All-Party Parliamentary Health Group

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Daily health news from across the national and trade press, gathered by the All-Party Parliamentary Health Group

Top Stories
Nursing has been declared an occupation that officially has shortages paving the way for more nurses from outside the EU to work in the NHS

BBC, Guardian, HSJ, Telegraph

A 112-year-old woman from the Isle of Wight is believed to be the oldest person in the world to have had a hip replacement

BBC, Guardian

Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust is to face criminal charges in connection with the deaths of four patient

BBC, Guardian

Other Health News
Campaigners say there are big regional differences in the proportion of women smoking during pregnancy, with rates much higher in poorer areas

BBC
Concerns for the NHS are mounting as winter approaches and pressures on services are increasing
BBC

Scientists say it may be possible to prevent schizophrenia by calming the brain's immune system
BBC

Climbing and other extreme sports can help people with traumatic brain injuries
Guardian

An inexpensive handheld device that can read strands of DNA has been hailed as revolutionary by scientists who tested the product
Guardian

Medics say Health Secretary may have breached ministerial code of conduct with claim that 11,000 patients a year die after being admitted to hospital at weekends
Guardian

Ministers are expected to say that they ‘support the intention’ of a new bill which will help protect doctors who carry out innovative treatments from being sued
Guardian

Police chiefs criticise panel for failing to strike off doctor for downloading indecent images of children to his work computer
Telegraph

Judge decides it is in the best interests of 14-year-old girl conceived by donor fertilisation to have a ‘limited form of relationship’ with both ‘fathers’
Telegraph

University Hospital Southampton Foundation Trust saw the largest increase in its specialised services income last year
HSJ

New mental health procurement service for young people in Birmingham could have ‘catastrophic’ consequences for related services and the people who rely on them
HSJ

Former Royal College of Physicians Chief Executive, Patricia Wright, (commas) is to take over as interim Chief Executive of Hounslow and Richmond Community Trust
HSJ

Government’s Chief Scientific Adviser says medicine must embrace technology to
unleash the benefits of science
BMJ

GPs claim they are missing out on funding to improve their buildings because an NHS England local area team is failing to collect money owed from property developers
Pulse

International Health Stories

Our ancestors may have got less sleep than we do suggests a new US study
BBC

More than 6,000 deaths a year could be caused by a 30% fall in the effectiveness of antibiotics in the US, a report in The Lancet suggests
BBC, Guardian

All adults aged 18 and over should be screened for high blood pressure, the US Preventive Services Task Force has concluded
BMJ

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