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PHE Bulletin, Public Health England's regular update, provides news and information on PHE and the public health landscape for all those concerned with the public's health. For more information, see our website: www.gov.uk/phe

Public health news

Health matters: improving the prevention and diagnosis of bowel cancer

PHE has launched the sixth edition of Health Matters, a resource for policy makers and practitioners, which brings together the facts, figures and evidence of effective interventions to tackle major public health problems. This edition focuses on ways to prevent bowel cancer through healthy living, the importance of early diagnosis, and encouraging more eligible people to come forward for screening. For more information, read this edition of [Health Matters](#).

PHE and the National Travel Health Network and Centre outline health and travel advice for the Olympics

PHE and [NaTHNaC](#) have published their advice for travellers planning to visit Brazil for the 2016 Olympic Games (5 August to 21 August) and the 2016 Paralympic Games (7 September to 18 September). The advice for the 2016 Olympics covers a variety of health and safety topics for travellers, including information about the Zika virus outbreak in Brazil. PHE and NaTHNaC currently recommend that pregnant women postpone non-essential travel to areas where there is active Zika virus transmission, until after pregnancy. For more information, read the PHE [news story](#).

PHE National Cancer and Registration Analysis Service hold annual Cancer Data and Outcomes Conference

On 13 and 14 June the new PHE NCRAS held the annual Cancer Data and Outcomes Conference for 2016. Hundreds of delegates from across the sector,

including many cancer patients, had the opportunity to hear leading experts discuss how cancer data is improving cancer prevention, early detection, treatment outcomes, patient experience, survivorship and end of life care with sessions on early diagnosis, health economics, therapeutic interventions, cancer in young and old people and inequalities. For more information, visit the [PHE events website](#).

PHE response to the British Journal of Sports Medicine on Eatwell Guide

PHE responded to an editorial in the British Journal of Sports Medicine on the Eatwell Guide. UK dietary recommendations are based on scientific evidence reviews by independent experts. The reports are subject to public consultation, go through robust quality assurance processes **and** ensure there is no bias. The recent Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition's carbohydrates and health report included over 600 peer reviewed scientific papers. For more information, read the PHE [news story](#).

Annual Flu Plan and Letter 2016/17

Last week PHE, with the Department of Health and NHS England, published the Annual Flu Plan and Letter 2016/17. The letter provides information about the annual flu immunisation programme for 2016/17. The only change this year is the addition of the offer of the live attenuated influenza vaccine to children of appropriate age for school year 3. The Flu Plan for winter 2016/17 sets out a coordinated and evidence-based approach to planning for and responding to the demands of flu across England. For more information, visit the [PHE website](#).

PHE staff appear at Health Select Committee

Senior staff from PHE appeared before the Health Select Committee to discuss the impact of 2013 reforms to the public health system. [Watch](#) representatives from PHE giving evidence on Tuesday 7 June 2016. For more information, read the [PHE news story](#).

PHE staff recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours list

PHE staff have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours list. The honours list, published on 10 June, recognises the achievements of three PHE staff, Professor Yvonne Doyle CB, Pauline Watts OBE and Mark Rush MBE, in protecting and improving the public's health, both nationally and internationally. For more information, read the PHE [news story](#).

Recent PHE blogs

[Healthy eating advice must be based on the best evidence](#)

By John Newton, 24 May

[Health Matters - your questions on giving children the best start in life](#)

By Blog Editor, 25 May

[Health matters: improving the prevention and diagnosis of bowel cancer](#)

By Anne Mackie and Kevin Fenton, 27 June

[Health Matters: Bowel cancer prevention/detection toolkit](#)

By Blog Editor, 27 June

[Closing the gap: tools to tackle variation in cardiovascular disease](#)

By Kevin Fenton, 28 June

Campaign news

Be Clear on Cancer Respiratory Symptoms campaign

Following the [tri-partite letter](#) of 31 March that laid out the plan for the national Be Clear on Cancer Respiratory Symptoms campaign, which will focus on the symptoms of persistent cough and inappropriate breathlessness, the campaign has now been extended and will now run for 14 weeks, starting in mid-July. For more information, visit the [Campaign Resource Centre](#).

News from other organisations

Commissioning for Value: new focus packs

NHS RightCare has now produced a further four Commissioning for Value packs. The new packs on cancer and tumours; mental health and dementia; maternity and early years; and musculoskeletal conditions and trauma now sit alongside the first three packs on cardiovascular disease, respiratory and neurological conditions. The packs have been produced for every CCG in England and support commissioners to identify the best opportunities for improving value for their populations. The content of the packs has again been informed by colleagues at PHE, NHS England, clinical networks and the third sector. For more information, visit the [NHS England website](#).

Nominations sought for the Queen's birthday honours 2017 list

The Department of Health is seeking potential candidates from across the health and care system for the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours list. Nominations are sought for nominations for people who have made an outstanding contribution at any level. The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday 27 July 2016. For more information, visit the [Department of Health website](#).

NHS Innovation Accelerator launched for a second year

Last year UCL Partners launched the NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA) working in partnership with NHS England and the Academic Health Science Networks. The aim of the NIA is to support healthcare pioneers speed up their high-impact, low-cost innovations across the NHS to improve lives. On 17 June NHS England launched the NIA 2016, which is now open for applications from innovators both in the UK and overseas. The closing date is 1 August, with successful applicants to be announced in October. This year the programme focuses on three challenges based on population health needs: prevention, early intervention and long-term condition management. For more information, visit the [NHS England website](#).

New briefing on the Better Care Fund and home adaptations published by Care and Repair England

A new integration briefing document, [Innovation in home adaptations – a fresh chance](#), considers how the substantial increase in funding for home adaptations offers opportunities to improve integration and meet new performance targets, including reducing delayed transfers of care. The briefing, supported by PHE, explains the connections between Disabled Facilities Grant finance and this year's new Better Care Fund Policy Framework.

Events

Booking now open for PHE annual conference 2016

Bookings are now open for the [PHE annual conference](#), taking place on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 September at Warwick University. The theme of this year's conference is 'Evidence into action'. The conference will promote and showcase the application and translation of science and research, to support effective local and national action to improve public health. For more information, to book your place and to view the programme [visit the conference website](#).

PHE Board's next open meeting

The next open meeting of the PHE Board is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 20 July, focusing on mental health. Meeting [details](#) will be available online.