



The All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin

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MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT

June 2014

Week 1

Monday 2nd June

❖ NI Assembly – Written Questions for Answer

[Skin Diseases](#)

Mr Weir asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many nurses are being trained for specialist treatment of skin diseases. (AQW 33416/11-15)

Mr Poots: Across the region a number of nurses have already completed the Queens University Short course in dermatology and the Nurse Prescribing course. There are currently no nurses in training for specialist treatment of skin diseases

Mr Weir asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what provision is in place to cover specialist skin disease nurses when they are absent from work. (AQW 33418/11-15)

Mr Poots: Health and Social Care Trusts employ a range of measures to ensure continuity of service as far as practically possible. Measures include ...

❖ Press & News Releases

[NICE](#)

The Accreditation process manual is for accreditation applicants. It describes eligibility criteria to apply for accreditation and NICE's procedure for assessing the quality of the processes guidance producers follow to develop guidance.

The NICE Accreditation programme has been through a number of changes since the last substantive manual update in November 2011. These changes along with other additions to the programme have been captured and documented for the 2014 update of the process manual. The proposals are now open for consultation. We would like to receive comments on the changes from anyone who has an interest in the Accreditation Programme. If you are submitting comments on behalf of an organisation, please submit only one response per organisation.

Note: the manual update is a draft and may change after consultation

Consultation dates: 2 June - 26 August 2014

[NHS England](#)

Interview with Simon Stevens.

In his first two interviews with the Press since becoming NHS England's new Chief Executive, Simon Stevens has stressed the need to think creatively about improved patient outcomes ...



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Tuesday 3rd June

Wednesday 4th June

❖ HoC – Committees

[Health Committee](#)

The Speaker announced today that the Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP had written to him to tender his resignation as Chair of the Health Committee.

❖ Welsh Assembly – Record of Proceedings

[Skin Cancer & Clinical Trials](#)

Kirsty Williams: First Minister, today we have seen very promising early results from new skin cancer drugs, and we can be really proud of the role that Swansea College of Medicine has played in those trials. Could you outline what steps your Government is taking to support clinical trials in Wales?

Carwyn Jones: We are very supportive. Melanoma is a disease that is quite close to my heart as it is the illness that took my mother. I know that it is a disease that is exceptionally difficult—or impossible, effectively—to treat once it has spread, so I very much welcome our role in Wales and the work that has been done in terms of providing what appear to be some very good results thus far for two drugs for melanoma. As the leader of the Liberal Democrats will know, we are very fortunate, for example, in the research facilities that we have, particularly in the University Hospital of Wales, which have contributed so much to dealing with an illness that everyone in this Chamber will be familiar with. See [more](#).

❖ Press & News Releases

[NHS England](#)

NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens today (Wednesday) sets out critical steps the Health Service must take to address head-on the challenges it faces over the next five years and beyond. The NHS faces a “defining moment” in its history, he will tell the [NHS Confederation annual conference in Liverpool](#).

[SMC Meeting 3rd June](#)

The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) meetings are now open to members of the public and press to observe. This supports SMC's commitment to openness and transparency. It enables stakeholders and members of the public to understand how evidence is assessed and interpreted, how consultation comments are taken into account and how recommendations are made.

SMC meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Unless stated otherwise, the meetings will be held in [The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow G1 3NU](#) and run from 12.30pm to approximately 4.30pm.

A factsheet explaining the meeting process for public observers can be [downloaded here](#).

The agenda for the SMC meeting on 3rd June can be [downloaded here](#).

Thursday 5th June

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❖ Scottish Parliament – Written Answers

[Access to Specialised Services](#)

Richard Simpson (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the NHS in England regarding how much an independent Scotland would pay it for patients' access to specialist (a) hospitals and (b) services. (S4W-21401)

Alex Neil: There are already a range of service level agreements in place between NHS National Services Scotland's National Services Division (NSD) and NHS England Specialised Commissioning and NHS Trusts in England, covering a wide range of specialist services not routinely available in Scotland due to their low volume and highly specialised nature.

The costs of these services will continue to be met by NSD through these arrangements, which will be unaffected by independence.

Friday 6th June

Week 2

Monday 9th June

Tuesday 10th June

❖ Press Releases

[NICE quality standards – the process guide](#)

The second update to the process guide for developing NICE quality standards is now available for comment in draft form.

