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Source: NHS Evidence Health Management - Trent Primary Care

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Publication Type: Report

Abstract: This report found that the Department of Healths Choice of GP pilot scheme saw modest demand overall, but that participants were generally positive about the scheme and there was little sign of major increased cost to primary care trusts.

First block of GP areas to undergo CQC inspection revealed

Source: Pulse

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Publication Type: News Item

Abstract: The 12 CCG areas where the first practices will face the new-style CQC inspections have been announced, with the regulator aiming to visit a quarter of practices in these areas between April and June this year.

GPs produce music video to showcase general practice to students

Source: Pulse

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Publication Type: News Item

Abstract: A GP group have produced a music video designed to show off the best bits of general practice to medical students, gaining a cult following on social media.

GPs should use public trust to sell benefits of care.data, says Hunt
GPs should use their relationship with patients and the ‘trust’ the public has in them to sell the benefits of care.data to patients, the health secretary has claimed.

GPs to administer meningitis B vaccinations following JCVI U-turn

GPs will administer meningitis B vaccinations free on the NHS after DH advisers reversed their previous assessment that the scheme would not be cost effective.

Guidance for 2014/15 QOF unveiled

Draft guidance for the 2014/15 QOF has been published, outlining the requirements GPs will have to meet to achieve points on clinical and public health domain indicators this year.

Mental health commissioners urge ‘radical change’ in young people’s services

Mental health leads have called for a radical overhaul of child and adolescent mental health services, warning the increased pressure on specialist inpatient services is affecting GP referrals.

Oncology decision support app deployed
The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust is deploying a decision support app called ONCOassist.

One-third of practice boundary pilot surgeries failed to register a single patient.

More than a third of the practices taking part in the Government’s ‘choice of GP practice’ pilots failed to register a single patient from outside their area, final results from the 12-month study reveal.

The Government’s bid for a ‘paperless NHS’ by 2018 requires a ‘step-up in activity’ if the scheme is to recover from recent delays and deliver on time.

This briefing is the first in a series which aims to analyse policies towards tobacco harm reduction and looks at the effectiveness of plain packaging policies.

Support services for GPs to be cut as part of cost-saving initiative.
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Publication Type: News Item

Abstract: GPs are set to lose a range of support services provided by NHS managers, including the collection of medical records and certain payment services, under a cost-saving programme.