.](#)

Blog, [The King’s Fund, Integrated care: our position](#)

Video, The King’s Fund, [Region Zealand, Denmark: a community wide partnership to improve health and wellbeing](#) A 5 mins video from “Dr Kristine Binzer, GP, Bridge for Better Health, Denmark, about health and care organisations working closely with local employers, businesses and others to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population.”

Executive Focus

Good Governance Institute, [What every board member needs to know about improvement and quality assurance](#) This report is “is intended to guide and support boards in developing and maintaining robust quality assurance and improvement processes within their organisations. It contains a maturity matrix, a practical tool to support boards in assessing levels of maturity within their organisations against key identified criteria and identifying the steps they need to take to progress the maturity of their organisations. The report also provides best practice examples and key questions to help boards translate theory into practice.”

Health inequalities

NHE, [UK launches new office to tackle health inequalities](#) “The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) has been officially launched by the UK Government, aimed at preventing health disparities across the country and supporting people to live longer, healthier, and happier lives.”



LGIU, [On the level: 6 principles to support the levelling up white paper](#) “This paper brings together the work from the LGIU of the past 2 years to look at the opportunities levelling up offers (such as addressing health inequalities) and the risks it poses.”

NICE, *Draft Guidance*, [Integrated health and social care for people experiencing homelessness](#)

Event, Health Foundation, [Health in early years: How can we improve opportunities to live a healthy life?](#)

“Children growing up in poverty and low-income households experience many disadvantages that can have negative health consequences through childhood and into adulthood.” **12:30-13:30 19 October**

Transformation

HSJ, Webinar recording, [what should smart hospitals look like and how to make it work for the wider health and care landscape](#) “if the government is to achieve its vision of integrated care across localities and regions, the new “smart” facilities will have to be part of a wider, digitally-optimised ecosystem. ”

Workforce

HSJ, [UK nurses ‘not a feasible solution’ to short-term crisis](#), research from [the Nuffield trust](#) has argued that the upfront costs of overseas nurse employment compared to agency nurse costs is cancelled out in as little as 6 months. International nurses are also likely to work in the NHS for longer and are more likely to work full time.

HSJ, [‘Stupid’ and ‘wrong’ for NHS to compete for overseas nurses, claims health minister](#). Gillian Keegan made comments at a fringe event at the Conservative party conference. Ms Keegan said that employers needed to value and retrain staff and act strategically to attract the talent. She also highlighted the importance of apprenticeship routes.

Local News

HSJ, [‘Considerable disquiet’ over lack of savings from £7m consultancy contract](#) Cornwall Partnership Foundation trust was in charge of budget for ICS wide improvement programme

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