



Welcome to RSN Seminar Rural Health and Care 26th May 2021





**RURAL
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2021 ONLINE SEMINAR PROGRAMME

1. Rural Education, Training & Apprenticeships

Wednesday 27/01/2021
1 pm - 3 pm

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2. Rural Transport

Wednesday 24/02/2021
11 am - 1 pm

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3. Rural Digital Connectivity

Wednesday 31/03/2021
11 am - 1 pm

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4. Rural Decarbonisation

Wednesday 28/04/2021
11 am - 1 pm

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5. Rural Health & Social Care

Wednesday 26/05/2021
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6. Rural Housing

Wednesday 30/06/2021
11 am - 1 pm

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7. Enabling Rural Business

Wednesday 28/07/2021
11 am - 1 pm

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8. Rural Town Centres, High Streets & Village Hubs

Wednesday 27/10/2021
11 am - 1 pm

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9. Rural Economies

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Revitalising Rural

Realising the Vision

We want a fairer distribution of national resources to rural areas and for more nuanced national policies that reflect rural circumstances.

 RURAL SERVICES NETWORK






Services are becoming more centralised, creating difficulty where poor public transport



Increasing older population in rural areas



Issues have been identified in recruitment and retention of health services and care workers in rural areas



Increasing reliance on telecare services can create difficulties in areas with poor broadband / connectivity

Specific Policy Asks on Rural Health and Care



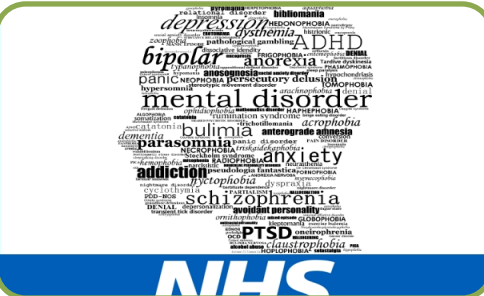
Access and Travel to Hospitals

- Local Health Partnerships and Trusts should take better account of accessibility and transport availability when drawing up plans to reconfigure acute and emergency services
- The hospital building programme should be used to improve access to hospitals in rural areas which are not well served.



Primary and Community Care Services

- Local Health Partnerships should seize opportunities to create locally based multi-disciplinary teams and to develop health hubs in rural town locations. This could reduce the need for many patients to travel to main hospitals.
- Local pharmaceutical services need to be retained in rural areas, which may mean supporting dispensing GP Surgeries.



Public and Mental Health Services

- Public health and mental health should have more prominence and need properly resourcing in rural areas. Historic funding allocations for public health cannot be justified and need urgent overhaul to even out provision.

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Social Care Provision

- Govt should implement findings of Fair Funding Review to help level up the provision of social care services in rural areas, taking full account of their deliver cost in more sparsely populated areas.
- This would also enable improved or more consistent engagement with and commissioning of low level support services for vulnerable rural residents, typically delivered by 3rd sector.



Workforce and Recruitment

- Delivery of the NHS Workforce Plan should include an explicit rural dimension.
- Pay bonuses should be considered to attract recruits into rural places with the highest vacancy and turnover rates.