DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH NEWS

NHS Trust Accounting Returns data 2014 to 2015
The document provides information on the accounts data of NHS Trusts for 2014 to 2015.

Improvements to care in the last days and hours of life
Progress report on the new approach to care in the last days and hours of life: one year on from the 'One Chance to Get it Right' report. One Chance to Get it Right: One Year On Report

Higher risk of death associated with weekend hospitalisation
The note sets out the approach taken to estimate the number of excess deaths associated with weekend admissions to hospital.

Fair and transparent pricing for NHS services: a paper for consultation
Proposals to revise the objection process for setting a pricing system for NHS services in England.

NHS ophthalmic fees for 2015
Notification of increases in NHS sight test fee, continuing education and training payment and pre-registration supervisors grant.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND NEWS

Duty of candour and NHS screening programmes
Interim statement on the implications of duty of candour responsibilities on NHS screening programmes.

These reports outline the sustainable development activities in PHE, regarding its carbon footprint and its impact on the environment.

NHS ENGLAND NEWS

NHS England publishes new monthly data
NHS England has today published its first set of monthly data covering key areas of urgent and emergency care, cancer treatment and patient waiting times.

LOCAL NEWS

HEALTH TRUST IMPROVEMENT CALLED FOR AT A ‘QUICKER PACE’
The region’s underfire mental health trust is not improving as quickly as hoped, according to a health watchdog’s leader for mental health. In a letter the Care Quality Commission has said it is expecting to see “more progress at a quicker pace” from Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust. The comments are made by Dr Paul Lelliott the CQC’s deputy chief inspector of hospitals.

Ipswich Star p18 14/8, available from the library
EADT p22 14/8, available from the library

Ipswich Hospital bed-blocking numbers 'not sustainable' BBC Suffolk 14/8
An increase in bed-blocking in hospitals across Suffolk is "not sustainable," bosses claim. Ipswich Hospital chief executive Nick Hulme said 101 patients were kept in hospital at the weekend because care in the community was not available. Private care providers said a new tendering system brought in by the county council was causing problems.

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**Colchester Hospital cleared of allegations of manipulating cancer waiting lists after Essex Police investigation** EADT 14/8
A police investigation into the alleged manipulation of cancer treatment waiting times at Colchester Hospital has concluded there was no evidence of criminal activity at the trust. Hospital bosses last night welcomed the result of the probe, which was launched in November 2013, at the same time as two independent reviews by health regulator Monitor and Colchester Hospital University Foundation NHS Trust.

*Ipswich Star report*
EADT p4 14/8, available from the library

**East of England Ambulance Service Trust names paramedic Robert Morton as new chief executive after Anthony Marsh departure** EADT 14/8
A paramedic with 25 years’ experience has been unveiled as the new chief executive of the region’s ambulance service. The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) has today announced that Robert Morton has been appointed as its new chief executive. Mr Morton, a paramedic and a community first responder, has worked in the ambulance service for almost 25 years, mainly with the National Ambulance Service in Ireland where he was chief executive for three years. He later became chief executive of the South Australian Ambulance Service.

*Ipswich Star report*
BBC Cambridgeshire report
EDP report
EADT p1 & 4 14/8, available from the library

**West Suffolk Hospital’s new fund-raising committee in a ‘spin’ with cycle ride** BFP 14/8
A newly-formed fund-raising committee at West Suffolk Hospital has unveiled plans for a cycle event next year catering for all ages and abilities. The hospital’s new Charity Special Events Committee, made up of staff and members of the community, is planning ‘West Suffolk Spin’ on Sunday, May 29.

**New King’s Lynn clinic will help more people fulfil their dreams to become parents** EDP 13/8
Prospective parents are set to benefit from the opening of an IVF clinic’s new facility which will put an end to the struggle of hospital visits. Bourn Hall Clinic has opened new premises in King’s Lynn, which will also result in people receiving more continuity of care. Until now the clinic’s only Norfolk premises were in Wymondham, meaning people in West Norfolk would often have to be tested for eligibility at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King’s Lynn (QEH).

**TB BOARD TO SET UP IN THE EAST**
A new East of England TB control board has been created to achieve a year-on-year reduction in the number of cases. The group will look at how it can support and work with public health colleagues to further improve local services.

*Ipswich Star report*
EDADT p20 14/8, available from the library

**Suffolk county councillor to visit Mills Meadow care home after ‘requires improvement’ rating** EADT 14/8
Councillor Stephen Burroughes wants to visit the Framlingham-based home to “get clarity on the situation”. Care UK-run Mills Meadow was found to require improvement in four of the five assessment categories when the Care Quality Commission visited in April, and was failing to provide a consistently safe, effective, responsive and well-led service.

*Ipswich Star report*
EADT p13 14/8, available from the library

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**Suffolk County Council is confident over care standards at Daver’s Court in Bury St Edmunds**

Bury Mercury 13/8

Bosses at Care UK apologised after distressed relatives claimed they arrived at Davers Court’s specialist dementia unit in Bury St Edmunds on June 21 to find one member of staff on duty and a resident sitting in his own mess. It also emerged a Care Quality Commission (CQC) report found the home “requires improvement” overall and was failing to meet two legal requirements, including around the “recording, dispensing and safe administration of medicines”.

**SUFFOLK LEADER WANTS TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS**

The leader of Suffolk County Council will be in Stowmarket tomorrow to hear from residents. Colin Noble will be in the mid Suffolk town as part of the series of "we are listening" Suffolk high street events.

Ipswich Star p18 24/8, available from the library

EADT p25 14/8, available from the library

NATIONAL NEWS

**Low-fat diets ‘better than cutting carbs’ for weight loss** BBC14/8

Cutting fat from your diet leads to more fat loss than reducing carbohydrates, a US health study shows. Scientists intensely analysed people on controlled diets by inspecting every morsel of food, minute of exercise and breath taken. Both diets, analysed by the National Institutes of Health, led to fat loss when calories were cut, but people lost more when they reduced fat intake.

**Dementia research boosted by surge in volunteers** BBC 14/8

There has been a surge in the number of people volunteering to help with medical research into dementia. The National Institute for Health Research, the research arm of the NHS, reported a 60% jump in people signing up in the past year. Almost 22,000 people are taking part in 100 separate studies into the degenerative brain disease.

**Demand soars across the NHS in England** BBC 14/8

The demand for hospital services is soaring, according to official data from NHS England. It has reported increases in emergency ambulance call-outs, A&E admissions, emergency admissions, diagnostic tests and treatments. However, the NHS is failing to meet some key targets, including those for cancer treatment, ambulance response times and A&E waiting times.

**Stillbirths down since smoking ban, researchers say** BBC 14/8

Stillbirths have dropped by almost 8% since the introduction of the smoking ban, according to new research. It comes as the Royal Society for Public Health is calling for an extension of the smoking ban to include pub gardens, parks and outside schools in an effort to reduce tobacco consumption.

**Hospitals act like ‘conveyor belts’ for dying patients** The Telegraph 14/8

Care watchdog announces major review into why patients are suffering from conditions like dementia and heart disease are receiving poor standards of care. Nearly half of hospitals are putting dying patients at risk of harm or unnecessary suffering, the care watchdog has warned as it said those with conditions like dementia and heart disease are receiving a poorer standard of treatment.

**Organ transplant patients at higher risk of deadly skin cancer** The Telegraph 14/8

People who have undergone transplants advised to take much greater care in the sun and make sure they are screened regularly. Patients who have undergone organ transplants are at far greater risk of developing deadly skin cancer, new study suggests. Researchers believe that drugs which suppress the immune system to make sure the body does not reject a foreign organ could be responsible.

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