

ROYAL COLLEGES and HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PUBLICATIONS BULLETIN August 2020

Department of Health and Social Care

Funding boost for artificial intelligence in NHS to speed up diagnosis of deadly diseases

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-for-artificial-intelligence-in-nhs-to-speed-up-diagnosis-of-deadly-diseases>

Containing and managing local coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/containing-and-managing-local-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreaks>

Technical specifications for personal protective equipment (PPE)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-specifications-for-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

Hospital discharge service guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hospital-discharge-service-guidance>

Reintroduction of NHS continuing healthcare

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reintroduction-of-nhs-continuing-healthcare>

Coronavirus cases in the UK: daily updated statistics

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Government creates new National Institute for Health Protection

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-creates-new-national-institute-for-health-protection>

Prime Minister confirms funding to prepare the NHS for winter

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-confirms-funding-to-prepare-the-nhs-for-winter>

New funding to double nursing apprentices and help deliver 50,000 more nurses

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-funding-to-double-nursing-apprentices-and-help-deliver-50-000-more-nurses>

Research study into long-term health impacts of COVID-19 launched in the UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/research-study-into-long-term-health-impacts-of-covid-19-launched-in-the-uk>

National flu immunisation programme plan

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan>

How healthcare providers can prepare for 1 January 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-healthcare-providers-can-prepare-for-brexit>

NHS England

Learning Disability Newsletter: Issue 11

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/learning-disability-newsletter-issue-11/>

Identifying Patient Safety Specialists

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/identifying-patient-safety-specialists/>

Strengthening critical care skills for COVID-19 patients

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/strengthening-critical-care-skills-for-covid-19-patients/>

Helping 'shielded' staff to continue to contribute

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/helping-shielded-staff-to-continue-to-contribute/>

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Unprecedented national effort by UK immunologists to search for answers on COVID-19

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/unprecedented-national-effort-by-uk-immunologists-to-search-for-answers-on-covid-19/25564>

COVID-19 less deadly and causes milder symptoms in children

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/covid-19-less-deadly-and-causes-milder-symptoms-in-children/25566>

New research finds better drug treatment for miscarriage as patients struggle to access surgery in Covid-19 pandemic

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/new-research-finds-better-drug-treatment-for-miscarriage-as-patients-struggle-to-access-surgery-in-covid-19-pandemic/25544>

Two different techniques to treat men with an enlarged prostate gland are both effective, finds new research

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/two-different-techniques-to-treat-men-with-an-enlarged-prostate-gland-are-both-effective-finds-new-research/25547>

NIHR Incubators launched for Clinical Education, Advanced Surgical Technology, Mental Health and Methodology

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/nihr-incubators-launched-for-clinical-education-advanced-surgical-technology-mental-health-and-methodology/25514>

UK's Chief Medical Officers urge hospitals to recruit 60% of eligible COVID-19 patients into RECOVERY trial

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/uks-chief-medical-officers-urge-hospitals-to-recruit-60-of-eligible-covid-19-patients-into-recovery-trial/25515>

International trial shows single-dose radiotherapy as effective for treating breast cancer as conventional treatment

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/international-trial-shows-single-dose-radiotherapy-as-effective-for-treating-breast-cancer-as-conventional-treatment/25517>

Research reveals breast screening women in their forties saves lives

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/research-reveals-breast-screening-women-in-their-forties-saves-lives/25460>

Trial reveals plaster casts as effective as surgery for common wrist fracture in young people

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/trial-reveals-plaster-casts-as-effective-as-surgery-for-common-wrist-fracture-in-young-people/25416>

NIHR shares two month update on implementation of the Restart Framework

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/nihr-shares-two-month-update-on-implementation-of-the-restart-framework/25398>

Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

Medical Appraisal Guide 2020 A guide for professional medical appraisals in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

https://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Medical_appraisal_guide_covid19_0820.pdf

