Welcome to the Quality and Safety eBulletin

This eBulletin brings you the latest news from key national agencies and initiatives across the UK, under themed headings.

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All the latest in quality and safety with the RCN's Quality and Safety Bulletin.

News story

Guidance for mentors of nursing and midwifery students

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Children with autism failed by health service. Delegates at the annual RCN Children and Young People’s Nursing Conference will also argue that hospital staff often have difficulty communicating with children with autism and need more training in this area. 

Writer in residence- Molly Case. Molly Case, the RCN’s new writer in residence, talks about her new role and the fantastic work she’ll be doing with the RCN.

Nursing during Ramadan. Nursing students Zahid Iqbal, Aatikah Kaba and newly qualified nurse Amina Norat reflect on what Ramadan means to them and how they combine it with their nursing practice. 
https://rcni.com/nursing-standard/opinion/nursing-during-ramadan-58861

The diaries of nurse Hibbert. A blog post looking at one of the RCN Archive’s most comprehensive diary collections. 

Drop in training. Drop in training has been a big success at the Library and Heritage Centre. It is available Wednesday and Saturday. 

Student nurses speak out at Congress. In a profession such as nursing, getting your voice heard is vitally important – although not always easy. 

Guidance for mentors of nursing and midwifery students. The importance of the role of mentors and the quality of the mentorship offered in the practice environment, wherever that may be, cannot be over-emphasised. This guidance outlines the responsibilities of a mentor alongside those of students, higher education institutions (HEIs) and practice-based learning providers. 
https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub-006133

From detection dogs to therapy pets: animals in health. 21 June 2017 18:00-21:00 RCN, 20 Cavendish Square, Marylebone, London W1G 0RN. Animals have long held a role in health settings, from the ancient use of medicinal leeches to the introduction of rescue dogs in the Alps in the early eighteenth century. https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/from-detection-dogs-to-therapy-pets-animals-in-health

12 June to 31 July 2017. RCN Education Workshops. The NMC is consulting on changes to the framework and educational standards for pre-registration nurses. The consultation will shape the future of nurse training across the UK. It’s anticipated that the final set of requirements will be published by early 2018, and that they will be adopted from the 2018-19 academic year. Have your say on the proposed new standards at a series of free workshops, organised by the RCN, which are taking place across the United Kingdom this summer. Your feedback will shape the RCN’s response to the consultation. The half day workshops are open to all health care staff, including non-members of the RCN. Lunch is provided and attendance will count towards your revalidation portfolio. https://www.rcn.org.uk/education-workshops

Travel health competence: pointing you in the right direction. 24 June 2017 09:00-16:30, RCN, 20 Cavendish Square, Marylebone, London W1G 0RN. Delivering accurate and current advice to travellers is becoming more complex and anticipating individual needs can be challenging. Feeling confident, knowing your competence level and staying up to date with the latest information, guidance and resources has never been more important. https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/travel-health-conference

RCN Critical care workshop 2017. 08 July 2017 08:30-16:30. RCN, 20 Cavendish Square, Marylebone, London W1G 0RN. As well being able to accrue up to 7 hours of CPD time towards Revalidation, you will also be able to gain the benefits of: hearing evidence based scenarios, networking with colleagues, receive updates on contemporary practice. https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/critical-care
So you want to be an IBD nurse specialist? 10 July 10:00-16:00. RCN, 20 Cavendish Square, Marylebone, London W1G 0RN. Join our unique study day aimed at nurses with an interest in developing a career as an IBD (inflammatory bowel disease) nurse specialist. [https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/ibd-london](https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/ibd-london)

24 August 2017. Amba Hotel Marble Arch, Bryanston St, Marylebone, London W1H 7EH. RCN School Nurses Conference and Exhibition 2017. This RCN conference will provide a valuable opportunity for you to meet other like-minded nurses and remain professionally up to date. Aimed at all nurses working in schools and educational settings, including those from academies, independent, free and boarding schools. [https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/school-nurses](https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/school-nurses)

