

nformation for Healthwatch aims to pick up DH, CQC, LGA, NHSE, HWE Monitor and other reports that Local Healthwatch will need to know about and to pass on other information I glean from other sources, including the King's Fund Health Policy and Management Alerts and HAPIA (NALM). It can't be comprehensive, so if you know of anything I should include please let me know. geoffrey.smith@btinternet.com

NHSE Bulletin for CCGs

Issue 62 is at <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Issue-62.pdf>

Commissioning of public health services for children

From 1st October 2015, the responsibility for commissioning children's public health services, including health visitors, will transfer from NHS England to local authorities. These DH documents aim to help support local authorities and stakeholders through the transition. The documents identify 6 areas where health visitors have the most impact on children's health and wellbeing. Local authorities should use this information to ensure that health visiting services are commissioned effectively.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326888/Early_Years_Impact_Overview.pdf

Access all ages 2: exploring variations in access to surgery among older people

This report, by the Royal College of Surgeons and Age UK, warns that age discrimination in the NHS may still be preventing older people from having access to life-saving surgery. An analysis of surgery rates across England's 211 CCGs, for six common procedures which are known to be effective in older people, shows there was widespread variation in the rates of surgery for people aged over 65 and 75, depending on where they live.

<http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/news/docs/access-all-ages-2>

Personalised care

The DH and PHE Guidance is at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326984/PHP_Frame_work_Version_1.pdf

The Dalton Review - an opportunity for Healthwatch

Sarah Morgan's speech (from GOV UK) today -

Today we're launching [the engagement website of Sir David Dalton's independent review into new options for providers of NHS care](#). The website will be open for comments until the 31st August.

I have led the work on the Dalton Review for a couple of months now, and it has been an exciting and fascinating piece of work. So far we have worked closely with different people within the health sector, including think tanks, academics, chief executives, clinicians and policy experts to set out the aims and scope of the Review. The energy and enthusiasm for this Review has been fantastic, with lots of useful academic evidence coming in.

While this has been invaluable, we want to start the conversation with those that matter most – you, the people who use NHS services.

One of the challenges with this review is that some of the issues it covers are quite complex and technical: management contracts, franchise models, joint ventures, service level chains and so

on. To understand which of those are relevant, we need to first understand what is important to you as patients and as members of your local community.

Sir David is clear that the principles that guide our work are simple: those who provide care should be led by the needs of local communities; these organisations are accountable for the quality and safety of that care; and that the quality of care patients receive should get ever better.

My family live in a northern seaside town whose local hospital has recently been in special measures for quality issues. My cousin has a four year old son who has severe asthma and has been hospitalised five times this year already, and my family rely heavily on the services it provides. I understand the passion and commitment people feel to their local hospital, GP practice and district nursing service, and I also understand the concerns that feeling you may not be able to access good care locally can bring.

It cannot be right that people who live in certain areas of England do not get access to the same level of safe and high quality services as those that live elsewhere. Sir David is clear that his aim for the Review is to make recommendations that will help excellent organisations share what that they do as widely as possible, while at the same time helping the whole of the NHS to improve the quality of the services they deliver to their patients and local population. We think that using different organisational structures is one way of doing this. That is why we are asking for contributions from as

wide a group of people as possible. We have set out some questions that we feel will help different people and organisations contribute their thoughts and views to the review. [We want to hear from you.](#)

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Advising residents on health and social care complaints: a councillors' guide

This joint Centre for Public Scrutiny and Local Government Association (LGA) guide aims to help councillors support residents who wish to make a complaint about a health or social care service. The guide provides basic information and sources of further advice for use in case work. Councillors should not advise residents on legal matters, but may use the resources described below to refer their residents to further sources of help.

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/11493/CfPS+Care+Complaints+WEB.pdf>

The CentreForum atlas of variation

This mental health focused atlas of variation focuses on unwarranted – or preventable – variations in the mental health and wellbeing of England's population, exposing huge differences in people's circumstances and access to services.

http://www.centreforum.org/assets/pubs/atlas-of-variation.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=The+King%27s+Fund+newsletters&utm_campaign=4376558_HMP+2014-07-08&dm_i=21A8,2LSZ2,FLWQ30,9JKAB,1

Congenital Heart Disease Review

John Holden's latest update is at

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/07/08/john-holden->

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