Medical Appraisal 2020 Key points for doctors

https://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/0820_Medical_appraisal_key_points_for_drs.pdf

British Cardiovascular Society

The Future of Cardiology

<https://www.britishcardiosocietysociety.org/news/the-future-of-cardiology>

COVID-19: Disentangling ethnicity and cardiovascular risk

<https://www.britishcardiosocietysociety.org/resources/editorials/articles/covid-19-disentangling-ethnicity-cardiovascular-risk>

British Dietetics Association

BDA's commercial relationships with companies who manufacture breastmilk substitutes

<https://www.bda.uk.com/resource/commercial-relationships-with-companies-who-manufacture-bms.html>

British Dental Association

BDA calls on Sunak to set out action plan for service

<https://www.bda.org/news-centre/press-releases/Pages/BDA-calls-on-Sunak-to-set-out-action-plan-for-service.aspx>

Tooth extractions: Pandemic means crisis will go from bad to worse

<https://www.bda.org/news-centre/press-releases/Pages/Tooth-extractions-Pandemic-means-crisis-will-go-from-bad-to-worse-.aspx>

British Pain Society

BPS Interim Statement on NICE Draft Guidance on Chronic Pain in Over 16's: Assessment and Management

https://www.britishpainsociety.org/static/uploads/resources/files/BPS_interim_statement_NICE_11.08.20_2.pdf

British Society of Gastroenterology

BSG multi-society guidance on further recovery of endoscopy services during the post-pandemic phase of COVID-19

<https://www.bsg.org.uk/covid-19-advice/bsg-multi-society-guidance-on-further-recovery-of-endoscopy-services-during-the-post-pandemic-phase-of-covid-19/>

How can gastroenterology training thrive in a post-COVID world?

<https://www.bsg.org.uk/covid-19-advice/how-can-gastroenterology-training-thrive-in-a-post-covid-world/>

The Management of adult patients with severe chronic small intestinal dysmotility

<https://www.bsg.org.uk/clinical-resource/the-management-of-adult-patients-with-severe-chronic-small-intestinal-dysmotility/>

British Thoracic Society

BTS publishes Quality Standards for the outpatient management of Pulmonary Embolism

<https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/about-us/pressmedia/2020/bts-publishes-quality-standards-for-pulmonary-embolism/>

Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (some publications only available to CSP members)

Covid-19 - CSP policy statement on the restoration of physiotherapy and rehabilitation services

<https://www.csp.org.uk/publications/covid-19-csp-policy-statement-restoration-physiotherapy-rehabilitation-services>

Teaching and training carers during the COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.csp.org.uk/news/coronavirus/clinical-guidance/csp-briefing-teaching-training-carers-during-covid-19-pandemic>

Third phase of the NHS response to Covid-19: a CSP briefing

<https://www.csp.org.uk/news/coronavirus/third-phase-nhs-response-covid-19-csp-briefing>

Community rehab toolkit to support members' local influencing

<https://www.csp.org.uk/news/2020-08-18-community-rehab-toolkit-support-members-local-influencing>

European Society of Cardiology

2020 Acute Coronary Syndromes (ACS) in Patients Presenting without Persistent ST-Segment Elevation, (Management of) Guidelines

<https://www.escardio.org/Guidelines/Clinical-Practice-Guidelines/Acute-Coronary-Syndromes-ACS-in-patients-presenting-without-persistent-ST-segm>

2020 Atrial Fibrillation (Management of) Guidelines

<https://www.escardio.org/Guidelines/Clinical-Practice-Guidelines/Atrial-Fibrillation-Management>

2020 Adult Congenital Heart Disease (previously Grown-Up Congenital Heart Disease) (Management of) Guidelines

<https://www.escardio.org/Guidelines/Clinical-Practice-Guidelines/Grown-Up-Congenital-Heart-Disease-Management-of>

