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Articles

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[Changing lives—it starts with a plan.](#)

Foster S. *British Journal of Nursing* 2017;26(8):481.

[The article discusses the role of nursing leadership in organizing the Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP) in Great Britain's National Health Services (NHS) to provide local area based medical care. It mentions the discussion on STPs and nursing roles at the Chief Nursing Officers for England's Summit. Topics include the barriers to health promotion, advantages of collaboration in medical care and understanding local medical needs.]

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[Coordinated discharge.](#)

Peate I. *British Journal of Nursing* 2017;26(3):129-129.

[Abstract: In this article, the author examines work that is being done in Great Britain to attend to patients that are moving between hospitals, care homes and community settings. Particular focus is given to guidelines from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and the Department of Health (DH). Additional items discussed include hospital discharge processing, services for the aging population in Great Britain and the role that nurses play in these transitions.]

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[Effectiveness of in-hospital geriatric co-management: a systematic review and meta-analysis.](#)

Van Grootven B. *Age and Ageing* 2017;(April):epub.

[Geriatric consultation teams have failed to impact clinical outcomes prompting geriatric co-management programmes to emerge as a promising strategy to manage frail patients on non-geriatric wards.]

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[Evidence-based interventions involving occupational therapists are needed in re-ablement for older community-living people: A systematic review.](#)

Petterson. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy* 2017;80(5):273-285.

[Re-ablement services are in a period of strong development, but the terms and definitions used remain unclear, and the scientific evidence is still weak. The aim of this systematic review was to obtain an overview of the scientific literature in this evolving research area, and investigate whether there is scientific evidence for positive effects of re-ablement services for older community-living people.]

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[Facilitating integrated delivery of services across organisational boundaries: Essential enablers to integration.](#)

Best F. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy* 2017;80(5):302-309.

[An exploratory qualitative study was undertaken in 2015 to explore occupational therapists' perceptions on integrating service provision across health and social care organisational boundaries. The views of practitioners who had experienced integration were sought on a range of aspects of integrating services. This paper focuses on the facilitators for delivering integration and the essential enablers are identified.]
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[Paramedic perspectives on GP referral schemes.](#)

Blodgett J. *Journal of Paramedic Practice* 2017;9(1):11-17.

["An innovative policy implemented by a UK Ambulance Service allows paramedics to refer patients to a GP Acute Visiting Service scheme. Initial evidence suggests that this alternate route of care can decrease hospital admission rates, decrease A&E waiting time and provide substantial savings for the NHS."]
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[Quantitative systematic review of multi-professional teamwork and leadership training to optimize patient outcomes in acute hospital settings.](#)

Husebø SE. *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 2016;72(12):2980-3000.

[Background: Although investigations of teamwork and leadership training in acute hospital settings indicate that such programs can optimize patient outcomes, evidence-based recommendations on the content, duration and frequency of training programs associated with clinical evidence are still absent.]
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[Role of physical therapy intervention in patients with life-threatening illnesses: a systematic review.](#)

Putt K. *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine* 2017;34(2):186-196.

[The purpose of this study was to contribute to the current research involving physical therapy and end-of-life care in terms of its efficacy, value, and how this value is perceived by patients and their caregivers.]
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[Speeding up laboratory test reporting in Medical Emergency and Cardiac Arrest calls: a quality improvement project.](#)

Al-Talib M. *BMJ Quality Improvement Reports* 2017;6(1):doi:10.1136/bmjquality.u213103.w5207 .

[This project demonstrates that using a specific blood request form for emergency calls, and tying this to a specified laboratory process, improves the time taken for these tests to be reported. In addition, the project provides some insight into challenges faced when implementing change in new departments.]
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[Supportive care model could be used to inform interventions and service development to improve quality of care for older people](#)

Brown J. *Evidence-Based Nursing* 2017;20(2):59.

[In a recent study by Nicholson et al, the authors suggest that supportive care is a potentially important way to bridge the gap between curative models and palliative care. This paper aimed to identify and build on theories and evidence about supportive care, in relation to hospital care of older people with frailty, to inform future interventions and their evaluation.]
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[Taking healthcare to the community: the evolving role of paramedics](#)

Eaton. *Journal of Paramedic Practice* 2017;9(5):190-191.

[Georgette Eaton discusses the development of the paramedic role, suggesting that there is now a much greater emphasis on urgent treatment delivery and community medical service provision.]

Reports

The following report(s) may be of interest:

[Allied Health Professions into Action: Using Allied Health Professionals to transform health, care and wellbeing.](#)

NHS England; 2017.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/qual-clin-lead/ahp/>

[This document describes how AHPs can support the delivery of Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) and the pursuit of the triple aim in the Five Year Forward View. It is a resource to inform and inspire AHPs, leaders and decision makers across the health and care system.]

Freely available online

[Does the primary care home make a difference? Understanding its impact.](#)

National Association of Primary Care (NAPC); 2017.

<http://www.napc.co.uk/news/does-the-primary-care-home-make-a-difference>

[The report looked at the impact of three primary care home rapid test sites, covering a population of more than 110,000, and assessed how PCH could support the delivery of the 44 Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) across England. The report by PA Consulting Group concludes that PCH can unlock a range of financial and non-financial benefits including drop in emergency hospital admissions and waiting times for GP appointments.]

Freely available online

[How GP practice teams and pharmacy teams can work together on EPS business continuity.](#)

Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC); 2017.

<http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/how-gps-and-pharmacies-can-work-together-on-eps-business-continuity-december-2016>

[This PSNC Briefing provides community pharmacy contractors and LPCs with suggestions to support joint working between GP practice teams and pharmacy teams in the event of an outage with the Electronic Prescription Service Release 2 (EPS R2).]

