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Summer reading, brought to you by the NESC Innovations Team.

General Round up

Royal Assent for Health and Social Care Act 2008
The Health and Social Care Act 2008, an act to enhance the safety and quality of care and improve public health, has received Royal Assent. The Act establishes the Care Quality Commission, a new regulator which can inspect care providers deemed as failing to meet safety and quality requirements. It also makes provision to reform professional regulation, it updates public health protection legislation and provides other ways to improve health and care.

Proposals and next steps for the revalidation of doctors: Report of the Chief Medical Officer for England’s Working Group
Sir Liam Donaldson, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), chair of an expert working group, has produced this report detailing the principles and next steps for implementing revalidation in the United Kingdom. It draws upon the proposals in the recent White Paper Trust, Assurance and Safety - the regulation of health professionals in the 21st century. A system of revalidation for doctors is being set up in the light of enquiries into the actions of Harold Shipman and others, and it will require doctors to demonstrate to the GMC their fitness to practise and how clinical knowledge is kept up to date. The outcome of the process is a licence to practise, reassessed every five years.

HEFCE leads the debate on ‘A new “University Challenge”’
HEFCE is leading a consultation to identify ways communities can bid for funds for a higher education (HE) centre or university campus. The centres are aimed to offer high quality HE to local people and support wider benefits to communities and businesses. They will draw on the combined investment of regional development agencies, local authorities, education partners, employers and community groups.

Recruitment for new NMC Council
In line with recommendations from the Department of Health and the CHRE, the NMC is changing the structure of its Council, and the way members are selected.

Open wide with greater confidence
Statutory registration for Dental Nurses and Technicians begins 30th July 2008.

Primary Care

Good Medical Practice for GPs: an update
The guidance sets out the expected standards of care and behaviour of family doctors. Changes to the previous document include a section on appraisal and a general update to mirror developments in health care policy and working.

GP Patient Survey 2007/08
The data from the second GP patient survey has been published.

Allied Health Professionals

Modernising AHP Careers. Modernising AHP careers supports a competence-based model for AHP careers that focuses on the skills required for patient-centred services, rather than the professions themselves.

August edition of HPC In Focus – a newsletter for AHPs

Dentists

GDC Gazette
The Gazette is a tri-annual newsletter for all registered dentists and dental care professionals. It provides up-to-date information on the Council and our activities, as well as news and features on issues relevant to the dental industry

Public Health

The Chief Medical Officer’s Annual Report 2007: On the State of Public Health
The report details the major health challenges requiring action and presents a review of progress of areas identified in previous reports. Amongst the many areas highlighted, this report draws attention to teenage health matters and the needs of young people, it focuses on the risks inherent in surgery and calls for steps to reduce errors, and it considers the issue of racism in medicine.

General research
Increase in satisfaction rates amongst trainee doctors but more calls for flexible training: summary data released for 2007 for trainers and trainees. Press release

Staff employed at HEFCE-funded HEIs: update. The update provides information on staff employed in English higher education institutions (HEIs)

Healthcare is the third most desirable sector of work: A study by NHS Careers and Skills for Health has shown that healthcare is in the top three most desirable sectors to work in. Ahead was the creative and cultural sector and the broadcast, film and video industries.

Other reports

- Healthcare-associated infections. This Kings Fund briefing paper gives an overview of the infections that give most cause for concern. It details the policies and strategies being used in England to reduce infections, and offers an analysis of effectiveness.

Awards

- Impact Awards for Involving patients in care. The focus of these awards is to demonstrate how staff and organisations have worked with patients and the public as equal partners and how this involvement has impacted on health and social care service planning, design and evaluation.
- Integrated Health Awards 2008 - nominations open. Closing date: 29th August
- Adult Learners’ Week Awards 2009 - nominations open. Closing date: Wednesday 21 January 2009

Consultations

Closing August

- Standards on commissioning and manufacturing dental appliances, GDC, closing date: 15th August
- The Nursing and Midwifery Council Constitution Order 2008, DH, closing date: 21st August
- Feedback on the Draft Carbon Reduction Strategy for the NHS, DH, closing date: 21st August