2020 ESC Guidelines on sports cardiology and exercise in patients with cardiovascular disease

<https://www.escardio.org/Guidelines/Clinical-Practice-Guidelines/sports-cardiology-and-exercise-in-patients-with-cardiovascular-disease>

Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (RCOG)

PHE establishes National Framework for e-Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare

<https://www.fsrh.org/news/phe-establishes-national-framework-for-e-sexual-and/>

FSRH launches guidance on planning for LARC Procedures

<https://www.fsrh.org/news/fsrh-launches-guidance-on-planning-for-larc-procedures/>

FSRH statement: dismantling of PHE risks loss of continuity of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare interventions

<https://www.fsrh.org/news/fsrh-statement-phe-reorganisation-public-health-nihp/>

FSRH, BMS, RCOG, RCGP, FOM, and FPH release joint position statement in response to the BMA report 'Challenging the culture on menopause for doctors'

<https://www.fsrh.org/news/fsrh-bms-rcog-rcgp-fom-and-fph-release-joint-position-statement/>

FSRH endorses Key Principles for Intimate Clinical Assessments Undertaken Remotely in Response to COVID-19 by NHSE + I

<https://www.fsrh.org/news/fsrh-endorses-key-principles-for-intimate-clinical-assessments/>

Understanding the impact of sexual health and reproductive health service changes during COVID-19: Tools and resources

<https://www.fsrh.org/news/understanding-the-impact-of-sexual-health-and-reproductive/>

General Dental Council

Joint statement on arrangements for dental education and training, while measures are in place to control the spread of COVID-19 (version 2 dated: 1 September 2020)

[https://www.gdc-uk.org/news-blogs/news/detail/2020/09/01/joint-statement-on-arrangements-for-dental-education-and-training-while-measures-are-in-place-to-control-the-spread-of-covid-19-\(version-2-dated-1-september-2020\)](https://www.gdc-uk.org/news-blogs/news/detail/2020/09/01/joint-statement-on-arrangements-for-dental-education-and-training-while-measures-are-in-place-to-control-the-spread-of-covid-19-(version-2-dated-1-september-2020))

Findings from our thematic review on preparedness for practice

<https://www.gdc-uk.org/news-blogs/news/detail/2020/08/18/findings-from-our-review-on-preparedness-for-practice>

Renewals to the dental care professionals register - August 2020

<https://www.gdc-uk.org/news-blogs/news/detail/2020/08/12/renewals-to-the-dental-care-professionals-register---august-2020>

Research into 'professionalism' published

<https://www.gdc-uk.org/news-blogs/news/detail/2020/08/06/research-into-professionalism-published>

General Medical Council

GMC clarifies no role in medical education places

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/gmc-clarifies-no-role-in-medical-education-places>

National Resource for Infection Control

Hospital discharge and preventing unnecessary hospital admissions (COVID-19)

<https://www.nric.org.uk/node/54376>

High levels of scarlet fever remain across England

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/high-levels-of-scarlet-fever-remain-across-england>

Resuscitation Council (UK)

RCUK Statement on COVID-19 Guidance for Bystander CPR

<https://www.resus.org.uk/about-us/news-and-events/rcuk-statement-covid-19-guidance-bystander-cpr>

Royal College of Anaesthetists

RCoA launch new Quality Improvement Compendium

<https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/news/raising-standards-rcoa-launch-new-quality-improvement-compendium>

Royal College of Emergency Medicine

RCEM and homeless charities warn of health impact of removing eviction ban

https://www.rcem.ac.uk/RCEM/News/News_2020/RCEM_and_homeless_charities_respond_to_lifting_of_eviction_ban.aspx

Royal College of General Practitioners

GP 'gut feeling' should not be ignored, says RCGP

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/about-us/news/2020/august/gp-gut-feeling-should-not-be-ignored-says-rcgp.aspx>

GP practices preparing for expanded flu vaccination programme but need assurance about supply, says RCGP

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/about-us/news/2020/august/gp-practices-preparing-for-expanded-flu-vaccination-programme-but-need-assurance-about-supply.aspx>