Freely available online

[Integrated health and social care 2020: research.](#)

SCIE Social Care Online; 2017.

<http://www.scie.org.uk/integrated-health-social-care/integration-2020/research>

[This report presents the findings from a programme of scoping research and engagement to: better understand what excellent integrated health and social care should look like in 2020; test out the Integration Standard with national stakeholders and local areas; provide feedback and support for further development of the standard.]

Freely available online

[Integrating health and social care across the UK: toolkit for nurses.](#)

Royal College of Nursing (RCN); 2017.

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub-005910>

[New RCN UK-wide toolkit for members working in strategic decision-making roles or involved in forums around integrated care. The toolkit has a series of themed prompt questions for reflection and action. It will support members to provide confident nursing leadership to shape, deliver and monitor safe, quality and local integrated services.]

Freely available online

[Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework 2017 to 2019.](#)

Department of Health (DH); 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integration-and-better-care-fund-policy-framework-2017-to-2019>

[This document sets out the story of integration of health, social care and other public services, and provides an overview of related policy initiatives and legislation. It is intended for use by those responsible for delivering the Better Care Fund at a local level (such as clinical commissioning groups, local authorities, health and wellbeing boards) and NHS England.]

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[Leading across the health and care system: Lessons from experience.](#)

The King's Fund; 2017.

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/leading-across-health-and-care-system>

["This paper offers those who are leading new systems of care some guidance on how to address the challenges they face. It draws on the Fund's work on the development of new care models, sustainability and transformation plans, and accountable care organisations. It is also informed by the experience of people who have occupied system leadership roles and draws on case studies from our research and organisational development work."]

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[Long-term sustainability of NHS and Adult Social Care under threat.](#)

Lords Select Committee; 2017.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/nhs-sustainability-committee/news-parliament-2015/nhs-sustainability-under-threat>

[The Select Committee on the Long-term Sustainability of the NHS has slammed the 'short sightedness' of successive governments for failing to plan effectively for the long-term future of the health service and adult social care.]

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[NIHR Signal: Extended hours in primary care linked to reductions in minor A&E attendances.](#)

NIHR Dissemination Centre; 2016.

<https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article?id=SIG-5000346>

[Practices which offered additional appointments showed a reduction in the number of their patients attending emergency departments (also known as A&E) for minor conditions. There was no overall reduction in emergency visits. Costs were reduced for emergency departments but by less than the cost of the additional appointments.]

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[Outcome-focused integrated care: lessons from experience.](#)

Institute of Public Care Oxford Brookes University; 2017.

http://ipc.brookes.ac.uk/about-ipc/news/Outcomes_focused_integration_news.html

[This new paper, an update to 'From the Ground Up', captures some of the learning and experience from our work on developing integrated practice with IPC Partners. As local authorities and health organisations undergo significant periods of transformation, IPC has supported the cultural and organisational changes needed to deliver outcome-focused care, as well as operational design, from the start of the process through to implementation and evaluation.]

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[Reducing hospital admissions by improving continuity of care in general practice.](#)

The Health Foundation; 2017.

<http://www.health.org.uk/publication/reducing-hospital-admissions-improving-continuity-care-general->

[practice](#)

[This briefing summarises research that analysed data from over 230,000 anonymised patient records for older people aged 62 - 82 years. They found there were fewer hospital admissions for certain conditions when patients saw the same GP more consistently. Patients seeing their usual GP two more times out of every 10 was associated with 6% fewer avoidable hospital admissions.]

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[Refer-to-Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation.](#)

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE); 2017.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/sharedlearning/refer-to-pharmacy-and-medicines-optimisation>

[Aims: The main aim was to develop an effective hospital to community pharmacy referral tool that could also be spread to other health economies, and there were several other objectives to achieve this: Financial & Technical; Behavioural Changes - Hospital; Community Pharmacy behavioural change.]

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[State of the health system: Beds in the NHS: UK.](#)

British Medical Association (BMA); 2017.

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/policy-and-research/nhs-structure-and-delivery/beds-in-the-nhs>

[Although not the only indicator, data on how beds are used within the NHS provide an excellent insight into the healthcare system. This paper presents NHS bed data from across the UK in one place. The data demonstrates the increasing pressures on the system in each nation.]

Freely available online

[Treat as one: bridging the gap between mental and physical healthcare in general hospitals.](#)

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD); 2017.

http://www.ncepod.org.uk/2017report1/downloads/TreatAsOne_FullReport.pdf

[This report highlights concerns around the lack of progress on integration of physical and mental health care in general hospitals. It finds that this lack of integration is leading to poor care for patients with a physical illness who also happen to have a mental health condition. The report makes recommendations for bridging the divide between mental and physical health care.]

[What's behind delayed transfers of care?](#)

Nuffield Trust; 2017.

<https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/resource/what-s-behind-delayed-transfers-of-care>

[The NHS was under significant pressure this winter. Underlying all of this is the growing number of patients who are ready to leave hospital but can't do so without extra support. Delayed transfers of care (DTCs), often called 'bed-blocking' by the media, have been steadily on the rise in recent years, with the numbers of days patients are delayed reaching record levels month after month...]

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Websites

The following website(s) may be of interest:

[BJGP Open: championing global primary health care.](#)

<http://bjgpopen.org/>

[The Royal College of General Practitioners has launched BJGP Open. This open access journal aims to serve the primary healthcare community, showcasing original research from around the world. Accounts of new developments in primary care, clinical case studies, novel directions for healthcare policy, and research protocols for planned clinical trials from around the world will all feature in the journal.]

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Seven day services.

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/seven-day-services/>

[Collection of standards and resources from NHS Improvement.]

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