**Quality improvement**

Audit, reviews, legislation, inspections, regulation


Welsh Government. A School Nursing Framework for Wales. Each secondary school and their cluster primaries will have an identified school nurse and associated health team with a variety of skills, who will be accessible for support and advice as children progress through their education both within and outside term time. [http://gov.wales/docs/phhs/publications/170523schoolnurseen.pdf](http://gov.wales/docs/phhs/publications/170523schoolnurseen.pdf)

WHO. Realistic medicine to improve the quality of care in Scotland. Scotland is in the throes of a public health revolution, as it rolls out its new “realistic medicine” approach. Catherine Calderwood tells Fiona Fleck why empowering both patients and clinicians is improving the quality of health care. [http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/95/6/17-030617.pdf](http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/95/6/17-030617.pdf)
Guidance, innovation, tools

Australian Health Review. Empirical exploration of brilliance in health care. The aim of the present study was to develop a positive organisational scholarship in health care approach to health management, informed by health managers and health professionals’ experiences of brilliance in health care delivery. Pockets of brilliance have been previously identified as catalysts for changing health care systems. Both quality, seen as driven from the outside, and excellence, driven from within individuals, are necessary to produce brilliance.

http://www.publish.csiro.au/ah/AH16047

Care Inspectorate. Skin Integrity in the older person. Skin integrity in the older person: assessment and management to optimise health is an educational resource compromising: a power point presentation and workshop, a workbook.


Department of health. Heatwave guidance for England. This plan aims to prepare for, alert people to, and prevent, the major avoidable effects on health during periods of severe heat in England. It recommends a series of steps to reduce the risks to health from prolonged exposure to severe heat


Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Quality improvement essentials toolkit (USA). IHI’s QI Essentials Toolkit includes the tools and templates you need to launch and manage a successful improvement project. Each of the ten tools in the toolkit includes a short description, instructions, an example, and a blank template.

http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/Quality-Improvement-Essentials-Toolkit.aspx

INVOLVE. New Health Research Authority and INVOLVE briefing and guidance on public involvement and ethical review. Based on available evidence, the HRA and INVOLVE believe that research that has involved the public is more likely to be relevant and of good quality, and therefore more likely to receive an outright favourable opinion from Research Ethics Committees, and lead to better recruitment and retention of participants.

NHS Confederation. What’s the hold up? Patients in England sometimes occupy a hospital bed when they could be discharged. These are ‘delayed transfers of care’ and are measured in delayed days. This infographic details the most common factors for delayed days in 2016. They illustrate why reforming social care is vital. 
http://www.nhsconfed.org/resources/2017/05/whats-the-hold-up


Public Health Wales. New guide to public health and alcohol licensing in Wales. Public health practitioners in local health teams now have a new tool to support them to engage with and influence the alcohol licensing system in their area, to reduce alcohol related harm. http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/news/44986

Queen’s Nursing Institute. New Funding for Innovation Projects in Inclusion Health. The QNI has launched a new programme to fund nurse-led projects focused on improving homeless and inclusion healthcare. Up to ten nurses will be selected to receive the funding. The year-long projects will start in January 2018. https://www.qni.org.uk/news-and-events/news/new-funding-innovation-projects-inclusion-health/

WHO. Updated dementia facts sheets. Dementia is a syndrome – usually of a chronic or progressive nature – in which there is deterioration in cognitive function (i.e. the ability to process thought) beyond what might be expected from normal ageing. It affects memory, thinking, orientation, comprehension, calculation, learning capacity, language, and
judgement. Consciousness is not affected.
http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs362/en/

WHO. Updated cardiovascular disease fact sheet. A total-risk approach needs to be adopted for early detection and cost-effective management of hypertension in order to prevent heart attacks, strokes and other complications.
http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs317/en/

WHO. Updated fact sheet: adolescent health risks and solutions. Around 1.2 billion people, or 1 in 6 of the world’s population, are adolescents aged 10 to 19. Most are healthy, but there is still substantial premature death, illness, and injury among adolescents.
http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs345/en/

Practice examples and case studies

King’s Fund. Bite sized social care: social care, the NHS and other services. Adult social care is part of a complex system of services and support – including the NHS. How well the various components of a person’s care are integrated can impact on their personal experience of care. This video explains the importance of different services working together to provide care. https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/audio-video/bite-sized-social-care-social-care-nhs-and-other-services

Housing LIN. A shared understanding: Localising the integration of housing and health. This Housing LIN case study 134 sets out the journey taken by Nottingham City to embed housing as the third vertex of local health and social care integration through the development of a local Memorandum of Understanding.

