



HEALTH MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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Quality and Safety

- [National clinical guideline for stroke for the UK and Ireland](#) **SIGN**
The national clinical guideline for stroke provides authoritative, evidence-based practice guidance to improve the quality of care delivered to every adult who has had a stroke in the United Kingdom and Ireland, regardless of age, gender, type of stroke, location, or any other feature.
- [Lung cancer – State of the nation report \(NLCA\)](#) **HQIP**
This report summarises the performance of lung cancer services on a set of performance indicators and patient outcomes.
- [Non-accidental injuries in infants attending the emergency department](#) **HSIB**
This investigation explores the issues that influence the diagnosis of non-accidental injuries in infants (children under 1 year of age) who visit an ED. Specifically, it explores the information and support available to ED clinicians to help them to make such a diagnosis.
- [Learning disabilities: policies to reduce inpatient care](#) **House of Commons Library**
This briefing outlines health policies aimed at reducing inpatient care for people with a learning disability.
- [Update on our plan and approach for transformation: April 2023](#) **CQC**
This update outlines the work the CQC have been doing so far in 2023 and sets out what health and care providers and others can expect for the rest of the year.
- [What are diagnostics, and how are diagnostics services performing?](#) **King's Fund**
Diagnostics have been increasing steadily over the last decade as hospital referrals and attendances have risen.
- [Failing to communicate: challenges with electronic communication systems](#) **HSIB**
Matt Mansbridge and Melanie Ottewill blog about the patient safety issues that arise when systems are unable to communicate with each other.
- [Black maternal health](#) **UK Parliament**
This report reviews what is currently understood about the reasons for disparities in maternal deaths, analyses Government and NHS action to date



and existing recommendations for change. It also considers the ongoing challenges in addressing disparities.

- **[Government agrees to Committee's call to boost Patient Safety Commissioner's role on redress for medical intervention harms](#)** **HSCC**
The Health and Social Care Committee has welcomed a decision by the Government to boost resources for the Patient Safety Commissioner to examine redress for those harmed by sodium valproate and pelvic mesh.
- **[Lipid management pathways](#)** **AHSN**
Two lipid management pathways – one for acute cardiovascular disease in secondary care and one for primary care clinicians – have been developed to provide clear and simple guidance for clinicians on how optimal lipid management may be achieved and provide an additional resource to support patient management.
- **[Tackling obesity: Improving policy making on food and health](#)** **Institute for Government**
This report is the first in a series from the Institute for Government on chronic policy issues that successive UK governments have failed to tackle – areas where problems are deeply ingrained and have severe long-term impacts, but solutions have remained out of reach.
- **[Adrenaline Auto-Injectors \(AAs\) safety campaign](#)** **MHRA**
Information for patients, healthcare professionals and the wider public to help better understand the importance of AAs as a potential life-saving medicine.
- **[Report highlights 'language gap' across the NHS when letters about crucial scans and tests are sent in English only](#)** **HSIB**
Written communications about radiology appointments are routinely sent in English only from NHS Trusts, not accounting for the needs of the patient's first language.
- **[Updated Nursing and Midwifery Council education standards published](#)** **NHS Employers**
The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) has confirmed changes to education programme standards for nursing and midwifery and published new standards.
- **[One-stage hip revisions are as good as 2-stage surgery to replace infected artificial hips](#)** **NIHR**
Most people recover well after a hip replacement, but some will develop an infection. This can mean the artificial joint needs to be replaced in one- or 2-stage surgery. Research found that one-stage hip revisions were as effective as 2-stage procedures at relieving pain and improving hip stiffness and function. One-stage procedures were also better value for money.



