

The report can be read in full [here](#) or a summary document produced by the NHS Confederation can be viewed [here](#).

Improving GPs' Access to Mental Health Support

NHS England, in partnership with NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit, has launched a market engagement exercise to gain further insight into how GP access to mental health support can be best provided. NHS England are aware that increasing pressures in GP practices are one cause for GPs leaving the profession and are keen to ensure the right support is in place for practitioners to maintain their mental wellbeing in the workplace. For further information please click [here](#).

Improving Acute Psychiatric Care in England

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has published a report of the findings of an independent commission which identified that, nationally, access to acute care for severely ill adult mental health patients is inadequate and that there were also issues with admissions to psychiatric wards and in providing alternative care and treatment in the community. The report: [Old Problems, New Solutions: Improving Acute Psychiatric Care for Adults in England](#) states that these problems are interconnected and need to be jointly tackled.

Mental Health Integration Past, Present and Future

Mersey Care NHS Trust Integrated Care Demonstrator Site Project and NHS North West Health Education Workforce Transformation Initiative have published a report "*Mental Health Integration Past, Present and Future: A Report of National Survey into Mental Health Integration in England*". The report examines, via a comprehensive survey, the impact of change on the integration of health and social care in mental health services.

To read the report in full please click [here](#).

Mental Health and Housing

The Mental Health Foundation has published a report on "*Mental Health and Housing*" focussing on different approaches to housing people with mental ill health and makes recommendations to ensure appropriate accommodation is available and provided to those in need.

To read the report in full please click [here](#).

Social Work for Better Mental Health

The Department of Health has recently released 3 new guidance documents to assist with the improvement of social work across the mental health sector and to ensure recognition for the value social work can bring in improving mental wellbeing.

The documents are accessible via the following links:

- [Social Work for Better Mental Health: A Strategic Statement.](#)
- [How are we doing? A Self-Assessment and Improvement Resource.](#)
- [Making the Difference Together - Guidance on Gathering and Using Feedback](#)

[from Service Users.](#)

NICE Consultations and Quality Standards

NICE has launched a **consultation on potential new indicators**, which closes on 29 February 2016. Included in the consultation are potential new indicators on learning disabilities and autism.

To read and comment on the consultation please click [here](#).

NICE has recently released **Quality Standard QS115: Antenatal and Postnatal Mental Health**. The quality standard covers the recognition, assessment, care and treatment of mental health problems in women during pregnancy and the postnatal period. To read the quality standard in full click [here](#).

Mental Health Research:

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has recently published the findings from two of its recent studies into depression and care planning and co-ordination. Further information can be accessed via the links below:

- [Clinical Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy as an Adjunct to Pharmacotherapy for Treatment-Resistant Depression in Primary Care: The CoBaIT Randomised Controlled Trial.](#)
- [Cross-National Comparative Mixed-Methods Case Study of Recovery-Focused Mental Health Care Planning and Co-ordination: Collaborative Care Planning Project \(COCAPP\).](#)

Mental Health Statistics

The following statistics have recently been released please click on the links to review further:

- [Mental Health Community Teams Activity Quarter 3 \(December 2015\)](#)
- [UK Suicides Registered in 2014](#)

Dates for your Diary!

- Thursday 3 March, 13:30-16:00, **EIP Network Meeting**, The Hilton Hotel, York
- Tuesday 15 March, 10:00-16:00, **IAPT Data Workshop**, Novotel, Leeds.
- Thursday 21 April, 10:00-16:00, **IAPT Recovery Workshop**, The Met Hotel, Leeds.
- Thursday 12 May, 09:30-12:00, **IAPT Providers Network**, The Leeds Club, Leeds.
- Thursday 12 May, 12:45-16:00, **IAPT Demand and Capacity Workshop**, The

Leeds Club, Leeds.

If you would like to attend, or require further information, please email sarahhope2@nhs.net.

- Tuesday 1 March, **Launching North Lincolnshire's Suicide Prevention Strategy**, Lancaster Green, Hemswell Cliff, DN21 5TQ. Agenda and booking details available [here](#).
- Wednesday 23 March, **Public Mental Health Summit 2016: Maintaining Momentum**, London. Agenda and booking details available [here](#).

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Links and Partner Organisations

- Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network. Click [here](#) for the website.

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