



Stakeholder Bulletin *10 February 2025*

Latest Updates

Older people urged to get RSV vaccine



The NHS is urging older people who have not yet had the [respiratory syncytial virus](#) (RSV) vaccine to get jabbed, as health service chiefs warn it is "not just a winter illness".

Invites are being sent this week to people not yet vaccinated against RSV who are aged 75-79 or turned 80 after 1 September 2024, encouraging them to book an appointment with their GP.

RSV spreads all year round and affects the airways and lungs and, for older adults, can lead to severe lung infections like pneumonia or other life-threatening conditions.

On 1 September, the NHS started vaccinating people against RSV for the first time in its history and staff across the country have been working hard since then to reach as many eligible people as possible – with nearly 1.5 million getting the vaccine, including more than 1.3 million aged 75-80.

[Click here](#) to read more.

NHS Federated Data Platform to improve patient experience



Hospitals in Humber and North Yorkshire are taking steps to improve patient experience and increase efficiency gains by adopting one of the new NHS Federated Data Platform (NHS FDP) solutions.

This month Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust has introduced the patient discharge information tool OPTICA. This follows from Hull University Teaching Hospital Trust, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, and York and Scarborough Teaching NHS Foundation Trust introducing the system in 2024.

OPTICA is a digital tool developed as part of NHS England's FDP initiative to improve patient discharge processes and outcomes. By integrating real-time data and advanced analytics, OPTICA streamlines communication across teams, reduces delays for patients no longer needing hospital care, and supports timely and appropriate discharges. Benefits include increased discharge rates, reduced administrative workload, and improved collaboration between organisations to ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

The [recent report by Lord Darzi](#) highlighted that there must be a major tilt towards technology to unlock productivity including through the benefits of using digital systems. The NHS FDP represents a major strategic shift in the way that the NHS can use data to transform the delivery of healthcare services including:

- **Improved patient experience:** The NHS FDP will use innovation to help get patients treated as quickly as possible, maximising capacity, and supporting patient readiness to streamline care. Pilot sites have seen discharge delays reduced, enabling patients to leave hospital and get home sooner. The FDP also has solutions to help reduce waiting lists and optimise patient pathways which will be being explored by the ICB.

- **Efficiency gains:** Local teams will be better able to prioritise waiting lists, manage theatre capacity and identify staffing needs. It will help local teams make more effective use of their resources ensuring that tasks are clearly allocated within multidisciplinary teams to treat patients and reduce backlog delays.

[Click here](#) to read more.

National Apprenticeship Week



National Apprenticeship Week is the biggest week in the apprenticeships and skills calendar. This week unites everyone passionate about apprenticeships and skills to celebrate their value, benefits, and opportunities.

The NHS recruits over 20,000 apprentices annually across more than 350 careers. Whether they are healthcare support workers, part of the estates and facilities team, or working in administration, each apprentice makes a meaningful difference to patients.

There are lots of ways apprentices can benefit your organisation, including:

- Develop clear pathways
- Retain and upskill staff
- Reshape the workforce
- Encourage diversity
- Train and employ locally
- Attract a wider pool of recruits
- Represent your local community
- Plug recruitment gaps
- Support mobility and progression

- Cultivate a learning environment

[Click here](#) to visit the HNY Careers Hub and find out more about apprenticeships.

Get Involved

Cancer Alliance Workforce Event



Friday 28 March 2025, 10:00am-4:00pm

Humber and North Yorkshire Cancer Alliance are holding their inaugural Cancer Nursing/AHP/CNS Workforce Event next month at the Ferens Art Gallery, Hull.

This event is for SACT teams, CNS teams, oncology nursing teams and AHPs working in cancer care. Gain valuable insights, explore training and development opportunities, and connect with colleagues across the region.

The event will cover the following topics:

- ACCEND framework (including looking at training and development)
- Collaborative Working/Standardised Care/Reducing Inequality
- Understanding the Cancer Alliance: How It Connects from National to Provider Level
- Innovation/Research Grants: Review of This Year's Funding and Impact, and How Cancer Cancer Nursing Workforce/CNS/AHPs Can Access Future Opportunities
- Understanding Our Clinical Delivery Groups: How Do They Relate to the Care and Work We Provide?

[Click here](#) to book to attend this event. Please note, spaces are limited. If you have any queries or questions, contact alicia.maultby@nhs.net.

New and improved booking system launches in March



Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership is moving to a new booking system for all health, wellbeing, inclusion and coaching sessions open to colleagues working in health and care.

The new system is called [MedTribe](#) and it will launch on Friday 14 March 2025. The previous platform, BookWhen will no longer be available. All existing bookings will be transferred to the new platform – you do not need to rebook. However, to make a new booking you will need to create your own MedTribe account. This is designed to be quick and simple, taking around two minutes to complete.

Current sessions available to book:

- [Menopause Awareness at work for all colleagues and line managers](#) – Thursday 27 March 2025, 12:30-1:30pm
- [Menopause Awareness at work for all colleagues and line managers](#) – Wednesday 30 April 2025, 9:30-10:30am
- [Post-traumatic strength - stepping into the new you after trauma and challenging times](#) – Thursday 8 May 2025, 5:00-6:00pm

The ICB's Best Place to Work Team can provide support on using MedTribe to ensure a smooth transition. If you have any queries or questions, contact hny.wellbeing@nhs.net.

News from Across the Partnership

National funding of £1.2 million provides boost for rural and coastal healthcare research



Scarborough Hospital, in collaboration with academics from the University of Birmingham and York, has been awarded national funding from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

The research will establish how urgent and emergency care could be improved for patients living in rural coastal areas. The Research and Innovation Department at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will support the project which officially starts in February.

In the past, the way health and care services have been designed was based on guidance that was developed for the whole country. Demand for health and care services is often worse in rural and coastal areas. For example, coastal emergency departments can face overcrowding in summer periods due to high numbers of visiting holidaymakers.

People living in rural coastal areas have poorer health and a lower life expectancy than those living in urban areas. This new study will determine how the NHS can best deliver emergency care in rural and coastal areas.

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Trust introduces new AI solution to diagnose lung cancer quicker



Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology that could help diagnose patients with life-threatening diseases more quickly has been introduced at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust.

The AI software developed by **Annalise.ai** will significantly improve the efficiency and accuracy of chest X-ray analysis, particularly for conditions like lung cancer.

The software is the latest AI solution that the Trust is using to transform services, improve care and cut waiting times for patients. Since July 2023, the Trust has used Radiobotics RBfracture, an AI solution which quickly and accurately detects trauma-related findings in X-rays, such as fractures and dislocations.

All X-rays in the Trust are now read by AI in under 30 seconds of being taken. The abnormal cases are prioritised and a formal radiology report is issued to make sure the correct treatment is achieved sooner for patients.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Safety in the spotlight at hospital 'Boards in Common' meeting



Safety in maternity care, waiting list management and how hospitals are spending their charitable funds will be among the topics discussed this week by hospital leaders.

The Boards of Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLaG) and Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (HUTH) will come together for their bi-monthly "Boards in Common" meeting at 9am on Thursday 13 February 2025.

For almost a year now, the two Trusts have been working together under the group name of NHS Humber Health Partnership to share expertise, improve efficiency and deliver more joined-up services for patients across the Humber region.

Together, the two Trusts are responsible for staff and services at Hull Royal Infirmary, Scunthorpe General Hospital, Castle Hill Hospital, Goole and District Hospital, and Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby, as well as some community services.

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