NHS Improvement. Improving quality and safety in healthcare. Providers that have been rated 'good' for safety by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) show how they are improving quality and safety in their organisations. https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/improving-quality-and-safety-healthcare/
Reports, commentary, statistics

BBC Health. Drug shrinks ovarian tumours in early trial. A new targeted treatment for ovarian cancer has shown "very promising" results in women in the advanced stages of the disease.  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-40097274

BBC Health. Prostate cancer treatment could help more patients. A drug for treating prostate cancer that has spread was found to save lives when offered earlier, a study found.  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-40131381

British Medical Association. NHS pressures. This briefing warns that the NHS in England is unlikely to recover from the pressure it faces during the winter, with trends suggesting that the health system is entering a state of year-round crisis.  

Care Inspectorate. Services for young children and young people in Glasgow. Services for children and young people in Glasgow are improving lives and having a positive impact, inspectors have said.  

Commonwealth Fund. International profiles of health care systems. This report presents an overview and comparison of the health care systems of 19 countries around the world. In addition, summary tables provide data on a number of key health system characteristics and performance indicators.  
http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/fund-reports/2017/may/international-profiles

Department of Health. Avian influenza (bird flu) in winter 2016 to 2017. The latest situation on avian influenza (bird flu) in the UK and advice on how to reduce the risks.  

Guardian. NHS faces staggering increase in cost of elderly care, academics warn. The NHS and social care system in the UK is facing a staggering increase in the cost of looking after elderly people within the next few years, according to major new research which shows a 25% increase in those who will need care between 2015 and 2025.
Guardian. NHS faces £500m-a-year bill post-Brexit for returning retirees, says thinktank. If current EU healthcare scheme for retired UK citizens ends, NHS costs will climb, with nurse and care worker shortages set to have a further impact


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King’s Fund. How is the NHS performing? June 2017. This latest quarterly monitoring report finds that the NHS is now planning to delay or cancel spending in half of local areas this year to meet financial targets. The survey of NHS trust finance directors suggests that NHS finances have improved over the last quarter of 2016/17. https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/press/press-releases/half-nhs-areas-planning-cancel-or-delay-spending-because-financial-pressures
NHS Clinical Commissioners. Supporting strategic commissioning: collaborative working between CCGs and AHSNs. This report aims to show how collaboration between CCGs and academic health science networks (AHSNs) can bring positive benefits to local patients and populations. It recommends that the most successful collaborations between CCGs and AHSNs will be ones that focus on a specific issue rather than on providing more general support.
https://www.nhscc.org/latest-news/ccgs-ahsns/


NHS England. NHS publishes information to support people affected by the terror attack in Manchester. After the initial shock of the terrible events in Manchester, NHS England has advised on immediate and longer-term care and support for the children and adults affected by the attack.
https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/05/information-to-support-people-affected-by-the-terror-attack-in-manchester/

Nuffield Trust. NHS funding choices and the 2017 general election. This analysis of the major political parties manifestos has found that none of the parties have pledged to spend enough money on the NHS in England to close its funding gap, cope with increased demand and sustain high quality care.
https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/news-item/no-party-has-pledged-enough-funding-for-the-nhs

Nuffield Trust. Nuffield Trust. Getting a Brexit deal that works for the NHS. This briefing finds that the NHS could face costs of almost half a billion pounds if retired British people living in other EU countries decide to return to the UK in the event of their healthcare being withdrawn after Brexit.
https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/news-item/nhs-could-face-bill-of-over-half-a-billion-pounds-from-brexit
Patient safety

