COVID-19 KNOWLEDGE SUMMARY: 17th July 2020



To keep up to date with the latest reports, guidelines and news, see the Library and Knowledge Service's **Knowledge**Pages at: http://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/knowledge/Pages/RSSPage.aspx



Public Health England: Guidance -COVID-19: guidance for commissioners and providers of services for people who use drugs or alcohol

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-commissioners-and-providers-of-services-for-people-who-use-drugs-or-alcohol

COVID-19 guidance for commissioners and service providers for those dependent on drugs or alcohol. Updated 14th July 2020.



The AHSN Network: Safe tracheostomy care toolkit

https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/safe-tracheostomy-care-toolkit

A toolkit for healthcare staff has been published by the National Tracheostomy Safety Project (NTSP) in collaboration with the AHSN Network and the National Patient Safety Improvement Programme in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to support healthcare staff who are looking after patients with tracheostomies.



NICE: Medtech innovation briefing [MIB219] CFHealthHub for managing cystic fibrosis during the COVID-19 pandemic

https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/mib219

This National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) medtech innovation briefing (MIB) has been developed to support commissioners and staff who are considering using this technology.



Young Minds: Coronavirus: Impact on young people with mental health needs

https://youngminds.org.uk/media/3904/coronavirus-report-summer-2020-final.pdf

This report reflects the results of a survey with over 2,000 young people aged 13-25 with a history of mental health problems, carried out between 6th June and 5th July. It follows on from a similar survey carried out in March at the start of the lockdown period. The report shows that many are under increasing pressure and struggling to get the right support.



Academy of Medical Sciences: Preparing for a challenging winter 2020/21

https://acmedsci.ac.uk/file-download/51353957

This report stresses that the UK must prepare now for a potential new wave of coronavirus infections this winter that could be more serious than the first. It considers a reasonable worst-case scenario for winter 2020/21 and identifies actions that should help to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the expected seasonal surge in healthcare demand.



RCPH: COVID-19 - service evaluation and audit on the care needs of children admitted to hospital (England)

https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-service-evaluation-audit-care-needs-children-admitted-hospital-england

Run by NHS England, this aims to provide important up-to-date information on the clinical aspects of COVID-19 while also determining the care needs of children admitted to hospital with COVID-19. We encourage members working in England to submit data as needed. You can view regular data updates below (Updated 10th July 2020)



Imperial College London: Report 29 - The impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on all-cause attendances to emergency departments in two large London hospitals: an observational study

https://www.imperial.ac.uk/mrc-global-infectious-disease-analysis/covid-19/report-29-emergency-attendance/

The health care system in England has been highly affected by the surge in demand due to patients afflicted by COVID-19. Yet the impact of the pandemic on the care seeking behaviour of patients and thus on Emergency department (ED) services is unknown, especially for non-COVID-19 related emergencies. In this report, we aimed to assess how the reorganisation of hospital care and admission policies to respond to the COVID-19 epidemic affected ED attendances and emergency hospital admissions.



Department of Health and Social Care: Guidance - NHS Test and Trace statistics (England): methodology

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-test-and-trace-statistics-england-methodology

Updated on 16th July to include more information on how NHS Test and Trace classifies complex and non-complex cases and contacts, and how local test sites are included in turnaround statistics.



COCHRANE REVIEW: Plasma from people who have recovered from COVID-19 to treat individuals with COVID-19

https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD013600.pub2

Authors' conclusions

We are very uncertain whether convalescent plasma is beneficial for people admitted to hospital with COVID-19. For safety outcomes we also included non-controlled NRSIs. There was limited information regarding adverse events. Of the controlled studies, none reported on this outcome in the control group. There is only very low-certainty evidence for safety of convalescent plasma for COVID-19.

Library & Knowledge Service

St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Nightingale House, Whiston Hospital

email: library@sthk.nhs.uk tel: 0151 430 1342 website: http://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/Pages/home.aspx