

Connecting you to the public health headlines of the day...

The week: issue 246, 27 Apr – 3 May 2012

On the agenda this week: the Department of Health seeks non-commercial partners to support a healthy pregnancy marketing campaign, Sir Keith Pearson is confirmed as Chair of Health Education England and vacancies are advertised for two chairs and three non-executive directors of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel, Healthwatch England and NHS Commissioning Board Authority

Bulletin for Emerging CCGs – Issue 13, 1 May 2012

This latest edition of the CCG bulletin from the NHS Commissioning Board includes links to the latest draft authorisation guide, the new CCG HR guide and an update on the leadership assessment process for CCG leaders.

Jogging ‘adds five years or more to life’

Regularly jogging increases life expectancy for men by six years and women by five years, cardiologists have found.

CCG eyes joint commissioning with local council

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GPs in part of the South West are exploring opportunities for integrated commissioning with their local council.

The fairness debate will put health back on the front pages

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An unlikely combination of Rupert Murdoch, Cornish pasties, duff advice on fuel storage, double dip recessions and queues at airport immigration desks has conspired to push health further down the news bulletins over the past month.

Can managers create a devolved NHS?

More than most organisations, the culture of the NHS starts at the top. As implementation of the reforms gathers pace, can the old leadership deliver a new culture that liberates managers and clinicians?

NHS outsourcing – about more than money?

Outsourcing in the NHS is here to stay and the market will grow but there will be no real shape or character to that growth, meaning that for all those with a stake in the sector there is a real chance to make a difference.

NHS reforms will ‘betray generations to come’

The NHS will now become ‘just a logo’ – a US style insurance scheme that is divorced from care delivery and dishes out public money to private companies, now that the government’s NHS reforms have passed into law.

Aspirin is as ‘good as warfarin’ for most heart failure patients

Aspirin could be as effective as more expensive drugs for heart failure patients with a normal heart rhythm, according to researchers.