More than 10,000 aspiring medics sign up for virtual GP work experience during COVID-19 crisis

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/about-us/news/2020/august/aspiring-medics-sign-up-for-virtual-gp-work-experience.aspx>

Royal College of Midwives

Latest MIDIRS Packs on COVID-19 and the Midwife

<https://www.rcm.org.uk/news-views/news/2020/latest-midirs-packs-on-covid-19-and-the-midwife/>

What can we learn from the MBRRACE Rapid Report

<https://www.rcm.org.uk/news-views/news/2020/what-we-can-learn-from-the-mbrpace-rapid-report/>

Royal College of Nursing

The Menopause and Work: Guidance for RCN Representatives

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/rcn-menopause-and-work-uk-pub-009327>

Building a Better Future for Nursing: RCN members have their say

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/rcn-building-a-better-future-covid-pub-009366>

Your Essential Guide to NMC Revalidation

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/rcn-your-essential-guide-to-nmc-revalidation-pub-009321>

Royal College of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Royal Colleges say multi-disciplinary maternity care is key to improving maternal outcomes

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/news/leading-royal-colleges-say-multi-disciplinary-maternity-care-is-key-to-improving-maternal-outcomes/>

Royal College of Occupational Therapists

Perinatal mental health training for occupational therapists: how involving clinical experts ensured programme relevance and credibility

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/perinatal-blog-aug>

Shaping the future of Annual Conference

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/news/shaping-future-annual-conference>

The Chief Allied Health Professions Officer Equality Diversity and Inclusion Roundtable Meeting

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/news/chief-allied-health-professions-officer-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-roundtable-meeting>

Royal College of Ophthalmologists

College of Optometrists and The Royal College of Ophthalmologists launch joint vision for delivering patient eye care services during and beyond COVID-19

<https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/2020/08/college-of-optometrists-and-the-royal-college-of-ophthalmologists-launch-joint-vision-for-delivering-patient-eye-care-services-during-and-beyond-covid-19/>

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

RCPCH publishes statement on mental health

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news-events/news/rcpch-publishes-statement-mental-health>

How we delivered the National Diabetes Quality Programme

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news-events/news/how-we-delivered-national-diabetes-quality-programme>

MRCPCCH Clinical exams - update on adapted exam - August 2020

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news-events/news/mrcpch-clinical-exams-update-adapted-exam-august-2020>

RCPCH publishes statement on vaccinations

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news-events/news/rcpch-publishes-statement-vaccinations>

RCPCH and ICHG publish statement on the impact of COVID-19 on global child health

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news-events/news/rcpch-ichg-publish-statement-impact-covid-19-global-child-health>

Royal College of Pathologists -

G101 Tissue pathways for non-neoplastic neuropathology specimens

<https://www.rcpath.org/uploads/assets/d8dc43af-4f19-4ff3-82d0573b8597292a/5aa079b0-3d36-4396-a491d2d755f70980/G101-Tissue-pathways-for-non-neoplastic-neuropathology-specimens-For-Publication.pdf>

Royal College of Physicians

Women, BAME and rural physicians struggle to access research says RCP

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/news/women-bame-and-rural-physicians-struggle-access-research-says-royal-college-physicians>

RCP and other leading health organisations concerned for patients following pause of shielding programme

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/news/press-release-royal-college-physicians-and-other-leading-health-organisations-concerned>

Royal College of Psychiatrists

Statement on availability of lithium carbonate ('Priadel')

<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/news-and-features/latest-news/detail/2020/08/03/statement-on-lithium-carbonate-priadel>

Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS LOGIN required on some areas - Hospital Pharmacy)

New guide on supply of stimulant laxatives

<https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/news/details/new-guide-on-supply-of-stimulant-laxatives->

More action needed on pharmacy risk assessments

<https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/news/details/more-action-needed-on-pharmacy-risk-assessments>
