

Hi everyone,

Please see the member update below including anything you might have missed on our Slack channel.

Wishing everyone a nice weekend.

Best wishes,

Helena

## Update on DHC activity

- **Health and Social Care Select Committee**
  - The DHC's director Catherine Davies has been appointed a specialist member of the Health and Social Care Committee's expert panel evaluating the government's progress in achieving its commitments made regarding the digitisation of the NHS.
  - Thank you to everyone who came to the evidence session this week and who has submitted evidence. We will be making the submission next Tuesday so any further comments please let Ed know.
- **Innovation in ICSs meeting**
  - We will be hosting a roundtable event with three ICS digital leads on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 3pm-4pm. Helena will be circulating an invitation and will share more information nearer the time.
- **Remote consultations**
  - We are working with the HSJ on a stock take of remote consultation uptake and quality. We are keen for members who offer remote consultations to get involved.
  - Findings from our analysis are attached to this email.
  - If you are interested in finding out more, please let us know.

## Member updates

- DHC members Livi have signed up 40 new PCNs to provide remote consultations at evenings and weekends. Read more [here](#).

## Contract opportunities

- **Virtual Ward solution**
  - This RFI seeks to obtain information from the market on suitable solutions that are capable of delivering a virtual ward solution to East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.
  - More information about the opportunity is available [here](#).
- **Market Engagement - Virtual Ward Remote Monitoring - Wearable Devices for NHS Devon ICSD**

- The Devon Integrated Care System (ICSD) are undertaking market engagement to further develop their virtual ward model and explore options for using remote monitoring, wearable technology at scale to support and enable the care of patients outside the traditional hospital ward.
- More information about the opportunity is available [here](#).

## Other points of interest

- **Chair nominations open for Health and Social Care Committee**
  - Nominations are now open for the position of Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee, following the appointment of Jeremy Hunt MP as Chancellor of the Exchequer on 14 October 2022.
  - The two current frontrunners are Steve Brine MP and Anne Marie Morris MP.
  - Read more [here](#).
- **NHS England and NHS Digital merger to be brought forward**
  - NHS England's merger with NHS Digital will be brought forward after new instructions were issued by Therese Coffey. Staff at both organisations were told that the merger will now be completed by early January, rather than at the end of March next year as was previously planned.
  - Read more [here](#).
- **NHSE plans 24-hour target for new hospital discharge service**
  - NHS England is developing plans for a new universal 'community recovery service' with a 24-hour target to provide 'step down care' once a patient is deemed ready to leave hospital
  - Read more [here](#).
- **CQC publish state of care report**
  - The CQC have published their annual report looking at the trends in care provision, shares examples of good and outstanding care, and highlights where care needs to improve.
  - Read the full report and summary [here](#).
- **NHS Providers launches programme to support ICS digital transformation**
  - NHS Providers has launched a new programme to help leaders of integrated care systems (ICS) advance digital transformation across their organisation.
  - The programme has been created to help integrated care systems (ICSSs) make the most of digital technology and will offer tailored development sessions so that ICSSs can share best practice and learn from their peers.
  - Read more [here](#).
- **24/7 control centres among new plans to step up NHS winter preparations**
  - Rapid response teams to help people who have fallen at home and 24/7 'care traffic control centres' are among new NHS plans to prepare for winter.
  - Read more [here](#).
- **NHS publish statistics on adult social care spending in 2021/22**
  - During 2021/22, gross current expenditure on adult social care by local authorities was £22.0 billion, which is an increase of £0.7 billion from the previous year.

- Read more [here](#).
- **Future of general practice report calls for restoring continuity of care**
  - The wide-ranging report on the future of general practice urges Ministers and NHS England to acknowledge a crisis in general practice and set out what steps they are taking to protect patient safety.
  - Read more [here](#).
- **Sussex Community aims to become digital leader as strategy is laid out**
  - Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust has laid out its digital strategy delivery plan, with a main ambition of becoming a digital leader in the NHS.
  - Read more [here](#).
- **New National Audit Office report: Introducing Integrated Care Systems**
  - The National Audit Office has published a new report examining the current ICS landscape and made recommendations for how ICSs can make meaningful progress.
  - Read more [here](#).
- **Digital Health's monthly roundup of contracts and go lives**
  - Digital health have published their roundup of this month's new contracts and go lives, including:
    - Certific and PocDoc partner for remote monitoring pilots
    - Babylon and Bupa extend partnership for digital health services
    - West Midlands Integrated Care System collaborates with InterSystems
    - Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital implements digital platform from Epro
    - Oxford Health NHS FT goes live with ePMA solution
    - Norfolk and Norwich uses digital solutions for personalised follow-ups
- **Four in 10 GP appointments take place remotely in 'new normal'**
  - Four in 10 GP appointments are taking place remotely with patient groups raising concerns that this has become "the new normal".
  - However, the data also shows that face to face GP appointments are currently higher than they were in 2020
  - Read more [here](#).
- **The latest healthcare leaders update is available [here](#) and includes:**
  - Winter resilience plans
  - Updated discharge pathways model
  - Online access to GP health records
  - Data on patient safety incident reporting
  - Biomedical research funding
- **And events including:**
  - Mental health elective recovery programme
  - Working to reduce health inequalities
  - Virtual wards clinical summit
- **This week's digital leaders bulletin is available [here](#) and includes information on:**

- A new scheme for NHS trusts and ICSs to apply for funding to improve connectivity speed
- New secure data environment enters beta testing phase
- National digital channels strategy
- NHS clinical informatic congress

### Upcoming events:

- **AI in Health and Care Award: evaluating AI technologies webinar**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 13:00-14:00
  - Register [here](#)
- **Elective Recovery: Inform and Innovate webinar**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> November 11:30-12:30pm
  - Register [here](#).