Age and Aging. Sources of unsafe primary care for older adults: a mixed-methods analysis of patient safety incident reports. The aim of this study is to describe the factors associated with actual or potential harm to patients aged 65 years and older, treated in primary care, to identify action to produce safer care. [https://academic.oup.com/ageing/article-lookup/doi/10.1093/ageing/afx044](https://academic.oup.com/ageing/article-lookup/doi/10.1093/ageing/afx044)

Guardian. The NHS needs a culture shift if it truly wants to put patient safety first. The launch of the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) marks an opportunity for substantial improvement in patient safety. But there may be fears that it will provide a veneer of progress, while the wider system still fails to tackle the root causes of safety problems. [https://www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network/2017/jun/02/nhs-culture-shift-patient-safety-first](https://www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network/2017/jun/02/nhs-culture-shift-patient-safety-first)

Heart. Patient preferences for cardiovascular preventive medication: a systematic review. This systematic review found that many patients require a substantial risk reduction before they consider taking a daily medication worthwhile, even when the medication is free of adverse events and costless. [http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/05/13/heartjnl-2017-311244](http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/05/13/heartjnl-2017-311244)

JAMA. Who Is Responsible for the Safe Introduction of New Surgical Technology? Innovation is an important part of medicine but a challenge arises in ensuring that innovation is undertaken and implemented safely and does not create new risks to patients. This commentary considers the roles and responsibilities of organisations, regulators, device manufacturers, and clinicians (in the US setting) for ensuring appropriate technical expertise of surgeons. [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/article-abstract/2623726](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/article-abstract/2623726)

Evidence-based practice

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Diagnosis, prevention and treatment of C. difficile. This is a summary of a systematic review that evaluated the recent evidence regarding the accuracy of diagnostic tests and the effectiveness of interventions for preventing and treating Clostridium difficile (C. difficile) infection.
http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=2476

BBC Health. Washing hands in cold water “as good as hot”. The small study of 20 people found using water at 15C (59F) left hands as clean as water heated to 38C (100F).
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-40118539

British Thoracic Society. BTS guideline for oxygen use in adults in healthcare and emergency settings. This updated guidance is based on new evidence about how effective prescribing and delivery of emergency oxygen for patients can both improve health and save lives.

Health Foundation. Generating knowledge and insights to improve health and care. Developing and sharing evidence on what works and why, is central to bring about better health and health care for people in the UK. This issue looks at work to generate new knowledge and insights, ranging from setting up a new improvement research institute, to research on population health, efficiency and behavioural insights.
http://www.health.org.uk/?dm_i=4Y2,4YSUA,E85Q15,IVW26,1

International Agency for Research on Cancer. New International Cancer Survival Benchmarking website. This website is aimed at researchers, policy-makers, and public health specialists, the website and brings together three international landmark projects in order to move towards better outcomes after cancer diagnosis for all.
http://survival.iarc.fr/
Lancet. Forecasted trends in disability and life expectancy in England and Wales up to 2025. This study highlights that the number of older people with care needs will expand by 25% by 2025, mainly reflecting population ageing rather than an increase in prevalence of disability. [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667(17)30091-9/fulltext?elsca1=tlpr](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667(17)30091-9/fulltext?elsca1=tlpr)


NICE. NICE guidance: eating disorders. This guideline covers assessment, treatment, monitoring and inpatient care for children, young people and adults with eating disorders. It aims to improve the care people receive by detailing the most effective treatments for anorexia nervosa, binge eating disorder and bulimia nervosa. [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng69](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng69)

NICE. Clinical guideline: Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in adults. This guideline covers diagnosing and managing idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in people aged 18 and over. It aims to improve the quality of life for people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis by helping healthcare professionals to diagnose the condition and provide effective symptom management. [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg163](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg163)

NICE. Quality standard: haematological cancers. This quality standard covers diagnostic reporting and the organisation of haematological cancer services for people of all ages (children, adults and young people) and managing haematological cancers in adults and young people (aged 16 and over). It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs150](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs150)

NICE. NICE to launch new evidence tool for medtech product developers. NICE’s Scientific Advice service is launching an online tool to help developers of medical devices and
diagnostics understand and generate the evidence needed to show their products are clinically and cost effective.


Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. Stroke in Childhood: Clinical guideline for diagnosis, management and rehabilitation. This updated clinical guideline provides guidance on the identification, diagnosis, management and rehabilitation of children and young people (aged 29 days to 18 years at time of presentation) with arterial ischaemic stroke and haemorrhagic stroke.

http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/stroke-guideline#fullclinicalguideline

Specialist Pharmacy Service. Can opioids be used for pain relief during pregnancy? There are no specific guidelines for the treatment of pain in pregnancy. Not all analgesics are suitable for use during or at certain stages of pregnancy. This updated Q&A explores the data available to support the safety of prescribing opioids for pain relief in pregnancy.

https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/can-opioids-be-used-for-pain-relief-during-pregnancy/

Patient focus

Care Quality Commission. 2016 adult inpatient survey: statistical release. This report outlines the findings of the 2016 adult inpatient survey which illustrates the experiences of over 77,000 patients who received care in an NHS hospital during July 2016. It provides a snapshot of the quality of care in NHS hospitals and finds that patient experience has remained relatively stable since 2006.


Centre for Economic Performance. The hospital as a multi-product firm: the effect of hospital competition on value-added indicators of clinical quality. This paper examines the impact of the introduction of patient choice in elective surgical procedures on patient reported outcome measures (PROMs). It finds that by introducing competition via the mechanism of patient choice, there may have been a negative effect of clinical quality.

http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/dp1484.pdf
Health Foundation. A mile in my shoes. The UK’s Health Foundation commissioned this site to capture a range of stories about and from healthcare. A Mile in My Shoes invites you to experience the world from the shoes of someone else and listen to their story. This collection of audio stories from people (professionals, clinicians, patients and carers) across health and social care showcases the extraordinary contribution and difference people make to all our lives.

http://listen.health.org.uk/

Health Foundation. What does the public think about the NHS and social care services? Protecting the NHS from cuts is important to the majority of the general public – 88% selected ‘the NHS/health care’ as a main area of public spending that should be protected.


Journal of Medical Internet Research. Virtual Visits and Patient-Centered Care. Virtual visits may be one means of making the health system more patient-centered, but careful attention needs to be paid to how these services are integrated into existing health care delivery systems.

http://www.jmir.org/2017/5/e177/

Journal of Medical Internet Research. eMindLog: self-measurement of anxiety and depression using mobile technology. Quantifying anxiety and depressive experiences permits individuals to calibrate where they are and monitor intervention-associated changes. eMindLog is a novel self-report measure for anxiety and depression that is grounded in psychology with an organizing structure based on neuroscience.

http://www.researchprotocols.org/2017/5/e98/

King’s Fund. Listening to patients, carers, staff and communities... do we care enough? Durka Dougall challenges NHS leaders to work more closely with patients, carers and staff in order to understand what’s important to them and to make the tough decisions together.

https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2017/05/listening-patients-carers-staff-and-communities-do-we-care-enough

National Voices. Healthy commissioning: how the Social Value Act is being used by clinical commissioning groups. This report warns that improved commitment to social value is key to
achieving the aims of the Five Year Forward View in creating a new relationship with people and communities and to move towards place-based accountable care systems.


Social Care Institute for Excellence. Person-centred care for older people in care homes. Delivering truly personalised care in a residential setting can be a challenge – but it is possible. Explore SCIE’s updated personalisation resources to help care home providers and managers deliver good person-centred care. More coming soon.


