



HEALTH MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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Quality and Safety

- **[Penicillin allergy checklist](#) SPS**
This guide will help pharmacists and other healthcare professionals to diagnose if a patient is allergic to penicillin or not.
- **[NICE updates guidance to incorporate NHS England's standard on faster diagnosis of cancer](#) NICE**
This guideline covers identifying children, young people and adults with symptoms that could be caused by cancer.
- **[The Care Quality Commission \(Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigation Programme\) Directions 2023](#) DHSC**
These directions require the Care Quality Commission to exercise the functions set out in this direction from 1 October 2023.
- **[Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigation programme now hosted by CQC](#) CQC**
From 1 October 2023, the Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations (MNSI) programme is being hosted by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
- **[Professional standards: framework for quality assurance and improvement](#) NHSE**
Key parameters to assure the NHS England national responsible officer, and in turn the NHS England Board, that relevant statutory obligations are being met and quality improvements supported, as well as other key aspects of NHS England to enhance patient care through high professional standards.
- **[MBRRACE-UK Saving Lives Improving Mothers' Care - Lessons learned to inform maternity care from the UK and Ireland Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and Morbidity 2019-21](#) NPEU**
This report includes surveillance data on women who died during or up to one year after pregnancy between 2019 and 2021 in the UK. In addition, it also includes confidential enquiries into the care of women who died between 2019 and 2021 in the UK and Ireland from obstetric haemorrhage, amniotic fluid embolism, anaesthetic causes, infection, general medical and surgical disorders and epilepsy and stroke.



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- [**New awareness campaign to help reduce hospital admissions for urinary tract infections**](#) **NHSE**

The NHS and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are raising awareness of urinary tract infections (UTIs), as new data shows they have led to more than 800,000 admissions to hospitals across the country over the past five years.

- [**Two-hour urgent response reduces pressure on emergency services**](#) **HFMA**

Urgent at-home care teams can significantly reduce emergency admissions, according to the first evaluation of two-hour urgent community response services.

- [**The New York health system Lessons from across the pond**](#) **HFMA**

The major challenges facing the healthcare system in the United Kingdom – such as an increase in demand, workforce shortages, health inequalities, financial sustainability and information management – are common across the world. This paper sets out findings from NHS London's regional director visit to New York to discover what can be learnt from a city with similar challenges and aspirations.

- [**Excess mortality: bespoke analyses**](#) **OHID**

This data are bespoke analyses using the excess mortality methodology and data, but cut in ways which are not included in the regular reports and updates.

- [**How trusts can prevent inequalities in mortality**](#) **NHS Providers**

Rachel McKeown discusses how to prevent widening health inequalities for deprived groups and ethnic minorities over the coming years.

HQIP

- [**National Diabetes Audit: Care Processes and Treatment Targets 2021-22**](#)
- [**National Pregnancy in Diabetes Audit 2021 and 2022, England and Wales**](#)
- [**Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care Themed report - deaths from infection, neurological, haematological, respiratory, endocrine, gastrointestinal and general surgical causes 2019-21**](#)
- [**Maternal Deaths from haemorrhage, amniotic fluid embolism and anaesthetic causes 2019-21 and morbidity following repeat caesarean birth**](#)
- [**National Neonatal Audit Programme Summary report on 2022 data**](#)
- [**National Early Inflammatory Arthritis Audit State of the Nation Report 2023**](#)
- [**National Diabetes Audit 2021-22, Type 1 Diabetes**](#)
- [**National Joint Registry 20th Annual Report 2023**](#)



Service Improvement/Redesign

- [Healthy Communities Together – partnerships progress \(videos\)](#) **King's Fund**
The King's Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund have joined forces to support five areas to develop equal partnerships across the NHS, local authorities and the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector. These partnerships aim to improve health and wellbeing, and reduce health inequalities, by directly engaging local people so that they shape services.
- [Using NHS data to improve healthcare](#) **Chris Whitty/DHSC**
Professor Sir Chris Whitty writes for The Times on how using data effectively and safely can improve patient care and bolster research.
- [Unlocking the power of health beyond the hospital: supporting communities to prosper](#) **NHS Confederation**
This report explores how investment in community care can improve system productivity.
- [A community rehabilitation and reablement model](#) **NHSE**
This document consists of best practice guidance that systems should consider in connection with their intermediate care and rehabilitation services and implement where appropriate locally and affordable within available budgets.
- [Update on NHS IMPACT urges NHS leaders to adopt five practices for an improvement-led approach](#) **HTN**
NHS England has published a letter authored by the National Improvement Board chair and deputy chair David Fillingham and Professor Andy Hardy, sharing an update on the NHS IMPACT programme – designed to “promote the spread of continuous improvement throughout the NHS” – and sharing five practices to “form the DNA of an improvement culture”.
- [Not just ticking boxes: four stories illustrating the power of community-led health service design](#) **(IVAR)**
This report shared the learning from four partnerships. The stories illustrate the progress that can be made when communities are involved in designing services; and when cross-sector groups work together to invite people in, listen, and then make changes.
- [Is health beyond the hospital the key to alleviating system pressures? \(audio\)](#) **NHS Confederation**
Local and national leaders explore the role and value of care outside of hospitals and the impact it makes to patients, staff and the wider system.



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- [Digital priorities from North East London, Somerset, Nottingham and Northamptonshire integrated care systems](#) HTN

Four representatives from integrated care systems share their thoughts on the digital priorities in their region – and what they are looking forward to in the future with regards to digital in health.

Leadership

- [Young leaders in health and care: courage, passion and talent \(podcast\)](#) King's Fund

What do young leaders think about the future of health and social care? And what role do they see themselves playing in shaping a better future?