Closing September

- Call for evidence: analysis on Demand for STEM skills, DIUS, closing date: 1st September
- Consultation on the future of tobacco control, Cancer Reform Strategy 2007, closing date: 8th September
- The impact of personally initiated X-ray computed tomography scanning for the health assessment of asymptomatic individuals: Recommendations made by the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE), closing date: 9th September
- Proposed new arrangements under Part IX of the Drug Tariff for the provision of stoma and urology appliances - and related services - in primary care - consultation document (June 2008), closing date: 9th September
- Time to Train, DIUS, closing date: 10th September
- Transforming the quality of dementia care: consultation on a National Dementia Strategy, DH, closing date: 11th September
- Health Protection National Occupational Standards Development – Consultation, LSC, closing date: 19th September
- The NHS Resilience and Business Continuity Management Guidance 2008: interim strategic national guidance for NHS organisations, DH, closing date: 30th September
- Towards a strategy to support volunteering in health and social care: consultation, DH, closing date: 30th September

Closing October

- The General Chiropractic Council (Constitution) Order 2008 - a paper for consultation, DH, closing date: 3rd October
- Removing or suspending chairs and non-executives of health bodies: consultation on introducing new powers of suspension (July 2008), DH, closing date: 9th October
- Safe, Sensible, Social – Consultation on further action, DH, closing date: 14th October
- Hearing Aid Council and Health Professions Council consultation on standards of proficiency and the threshold level of qualification for entry to the Hearing Aid Audiolists/ Dispensers part of the Register, HPC, closing date: 15th October
- A consultation on the NHS Constitution, DH, closing date: 17th October
- A new 'University Challenge': consultation on proposals for new higher education centres, HEFCE, closing date: 17th October
A vision for Science and Society, DIUS, closing date: 17th October
Responsible officers and their duties relating to the medical profession, DH, closing date: 24th October
The statutory regulation of psychotherapists and counsellors: call for ideas, HPC, closing date: 24th October
Pre- and Post-Intervention Competences Consultation, LSC, closing date: 31st October

Closing November
Consultation on standards of education and training and standards of education and training guidance, HPC, closing date: 14 November

Events, Education and Training Conferences and Courses

September
- Commissioning for Rural Communities: Dental Show & Tell Event, 1-2nd September, PCC/DoH
- The British Pharmaceutical Conference, 7-9th September, BPC
- Creating an effective team to provide one-to-one care, 10th September, King’s Fund
- Mental Health Forum, 10th September, HSJ
- 2nd Annual NIHR Trainees’ Conference, 10-11 September 2008
- Sustainable Healthcare Buildings, 11th September, HSJ
- Service Transformation and Innovation, 11th September, HSJ
- Transforming maternity and newborn care, 11th September, HSJ
- Building Effective Partnerships, Pre-conference seminar, 11th September, HSJ
- Health Protection 2008, 15-17th September, HPA
- Building Effective Partnerships 2008, 16th September, HSJ
- Integrating health and social care services for long-term conditions: Managing long-term conditions seminar series, 17th September, King’s Fund
- The Future of the Adult Social Care Workforce, 19th September, Capita
- Becoming a Lean Champion September 2008, 23rd September, HSJ
- Outcome Measurement, 24th September, HSJ
- AMEE 2008, 30th August – 3rd September, AMEE

October
- RCGPs annual conference (opens new window), 2-4th October, RCGP
- Dental Showcase, 2-4th October, GDC
- Fundamentals of Commissioning, 8th October, HSJ
- National Obesity Forum 2008, 6-8th October, NOF
- NHS Marketing Forum 2008, 14th October, HSJ
- Delivering effective end-of-life care: developing partnership working, 15th October, King’s Fund
- End of Life Care Nursing, 23rd October, HSJ
- Improving patients’ experiences: developing high quality care, 27th October, King’s Fund

November
- E-Guides Training Programme (London Event), 7th November, NIACE
- King’s Fund Annual Conference 2008, 25th November, KF

December
- Healthcare PAs and EAs 2008, 3rd December, HSJ
- NICE 2008 Annual Conference 3-4th December, NICE

Any queries or have we missed something you think should have been included? Please contact the Innovations Team, NESC.