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General Round Up

World Health Day: focus on making hospitals safe for emergencies
WHO is today celebrating World Health Day by focusing attention on the large numbers of lives that can be saved during earthquakes, floods, conflicts and other emergencies through better design and construction of health facilities and by preparing and training health staff.

Landmark day as patients to help put quality at the heart of the NHS and social care
April 1st sees the launch of new quality initiatives for the DH and social care.

New pilots announced to bring health and social care together
Patients in 16 pilot sites will benefit from a trial to see how health and social care services can join together to increase quality of care.

On your best behaviour: new guidance for medical students
GMC guidance launched today outlines the professional behaviour and values expected of UK medical students.

Care Quality Commission launches
CQC will put the public and users of services first.

Merger creates largest guideline centre in UK
The merger of four National Collaborating Centres (NCCs) that produce clinical guidelines for the NHS on a wide range of topics (chronic and acute conditions) will create the largest clinical guideline centre in the UK and one of the largest in the world.

Health Care Matters

NHS staff survey reveals improvements for NHS staff
A record number of improvements in the 2008 annual NHS staff survey, including best ever results for infection control, was welcomed by Health Minister Ann Keen.

RCN calls for action on racial inequality in NHS trusts
The Royal College of Nursing says that the numbers of NHS trusts meeting expected requirements on racial equality is “still not good enough”.

Future of Nursing and Midwifery – Commission of experts to improve quality of patient care
A new Commission of experts to advise the Government on the future role of nurses and midwives will be announced by the Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Health Secretary Alan Johnson.

Changes to prescription and dental charges and optical vouchers
From 1st April there are changes prescription charges and some dental treatments in England. The value of optical vouchers has also increase by an overall 2 per cent.

New care regulator commends NHS progress on infection control
Trusts are urged to remain vigilant and strive for further improvement.
Improvements to the regulation of healthcare professionals
Measurements to improve the regulation and governance of healthcare professionals, providing greater reassurances for the public and professionals, have been set out in two reports published by the Department of Health.

RCGP Releases Major New Guide to Revalidation
A landmark document detailing everything GPs will need to know and do in order to prepare for revalidation is unveiled by the RCGP this week.

Restaurants and catering companies bring in calories on menus
A number of restaurants and major food chains will, for the first time, display on their menus more information on the calorific value of foods to help customers assess their intake.

New Chair of the Health Protection Agency appointed
The appointment of a new Chair for the board of the Health Protection Agency has been announced

NHS Health Checks to begin in April
NHS Health Checks, which could prevent 1600 heart attacks and strokes each year and help save 650 lives will begin from April this year, announced Health Secretary Alan Johnson. In addition April sees the start of MRSA Screening and free prescriptions for cancer patients

Minister spends day in the life of social care worker.
Care Services Minister Phil Hope underlined the benefits of a career in social work while promoting a nationwide recruitment campaign

Reports
Partners in care
Widening Participation project
Response to the consultation on the extension and revision of Direct Payments Regulations

Consultations
Closing April
- Neonatal Questionnaire: closing 16th April
- Streamlining Health and Adult Social Care Assessments: closing 17th April
- Common Assessment Framework for Adults: closing 17th April
- The Health Professions Council (Constitution) Order 2009: closing 17th April
- Fairer Contributions Guidance: A Consultation on the Extension and Revision of the Statutory Guidance for Charging for Non-Residential Social Services in Relation to Personal Budgets: closing 19th April
- GMC Licence to Practise: Consultation on Draft Regulations and Supporting Guidance: closing 21st April
- Young People and Alcohol Guidance: closing 23rd April

Closing May
- Developing general practice, listening to patients - patient, GP and stakeholder consultation: closing 1st May
- Proposed changes to the Fitness to Practise Rules 2004: closing 22nd May
- Together we can end violence against women: closing 29th May
- Response to consultation on the framework for the registration of health and adult social care providers and consultation on draft Regulations: closing 29th May

Closing June
- Pacesetters Programme equality impact assessment: closing 2nd June
- The Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator Regulations 2009: a paper for consultation: closing 19th June

Closing July
NESC – incorporating Oxford and Wessex Deaneries
NHS Education South Central (NESC) is part of the South Central Strategic Health Authority

- **End of life treatment and care: Good practice in decision-making**: closing 13th July
- **The regulation of private hearing aid dispensers by the Health Professions Council: a paper for consultation**: closing 7th July

**Awards**
- **Public Health Awards**: closing 22nd April
- **NHS Leadership Awards**: closing 15th May
- **NIHR Clinical Award Round 8**: closing 30th May

**Events, Education and Training Conferences and Courses**

**April**
- **British Psychological Society Annual Conference**, 1st – 3rd April, Brighton
- **Managing Long Term Conditions**, 7th April, Harrogate
- **Regulation and quality: who calls the shots?** 16th April, London
- **Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults**, 24th April, London
- **Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)**, 27th April, London
- **Clinicians, quality and data: analysing and sharing information to drive health care improvement** 28th April, London
- **6th European Conference on Promoting Workplace Health**, 27th-28th April, Perugia, Italy
- **Mental Capacity Act in Health and Social Care: Moving Forward**, 29th April, London
- **Law in relation to the practice of medicine**, 30th April, London

**May**
- **Green IT Conference and Exhibition**, 6th May, London
- **Good Practice in Consent**, 6th May, London
- **The Productive Operating Theatre**, 13th May, Manchester
- **Spring General Meeting of the RCGP**, 15th May, London
- **'Making the most of being a Salaried GP' Seminars**, 27th May, Oxford

**June**
- **5th Conference of the International Society for Equity in Health**, 9th-11th June, Crete
- **RCN Joint Educational Forums’ Second International Conference**, 11th – 13th June, Scotland

**July**
- **Innovation and Health Technology Assessment: Improving Health System Quality**, 26th -31st July, Italy

**November**
- **RCGP Annual National Primary Care Conference 2009** 5th- 7th November, Glasgow

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