

Urology Trade Association

NHS Reform Fortnightly Update

15th January 2021

Retrospective report: 4th -14th Jan

4th January

Companies can now submit medicines for the new Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway (ILAP) following close collaboration between the NICE, drug regulators and, the NHS and equivalent organisations in Scotland. ILAP aims to smooth the journey from clinical trials through to NHS patients through closer collaboration and planning between the agencies involved in each step. It will mean NHS patients will have access to innovative new medicines sooner. You can read more [here](#).

4th January

In an [interview](#) for *Care Home Professional*, Mike Padgham, chairman of the Independent Care Group, said 2021 must be the year social care reform happens, especially following the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr Padgham said that, *"the whole social care sector needs a big shake up from top to bottom. Fundamental, real big change is what we need. Not to keep tinkering around the edges. The PM said he wanted to get Brexit done. So, 2021 should be the year when we get social care done."*

6th January

Kwasi Kwarteng has been appointed UK business secretary in a mini cabinet reshuffle, taking over from Alok Sharma, who will now be President of COP26 (UN Climate Change Conference) on a full-time basis. The next cabinet reshuffle is [expected](#) to take place in the Autumn.

11th January

The NHS has [opened](#) seven new, large-scale vaccination sites in its newest front against Covid-19. The sites will be capable of delivering thousands vaccinations each week, and will be followed by dozens more in the weeks ahead. The new NHS Vaccination Centres – including one on the site of the London Nightingale Hospital, Bristol's Ashton Gate stadium and Manchester's Etihad tennis club – offer a convenient alternative to GP-led and hospital services. Health Secretary Matt Hancock said, *"Alongside GPs, pharmacies, hospitals and care homes the new sites will offer vaccines to everyone in the top four priority cohorts, saving thousands of lives and helping us start to return to normal in the future."*

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12th January

Speaking in a [debate](#) on Covid-19, the Shadow Minister for Social Care, Liz Kendall MP, put forward a case for the reform of social care. She said that, *"social care is still not being prioritised, treated or funded equally with the NHS...frontline care workers are still chronically undervalued and underpaid.* She urged the Government to, *"consider what immediate extra support can be provided for social care—for care workers and family carers—over the coming months, when the pressures will be the greatest we have ever seen".*

13th January

DHSC has [announced](#) a major reform of the Mental Health Act, which will empower individuals to have more control over their treatment and will *"deliver parity between mental and physical health services"*. A package of reforms has been set out in a wide-ranging new 'Reforming the Mental Health Act' white paper. Reforms will tackle mental health inequalities including disproportionate detention of people from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities, the use of the act to detain people with learning disabilities and autism, and improve care for patients within the criminal justice system.