Wednesday 11th June

❖ Written Answers – House of Commons

[Sunbeds](#)

Luciana Berger: To ask the Secretary of State for Health whether the Government plans to respond to the recommendations set out in the report of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin on sunbed regulation published in 2014. [199381]

Jane Ellison: The Government has noted the report and is currently considering how to respond to the recommendations.



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Thursday 12th June

❖ Scottish Parliament - Written Answer Report

[PACE](#)

Jackson Carlaw (West Scotland) (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its missing the 1 May 2014 introduction date, when it will introduce the new Patient and Clinician Engagement approval system.

Alex Neil: Patient and Clinician Engagement now forms part of the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) evaluation process. Submissions from pharmaceutical companies received by SMC after noon on 7 April 2014 are eligible for this new approach, in line with what was set out in the Task and Finish Group report provided to me and published by the Health and Sport Committee. The first decisions from this new process are expected in autumn 2014.

Friday 13th June

❖ Press & News Releases

[NICE - Ipilimumab](#)

NICE proposes ipilimumab as a first treatment for advanced skin cancer

People with advanced skin cancer should be able to receive ipilimumab as a first treatment, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) proposes.

In [final draft guidance](#), NICE recommends that the drug ipilimumab (also called Yervoy and manufactured by Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals Limited) is made available on the NHS as a first-line treatment for patients with advanced malignant melanoma which is either unresectable (when the full tumour cannot be removed) or metastatic (the cancer has spread to other parts of the body) ...

Week 3

Monday 16th June

Tuesday 17th June

Wednesday 18th June

❖ House of Commons – Written Answers

[Skin Cancer](#)

Jim Shannon: To ask the Secretary of State for Health what recent assessment his Department has made of advances in the treatment of melanoma. [200066]

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Jane Ellison: NHS England has published a service specification for adult skin cancer services which sets out what the national health service must have in place to offer high quality skin cancer treatment, care and support. Embedded in this is the best practice guidance on skin cancer published by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

‘Improving Outcomes for People with Skin Tumours, including Melanoma’, published by NICE in 2006 and updated in 2010, sets out best practice for clinicians in the diagnosis, treatment care and support of patients with skin cancer, including melanoma.

NICE is also planning to develop a skin cancer quality standard. Quality Standards are important in setting out to patients, the public, commissioners and providers what a high quality service should look like and they play a key role in helping to drive up standards of care.

Making significant progress in ensuring people have access to the right treatment when they need it, including drugs and treatments recommended by NICE, is an objective for NHS England with regard to cancer under the mandate.

Jim Shannon: To ask the Secretary of State for Health when the drug pembrolizumab will be available on the NHS for treatment of skin cancer. Skin cancer, see [more](#).

Thursday 19th June

❖ House of Commons – Written Answers

[Sunbeds](#)

Mrs Glindon: To ask the Secretary of State for Health when his Department will reply to the report by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin into sunbed regulation in England. [200218]

Jane Ellison: Government has noted the All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin report and is currently considering the recommendations and the implications.

Friday 20th June

Week 4

Monday 23rd June

Tuesday 24th June

❖ House of Lords – Written Answers

[Sunbeds \(Regulation\) Act](#)

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff To ask Her Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to implement fully the Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010, including the secondary legislation and a programme to ensure that the public is aware of the dangers of sunbeds.[HL177]

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The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health (Earl Howe) (Con): The Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 came into effect in 2011 to ensure sunbed businesses are properly supervised. In England some local authorities choose to enforce the under 18 ban enshrined within the primary legislation and the Department has published guidance to support them. The Government has recently received a report from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin which gives a number of recommendations including the introduction of secondary regulations in England and how the public can be fully informed. Government has noted the report and is currently considering how to progress the recommendations.

Wednesday 25th June

❖ House of Commons – Written Answers

[Psoriasis](#)

Jim Shannon: To ask the Secretary of State for Health what discussions he has had with NHS trusts on the prescription of medicines for psoriasis. [201032]

Norman Lamb: We have had no such discussions.

Information on the prescription of medicines for psoriasis is available from a range of sources including the British National Formulary, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence and NHS Choices.

Thursday 26th June

Friday 27th June

❖ Weekly Answer Booklet – NI Assembly

[Skin Camouflage Services](#)

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many people have accessed skin camouflage services in each of the last three years.

Mr Poots: Information on the number of people who have accessed skin camouflage services in the last three years is not collected centrally by the Department and could only be provided at disproportionate cost.

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