Social Care Institute for Excellence. Personalisation: Introduction e-learning course. Aimed at social care professionals and people receiving social care support, this e-learning course explores personalisation. It will help you to understand personalisation and to explore what you can do to make personalisation happen.


eHealth

Digitalhealth.net. Evergreen Life app launches nationwide. Evergreen Life PHR is the latest NHS-approved mobile app that allows patients to access all their medical information. The app was accredited by the NHS in March and is now available for patients in all EMIS practices across England to download.

https://www.digitalhealth.net/2017/05/evergreen-life-app-launches-nationwide/

Digitalhealth.net. 350,000 errors found in child immunisation IT system switchover. Hundreds of thousands of errors have been discovered in a northern trust’s child immunisation IT system, meaning that vaccinations could have been recorded incorrectly.

https://www.digitalhealth.net/2017/05/hundreds-of-thousands-of-errors-found-in-child-immunisation-it-system-switch-over/
Digitalhealth.net. Trusts could be facing £1 million recovery bill from cyber-attack. Trusts are yet to reveal the recovery costs of the recent cyber-attack, but one trust source is estimating a million pound plus bill. [https://www.digitalhealth.net/2017/05/cyber-attack-recovery-costs-yet-to-be-determined/](https://www.digitalhealth.net/2017/05/cyber-attack-recovery-costs-yet-to-be-determined/)


Journal of Medical Internet Research. The use of text messaging to improve the hospital to community transition in acute coronary syndrome patients. The primary objective of this study is to compare self-management, as measured by the Health Education Impact Questionnaire, between patients receiving only usual care versus those who receive usual care plus the Txt2Prevent intervention. [http://www.researchprotocols.org/2017/5/e91/](http://www.researchprotocols.org/2017/5/e91/)


Staff focus

BMC Nursing. Cross-sectional examination of the association between shift length and hospital nurses job satisfaction and nurse reported quality measures. A secondary analysis of data collected in England exploring outcomes with 12 hour shifts examined the association between shift length, job satisfaction, scheduling flexibility, care quality, patient

BMC Public Health. Comparing motivational, self-regulatory and habitual processes in a computer-tailed physical activity intervention in hospital employees (Australia-NZ study). The main objective of this study is to develop and test the efficacy of a tailored intervention to increase healthcare professionals' physical activity participation and quality of life, and to reduce work-related stress and absenteeism. https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-017-4415-4

Centre for Economic Performance. The NHS and social care: prospects for funding, staffing and performance in the 2020s. This briefing is part of a series examining key issues relating to the 2017 general election. It focuses on the forecast for health and care funding, staffing and performance, as well as looking back on the recent service reforms and how they have impacted on quality of care and service delivery. http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/ea037.pdf

General Medical Council. Excellence by design: standards for postgraduate curricula. These newly developed standards aim to make postgraduate training more flexible for doctors and they provide a framework for the approval and provision of postgraduate medical education and training across the UK. All medical colleges and faculties are required to update all 103 existing postgraduate medical curricula against the GMC’s new standards, with a target to complete the process by 2020. http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/29707.asp

International Longevity Centre, UK. A Teaching Care Home pilot. This series of reports evaluates a Department of Health funded pilot which aimed to empower the workforce in care home nursing and to ensure the future sustainability of the workforce in the sector. The pilot created five centres of excellence across England which would share learning and best practice and help to strengthen leadership and care culture in care homes. http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/index.php/publications/publication_details/a_teaching_care_home_pilot

Timewise. Caring by design. This report sets out a series of recommendations for industry, care providers and policymakers to help solve the social care system's recruitment and
retention crisis. The report argues that more flexible job design, rather than just a skills solution, is needed in order to improve the quality of care and provide a cost-efficient solution for employers who are significantly reducing the cost of staff turnover.


NHS Employers. Workforce supply. Workforce supply is about much more than recruitment; a good workforce strategy should use evidence-based approaches to address current challenges and should be sustainable and focussed on the future.

http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/plan/workforce-supply

NHS Employers. Practical ideas gained at first Brexit event for health and HE employers. Held on Monday 22 May in London, in partnership with the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (Ucea), the event aimed to recognise and address the current and future workforce challenges that Brexit poses for the health and HE sectors, and find positive ways of responding as the UK prepares to leave the EU.