
New NHS operating framework published

The new NHS operating framework, setting out the business and planning arrangements for the NHS in England for the next year, was published on 24 November.

To view the framework please visit: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2011/11/operating-framework/>

Public health human resources (HR) concordat

The Department of Health, in partnership with the NHS and the Local Government Association has published the public health human resources concordat. The concordat provides the principles and standards for managing the HR processes to support the transfer of PCT public health commissioning activity to local authorities. It sets out the obligations of the NHS and local government employers and trade unions in managing the change.

Further guidance on several other aspects of the public health transition are expected in the next few weeks. These will be included in future editions of transition news.

For further information and to view the concordat, please visit:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_131111

New institute to help narrow the health gap

A new UCL (University College London) Institute that aims to reduce health inequalities through action on the social determinants was launched on 21 November 2011 by the Health Secretary Andrew Lansley and Professor Sir Michael Marmot.

For more information, please visit: <http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2011/11/21/new-institute-to-help-narrow-the-health-gap/>

Personal Health Budgets DVD

The Department of Health has launched a DVD which shares the experience of people in the personal health budgets pilot programme. Patients describe in their own words what the process is like, what they spend their money on and how they made their decisions.

A personal health budget allows people to have more choice, flexibility and control over the health services and care they receive.

For more information, please visit:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_131100

Building the local public health system - Conference materials

In late October the Public Health England Transition Team along with the president of the faculty of public health joined public health colleagues and a range of other partners to discuss progress on building the new public health system. All local areas in Yorkshire and Humber offered materials, tools and learning from the work they have been doing and these were shared on the day with all the delegates. In order to share these more widely the resources from the conference are being made available on the Public Health Observatory's website.

The first set of papers from the conference are now available at the website address below. Further postings will follow. For a particular presentation or set of resources from the event please contact Ruth Carter on ruth.carter@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk.

For further information visit: <http://www.yhpho.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=8464>

Events

Primary Care Commissioning – Clinical commissioning summit- journey to 2013 and beyond

Tuesday 31 January London

Clinical Commissioning - the journey to 2013 and beyond is aimed at GP leaders and managers who are active (and not so active) in the development of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

The day, organised by Primary Care Commissioning, will be a mix of policy updates on transition and authorisation delivered via plenary presentations; bottom up implementation and best practice examples delivered via workshops to allow for a higher level of interaction and practical support.

Priority booking is available until the 25th November and places at the event are available free of charge to participants who are members of the PCC in the Clinical Commissioning Community using this code - CCSUMMIT12.

For more information please go to: www.pccevents.co.uk/ccsummit2012

Free GP and Non Finance webinar series: Managing a Commissioning Budget with Cathy Kennedy

Tuesday 10 January, 12.30 – 1.30pm

The Healthcare Finance Management Association is running two webinars designed to provide a better understanding of NHS finance, governance and commissioning for GPs, Clinicians and Non Finance staff.

This webinar is designed to provide an introduction to this important area and will cover:

- **Commissioning: what it is and why it is important**
- **Budgets as part of the planning process, how budgets are developed, managed and controlled**
- **Commissioning budgets: delivering local priorities, how much there is to spend and how to manage this effectively**

GPs, clinicians and other non-finance professionals please cascade this message throughout your teams as appropriate.

Corrections

Please note, the below items appeared in last week's Transition News. These have been included again this week because the incorrect links were included.

NHS Future Forum sends interim recommendations to Secretary of State

The Chair of the NHS Future Forum, Professor Steve Field, has written to the Secretary of State with the Forum's interim recommendations.

The Department of Health is due to publish the NHS Operating Framework and the Public Health Outcomes Framework soon and the Forum wants to ensure some of its recommendations are reflected in these documents.

The letter is not, therefore, intended to summarise the full range of views the Forum has heard or indicate what its final report will cover. The Forum's final report will be published before the end of the year.

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/ff-letter/>

Developing the new NHS Provider Licence: A Framework Document

If current proposals set out in the Health and Social Care Bill become law, Monitor is likely to need to license providers relatively quickly - by October 2012 for foundation trusts and April 2013 for all other providers. Monitor is therefore starting to think about the shape and content of the proposed licensing regime. This framework document is intended to maximise the opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute to that thinking at an early stage, without pre-empting Parliament's role. Comments on the proposals are being asked for by 12 December:

<http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/home/news-events-and-publications/our-publications/browse-category/consultations/live-consultations-0>