Service Improvement/Redesign

- [What's happening in digital and data across the Midlands?](#) **HTN**
A look at the digital strategies of the ICSs within the Midlands, including their key focuses, the work they plan for the future and the digital work that they have already undertaken.
- [Integrated Care Systems: autonomy and accountability](#) **HCHSCC**
The Health and Social Care Committee has launched a new inquiry to consider how integrated Care Systems will deliver joined up health and care services to meet the needs of local populations.
- [Prevention in health and social care: proposal to the House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee inquiry](#) **NHS Confederation**
The NHS Confederation's scope proposal to the Health and Social Care Select Committee's inquiry on prevention in health and social care.
- [Transforming Integrated Care in the Community \(TICC\): blueprint](#) **Public World**
The aim of the TICC project is to create systemic change in health & social care, providing services that are better suited to an ageing population by addressing their holistic needs.
- [Standing back from The Hewitt Review: six key take-aways](#) **King's Fund**
What are the takeaways from the much anticipated Hewlitt Review? Anna Charles explores.
- [Investment announced to accelerate patient portals, with implementation target set](#) **HTN**
NHS England has announced a national expectation that all non-specialist acute trusts establish a patient portal in 2023/24, a letter to regional directors notes.
- [Are integration and innovation enabling better mental health provision?](#) **NHS Confederation**
As demand for mental health support increases, organisations are working in new and different ways to meet demand.
- [NHS delivery and continuous improvement review: findings and recommendations](#) **NHSE**
The findings and recommendations of the delivery and continuous improvement review conducted by Anne Eden.



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- [Five principles for implementing the NHS Impact approach to improvement in England](#) **Health Foundation**
To support the implementation of the new NHS impact approach to improvement, this long read sets out five guiding principles and some recommendations.
 - [What's important when building a strong learning community to drive improvement?](#) **Health Foundation**
This newsletter looks at what works to involve stakeholders in improvement through learning communities.

Patient Experience

- [Removing Barriers to Shared Decision-Making](#) **PIF**
The Patient Information Forum (PIF) and the Patients Association have worked with NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) to look at ways of making it easier for patients to take part in shared decision-making.

Research and Innovation

- [New study launched to assess levels of antimicrobial resistance in healthy people](#) **UKHSA**
The study aims to learn about antimicrobial resistance in healthy people to inform better ways of tackling antimicrobial resistant infections in different populations.

Leadership

- [Is Hewitt turning the tide of performance management or swimming against it?](#) **King's Fund**
The recently published Hewlitt review highlights the need to replace the current performance management culture in the NHS with a stronger focus on learning and improvement. Chris Naylor considers what needs to happen to make that a reality.
- [The rise and decline of the NHS in England 2000–20: How political failure led to the crisis in the NHS and social care](#) **King's Fund**



NHS performance has declined since 2010 as a result of much lower funding increases, limited funds for capital investment and neglect of workforce planning.

Finance

- [NHS set to save £7 billion thanks to world-leading medicine pricing scheme](#) DHSC

Voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing and access (VPAS) delivers value for money to taxpayer and saves NHS billions, facilitating patient access to new lifesaving treatments and medicines, and supporting UK life sciences sector.

- [NHS agrees 5-year medicines pricing scheme with pharmaceutical industry](#) DHSC

The NHS will save £7 billion by the end of 2023 thanks to a 5-year agreement with the pharmaceutical industry, which ensures the NHS can continue to be one of the fastest health systems in the world to roll out innovative medicines.

People Management

- [The Leading Integration Peer Support Programme: using peer review to strengthen clinical and care professional leadership arrangements within Gloucestershire](#) NHS Confederation

How One Gloucestershire ICS used an external peer review in the development of its local framework for clinical and care professional leadership.

- [Evidence of gender and ethnic bias present in NHS recruitment processes](#) NHE

Those from ethnic minority backgrounds are less likely to be accepted onto NHS Specialty Training Posts, new research has revealed.

Bulletins

- [Medication safety update April 2023](#)

Annual Reports & Statistics

- [Cancer survival: Index for sub-Integrated Care Boards, 2005 to 2020](#)
- [NHS Stop Smoking Services indicators](#)



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