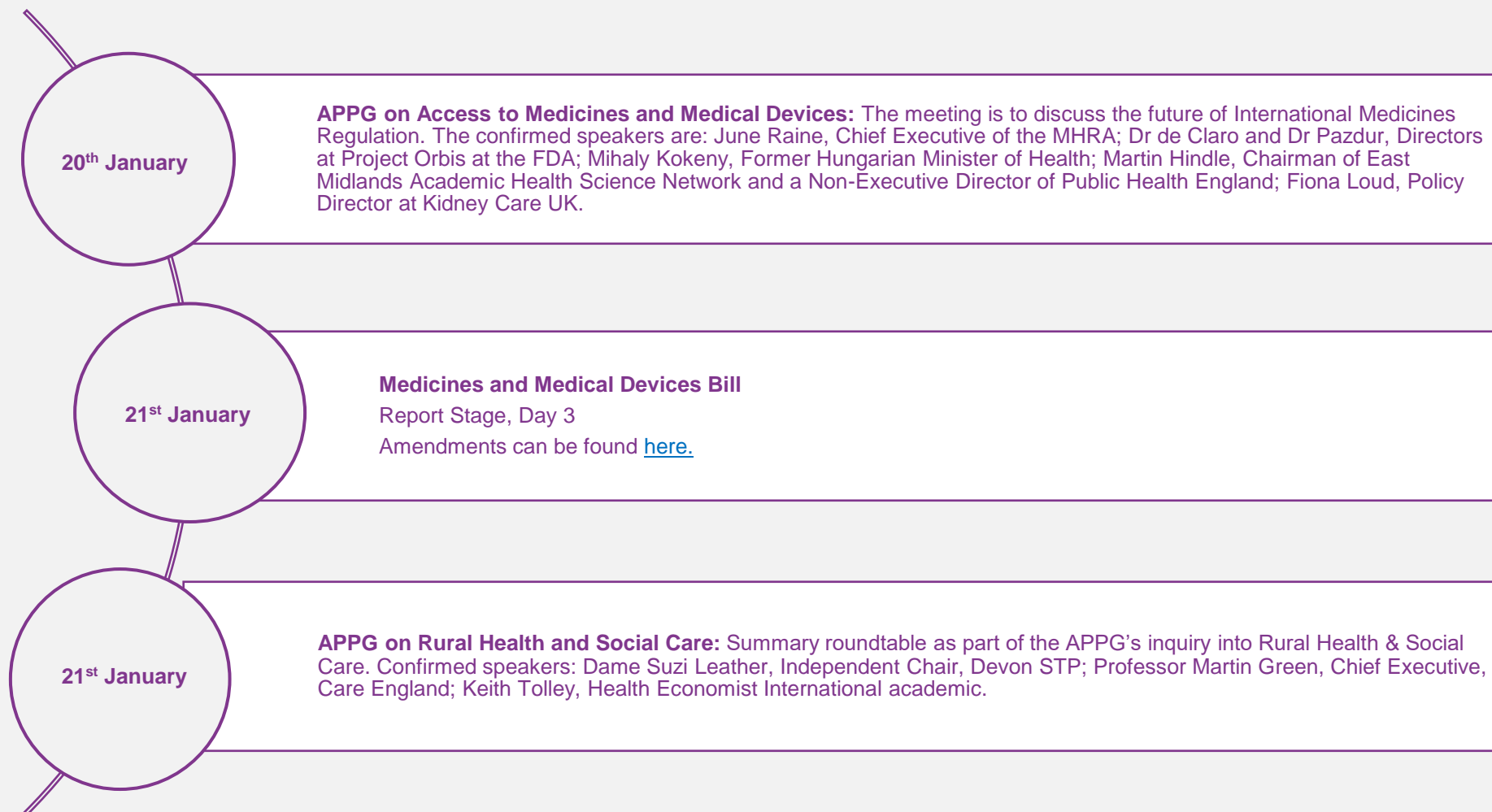
14th January

The *Health Service Journal* [reports](#) that due to increased coronavirus pressure, NHS England has asked leaders to use 100 per cent of their private sector capacity by triggering 'surge arrangements'. Chief Operating Officer, Amanda Pritchard, has asked each integrated care system to propose a surge plan and identify a trust CEO lead accountable for the surge plan by 22nd January. She also announced that the annual NHS finance and planning rounds would be delayed to Q1 next year. During planning rounds, stakeholders meet to agree priorities, monitor performance and hold systems and institutions to account.

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Lookahead: 15th – 29th January



Relevant Select Committee Inquiries that are currently open

- **Joint Committee on Human Rights** - [Mental Health Act reform](#)
- **Treasury Committee** - [Spending Review 2020](#)
- **Public Accounts Committee** - [Digital Transformation in the NHS](#)
- **Health and Social Care Committee** – [Management of the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- **Health and Social Care Committee** – [Pre-appointment hearing for the role of Chair of NICE](#)
- **Health and Social Care Committee** – [Social Care: funding and workforce](#)
- **Health and Social Care Committee** - [Delivering Core NHS and Care Services during the Pandemic and Beyond](#)
- **Health and Social Care Committee** - [Workforce burnout and resilience in the NHS and social care](#)
- **Health and Social Care Committee** - [Coronavirus: lessons learnt](#)

Upcoming events

- **Thursday 21st January (9am)** - [Next steps for rare diseases and specialised commissioning - policy priorities, utilising genomics, patient engagement and co-ordinating care](#)
- **Monday 25th January (9am)** - [The future for NICE in health and social care - new evaluation processes, keeping pace with developments, and improving patient access to innovation](#)
- **Thursday 28th January (9am)** - [Clinical negligence in the NHS - patient safety, the impact of COVID-19, legal cost reform and next steps for policy](#)
- **Wednesday 10th February (9am)** - [The future of pharmacy services in England - integration, optimising service delivery, and the developing role in public health and responding to COVID-19](#)

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