All-Party Parliamentary Health Group

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Daily health from across the national and trade press from the All-Party Parliamentary Health Group

APHG Event

Tuesday 19th April, Jubilee Room, Palace of Westminster

The APHG and the Faculty of Dental Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons are holding a joint breakfast seminar entitled:

"NHS Dentistry: The Challenges Facing Children's and Adults' Oral Health Services"

Please contact the APHG by email at aphg@healthinparliament.org.uk if you would like further details, or wish to attend.

Today's Top Stories

Experts say that a 12-year high in the number of deaths in England and Wales was mainly caused by an increase in dementia-related deaths and flu outbreaks, made worse by a less effective flu vaccine last year. Life expectancy actually fell last year, the first time this has happened in men for more than 20 years

BBC, Guardian, Independent, The Times, Telegraph, BMJ

Health England Education has signed a memorandum of understanding with Apollo Hospitals in India that could lead to more doctors from India coming to work in the NHS if they pass certain tests; the doctors are primarily being recruited to tackle the shortage of GPs in England

Guardian, Independent, Telegraph, Pulse

The Department of Health has ruled out renewed talks with the British Medical Association, standing by its decision to impose a new contract on junior doctors

BBC, Guardian
A study conducted by the Psychology Department at the University of Cambridge, has found that money can buy happiness, depending on a person’s personality and how they spend the money

Independent, Telegraph

Other Health News

A study led by Prof Linda Partridge of the UCL Institute of Healthy Ageing has found that when given low doses of lithium, fruit flies have a 16% longer lifespan, raising hopes that new drugs can be developed to help people live longer and healthier lives

BBC

A study at the University of Cambridge has found that maternal tests for diabetes during pregnancy - which can affect the developing baby - take place too late; gestational diabetes is common and affects up to 18 in every 100 pregnancies

BBC

Professor Chris Ham, the Chief Executive of The King’s Fund, has said Jeremy Hunt should “examine his conscience” because the improvements he initiated after the Mid Staffordshire scandal are under threat, due to current levels of NHS funding

Guardian

On World Health Day, the Colostomy Association has called for public and private organisations to provide improved public facilities for people with stomas so they can more easily change their colostomy bags

Independent

A study conducted by Oxford University and the Royal Society for Public Health has found that after 17 hours without sleep, our lack of alertness is similar to the effects of a blood alcohol level of 0.05 per cent, and after 24 hours, it rises to 0.1 per cent, more than the legal limit above which one is not permitted to drive

Telegraph

The Government’s obesity advisor, Susan Jebb, Professor of Diet and Population Health at the University of Oxford has said that prejudice against overweight people is hampering the fight against obesity

The Times

The NHS would be protected from the consequences of a major trade deal between the EU and the US if the UK were to leave the EU, Vote Leave campaigners have said, a claim that has been strongly denied by pro-EU campaigners

BMJ
Proposals yet to be ratified by the General Medical Council's board will see doctors with mental health problems spared from full investigations 'wherever possible'

Pulse

Researchers from the University of Dundee claim that financial incentives can reduce GPs’ prescribing of certain high-risk drugs such as non-steroidal anti-Inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and antiplatelet medications to patients who are vulnerable to adverse events related to these drugs

Pulse

Average GP earnings at the practice of the Chair of the Family Doctor Association, Dr Peter Swinyard, are £22,884, which he said reflects the fact that “the amount of money coming into the practice is not enough to sustain the service we’re providing”

Pulse

The Chief Executive of NHS Improvement, Jim Mackey, has said that commissioners who have made “unrealistic” contract offers for 2016-2017, must present new proposals by today, Friday

HSJ

Regulators have extended the deadline for NHS providers to submit their operational plans for the current financial year because “very few” have met the deadline for agreeing their contracts

HSJ

An unannounced inspection of Leicester Royal Infirmary by the Care Quality Commission in November 2015 found problems including a poor nursing skill mix, patients waiting in ambulances and delays in clinical assessments; it also found patients were not receiving adequate clinical care and were at risk from medication errors, describing the A&E Department as "chaotic", with compromised safety standards

HSJ, Nursing Times

Within a week of new providers taking over patient transport services in Sussex, Maria Caulfield MP, the MP for Lewes, has warned that she will raise issues with Ministers if a series of reported problems with services are not resolved quickly; GMB union members have also been balloted over strike action

HSJ

A London University is launching a new Master's level degree that will lead to dual registration as both a mental health and an adult nurse

Nursing Times

A consultation has been launched today on planned changes to the student nurse funding system, which would see bursaries replaced by loans

Nursing Times
International Health News

Panti Bliss, drag queen and gay rights activist, is turning the basement of her Dublin bar into an HIV-Aids testing clinic, to try to combat the increased number of infections in Ireland
Guardian

A US Forest Service research project has found elevated levels of toxic heavy metals in the air above glass-blowing shops in Portland, Oregon
Guardian,

An Australian neuroscientist has received a two year suspended prison sentence for falsifying research that shows transcranial magnetic stimulation could improve speech difficulties in people with Parkinson's disease
BMJ

The US National Library of Medicine’s online database of biomedical literature – PubMed – has been called on to list conflicts of interest in the abstracts of articles submitted to them by five US senators and a group of scientists and physicians
BMJ

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