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GP Retention Intensive Support Sites (GPRISS) Evaluation	All CCGs	In addition to the final evaluation report, the NECS R&E team are identifying local interventions with the greatest impact and national potential, developing case studies, other materials for use on collaboration platforms and disseminate learning to ensure that other CCGs adopt the best of GPRISS.	NECS R&E team are collaborating with NEL Healthcare Consulting on the delivery of this project. Phase 1 completed to inform a NHS online toolkit for GP retention and report shared July 2019 and both are available at the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gp/v/workforce/retaining-the-current-medical-workforce/making-general-practice-a-better-place-to-work/ Phase 2 to evaluate embedded interventions Autumn 2019.
Urgent Care Centre Learning and Impact Study	All CCGs	This 'learning and impact' study from the NHS England Vanguard Programme. The study describes some of the models which have been adopted in urgent care centres and walk-in centres across England and looks to understand the impact of such centres on the health system and staff experience.	NECS R&E team have led the delivery of this project and the report is still to be shared.
Near Patient Testing	All CCGs	Researchers at the University of Sunderland are interested in the use of Near Patient Testing in primary care.	The NECS R&E team have met with researchers from the University of Sunderland to discuss this project. If you have an interest in this or wish to share any work ongoing in this area please contact: necsu.reteam@nhs.net
Qualitative study looking at obesity management in routine general practice	All CCGs	This project aims to identify GPs with a personal or professional interest in nutrition, exercise and obesity management and explore how they have integrated obesity management into their routine practice.	This study will be advertised via social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook with participants being required to volunteer themselves. Recruitment is ongoing and we will share the report once available.

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High Intensity Users (HIU) in County Durham (DDES / North Durham)	Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield (DDES) CCG and North Durham CCG	DDES and North Durham CCGs have agreed to commission a 12 month pilot service across County Durham. The High Intensity User (HIU) service (developed by NHS Blackpool CCG) offers a robust way of reducing frequent user activity to A&E, hospital admissions, 999, NHS 111 and GP contacts and freeing up front line resources to focus on more clients and reduce costs.	Agreement has been provided to extend the pilot until April 2020 and this is being led by North Durham CCG.
Evaluation of a Health Optimisation Policy	Harrogate and Rural District CCG	The aim of the evaluation is to understand and evidence the impacts from this policy. The pathway applies if the patient has a BMI of 30 or above and/or they are an active smoker. They are offered a period of health optimisation for 6 months before referral for non-urgent, routine elective surgery.	NECS R&E team are leading the evaluation of this policy and data collection is ongoing. Report due once data collection is complete.
Lifestyle groups for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease	Newcastle Gateshead CCG	A gastroenterologist/ hepatologist at the QE is proposing a lifestyle modification model alongside a group education session.	NECS have provided support and advice to this project and it is currently in very early planning stages. We will keep CCGs updated on progress and share any finding once available.
Linking falls assessment and prevention (as a component of frailty) with care and support planning (CSP).	Newcastle Gateshead CCG	To test the introduction of falls assessment and prevention to care and support planning (CSP) prior to including this in local incentive scheme, as a first step to developing CSP for people living with frailty.	The protocol has recently been finalised and agreed and this will be due for delivery in 2019/20.

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Real World Evaluation of Insulia Diabetes Management Companion	Newcastle Gateshead CCG	This evaluation will assess the utility and resource and use of Insulia for NG CCG.	On behalf of Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group (NG CCG), funded by Academic Health Science Network – North East and North Cumbria (AHSN NENC), the Research & Evidence team in North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) will deliver a pilot Real Word Evaluation in three Gateshead surgeries and in the Gateshead Diabetes Centre. The report is due to be delivered in early 2020.
Evaluation Support for the Northumber-land Vanguard to Northumber land CCG – CATCH Evaluation	Northumberland CCG (North locality)	Evaluation of the CATCH team which is to Identify, target and manage complex patients more effectively in the community via an enhanced MDT approach, to reduce pressure on acute services and release capacity in primary care.	The R&E team have been commissioned to co-ordinate, lead and deliver the evaluation. Initial interview have been conducted progressing as planned. Report due April 2020.
Nursing Associates Evaluation	Northumberland CCG	This project will aim to investigate the role of Nursing Associates in primary care.	This project is currently in the planning stages and the NECS R&E team are supporting this.
An exploration of the impact of pain education on GP practice staff: a mixed methods study	South Tees CCG	The aim of the research project is to quantify GP practice staffs' knowledge of chronic pain, before and after a pain education session.	This study is a Masters project and is only recruiting at Linthorpe Surgery. The project is due to start recruitment in September 2019, it is anticipated results will be available in 2020.