Climate change

- [Biodiversity, climate change and health](#) UK Health Alliance on Climate Change

This policy report describes the impacts of biodiversity loss on land and oceans for human health and puts forward recommendations to reduce biodiversity loss, restore nature, and achieve climate goals for the benefit of health.

- [Climate change and public health indicators: scoping review](#) UKHSA

This report reviews the current sets of environmental and public health indicators that can be used to monitor progress in climate change adaptation and mitigation in the United Kingdom (UK), with a focus on England and priorities for the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

Research and Innovation

- [UKHSA and ONS launch new Winter COVID-19 Infection Study](#) UKHSA

A study to gather vital data on COVID-19 this winter has been launched by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

- [Government to invest £30 million in innovative technology for NHS](#) DHSC

Applications are now open for Integrated care systems to apply for a share of £30 million to roll out innovative technology.



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- [How to share decision-making about major surgery for people at high risk of complications](#) **NIHR**
Little is known about how far people at high risk of poor outcomes after major surgery (older people, or those with multiple long-term conditions, for example) are involved in shared- decision makings.
 - [SIREN study into Covid-19 immunity and vaccine effectiveness](#) **UKHSA**
Providing vital research into COVID-19 immunity and vaccine effectiveness nationally.
 - [What one research synthesis tells us is missing from the NHS workforce plan](#) **Health Foundation**
Justine revisits a review exploring what factors affect staff retention in adult, mental health services, highlighting important omissions from the NHS workforce plan.

Finance

- [Funding health care in England: has the case been made for changing the NHS model?](#) **Institute for Government**
The NHS's recent travails have led once again to claims the model is 'broken' and that the answer is to change how healthcare is funded.
- [Revenue, capital, prevention: a new public spending framework for the future](#) **DEMOS**
This new briefing paper calls for the creation of a new category within government expenditure – Preventative Departmental Expenditure Limits (PDEL). This would classify and ringfence preventative investment, in order to inject long-termism into public spending.
- [PFI: profiting from inflation? Understanding the impact of inflation on the affordability of NHS PFI contracts](#) **Centre for Health and the Public Interest**
This report shows that the costs to NHS Trusts with PFI schemes have risen rapidly due to recent increases in inflation in the years 2022/23 and 2023/24 because payments to the PFI companies are in a large number of cases contractually pegged to the Retail Price Index (RPI) the higher measure of inflation.



Training and Development

- [Expansion of medical school places to be accelerated to next year](#) **DHSC**
Government will expand medical school places a year early, with 205 additional places for the new academic year in 2024, subject to consultation.
- [Allied Health Professional apprenticeships](#) **NHS Employers**
Examples from NHS organisations that have implemented apprenticeship pathways in allied health professions and how it is enhancing workforce supply.
- [Care certificate](#) **NHS Employers**
The care certificate aims to equip health and social care support workers with the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe and compassionate care.
- [Higher Development Award: A personal development programme for support workers \(case study\)](#) **NHS Employers**
Find out how NHS organisations are supporting the personal development of clinical and non-clinical support staff.

People Management

- [Enabling the workforce plan ambitions by focusing on recovery](#) **King's Fund**
This blog explores how the NHS can support the health and wellbeing of its staff in order to achieve the ambitions of the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan.
- [Workforce Wellbeing Roundtable Report](#) **Royal Pharmaceutical Society**
This report examines the impact of workforce wellbeing on pharmacy teams and how it can be addressed.
- [Recruiting and retaining healthcare support workers from your local community \(case study\)](#) **NHS Employers**
Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LYPFT) introduced several initiatives to fill healthcare support worker vacancies.
- [Homeworking framework agreement](#) **NHS Employers**
Following the launch of the NHS Staff Council's new framework agreement for home and agile/hybrid working, this guidance supports the new framework as set out in section 35 of the NHS Terms and Conditions of Service Handbook.



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- [Guidance on musculoskeletal health in the workplace](#) **NHS Employers**
This updated guidance is aimed at staff at all levels of NHS organisations, to help promote, protect and support musculoskeletal health.
 - [Agile working to improve staff retention](#) **NHS Employers**
This article looks at research into how customised working arrangements can meet the needs of employees and organisations and tips for implementation.
 - [More than one in four NHS staff absences due to anxiety, stress and depression](#) **NHS Providers**
Miriam Deakin responds to the latest data on sickness absence in the NHS
 - [Suicide prevention and postvention](#) **NHS Employers**
Information on the impact of suicide and how employers can best support their staff through preventative and postventative measures.

Health inequalities

- [NHSE publishes framework for action on digital inclusion](#) **HTN**
NHS England has published 'Inclusive digital healthcare: a framework for NHS action on digital inclusion', designed to help services in designing and implementing inclusive digital approaches and technologies which align appropriately with non-digital services and support.
- [Inclusive digital healthcare: a framework for NHS action on digital inclusion](#) **NHSE**
This document builds on previous NHS Digital guidance on digital inclusion for health and social care. It should be used to design and implement inclusive digital approaches and technologies, which are complementary to non-digital services and support.
- [A national framework for NHS – action on inclusion health](#) **NHSE**
This framework should be used to plan, develop and improve health services to meet the needs of people in inclusion health groups.
- [A rising State Pension age will leave people who are out of work due to ill health at greater risk of poverty and worsening health](#) **Health Foundation**
This chart looks at the effects of increased to state pension age, especially for people with ill health, without work and approaching state pension age.



Annual Reports & Statistics

- [Excess mortality in England and English regions](#)
- [Excess mortality: bespoke analyses](#)

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- [SPS Medication Safety Update: September 2023](#)
- [BNF/BNFC newsletter September 2023](#)

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