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DfE publishes updated “Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023”

[DECEMBER 29, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)“DFE PUBLISHES UPDATED “WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN 2023””

DFE – December 2023

“Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023” focuses on strengthening multi-agency working. It brings together new and existing guidance to emphasise that successful outcomes for children depend on strong multi-agency partnership working across the whole system of help, support and protection including effective work from all agencies with parents, carers, and families. We support this position – safeguarding is everyone’s business. There is a clear imperative to strengthen services to ensure that the most vulnerable babies, children and young people in our society are supported to achieve their full potential and are protected from harm.

This statutory guidance sets out key roles for individuals, organisations and agencies to deliver effective arrangements. It covers the legislative requirements, a framework for the three local safeguarding partners (local authorities, Integrated Care Boards and police), and a framework for child death reviews. This revision has a renewed focus on how organisations and agencies provide:

- Early help
- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children
- Child protection.

Of relevance to health visiting, the guidance introduces changes to the lead practitioner role. It clarifies that a **broader range of practitioner can be the lead practitioner** for children and families receiving support and services under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (Child in Need), and the requirements on local authorities and their partners to agree and set out local governance arrangements.

Further information – *Statutory Guidance: Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023*

Guidance: Improving practice with children, young people and families

Read iHV written response to the DfE – Working Together to Safeguard

Children: changes to statutory guidance consultation

Going further for wound healing – Assessing unmet needs and proposing transformational reform of UK wound management

DECEMBER 22, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"GOING FURTHER FOR WOUND HEALING –

ASSESSING UNMET NEEDS AND PROPOSING TRANSFORMATIONAL REFORM OF UK

WOUND MANAGEMENT"

The Queen's Nursing Institute, – December 2023

Wound care involves a wide variety of different healthcare providers, this report therefore importantly highlights the role of integrated care systems (ICSs) in prioritising wound care and taking leadership. The report highlights the need to better integrate wound care within ICSs by breaking down silos at a local level, between organisations and professionals, and caregivers and patients. ICSs can leverage opportunities in a previously under-invested area to drive prevention, better coordinate the care pathway and support self-care delivery models to empower patients and provide them with timely and appropriate treatment

Read the Report – [*Going further for wound healing*](#) – Assessing unmet needs and proposing transformational reform of UK wound management

Understanding the rise in 0-4-year-old Emergency Department (ED) attendances and changing health visiting practice

Institute of Health Visiting – December 2023

This report forms part of a suite of resources produced through a programme of work led by the Institute of Health Visiting. The ultimate goal is to strengthen health visiting services to ensure that all families with babies and young children are able to access the right support at the right time, to increase their confidence in managing minor childhood illnesses in the community and reduce the growing pressures on Emergency Departments. Four supporting documents are presented as standalone appendices: Appendix 1: A narrative summary of literature exploring the health visitor's role in supporting parents with babies and young children with minor illnesses. Appendix 2: Hampshire case studies (A&B) – Supporting and improving parental confidence in managing minor illnesses. Appendix 3: Chat Health case study – Boosting literacy and care: digital parental support via Chat Health messaging. Appendix 4: An analysis of a randomly selected group of 100 infants under 12 months old who attended Northwick Park Emergency Department, North West London.

Read the Report – [*Understanding the rise in 0-4-year-old Emergency Department \(ED\) attendances and changing health visiting practice*](#)

[The rise of the machines: AI, digital and data in health care](#)

[DECEMBER 22, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"THE RISE OF THE MACHINES: AI, DIGITAL AND DATA IN HEALTH CARE"

Healthcare Leader – 2023

This report looks at how artificial intelligence (AI) will impact health care. It builds on *Healthcare Leader's* roundtable **Healthcare data: how ICBs can encourage patient trust** with data experts and integrated care board (ICB) leaders and is informed by a survey on attitudes to AI among *Healthcare Leader's* audience. The findings highlight the tension between the positive attitudes to AI among leading clinicians set against the concerns around data sharing. It also outlines the potential and pitfalls of AI in health care where leaders in the field discuss current successes and concerns.

Read the Report – [*The rise of the machines: AI, digital and data in health care*](#)

Boosting referrals into urgent community response services to benefit patients

[DECEMBER 21, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"BOOSTING REFERRALS INTO URGENT COMMUNITY RESPONSE SERVICES TO BENEFIT PATIENTS"

NHS Confederation – 19th December 2023

How community providers can work with system partners to increase referrals to UCR services for the benefit of patients and system flow.

Further information – [*Boosting referrals into urgent community response services to benefit patients*](#)

Moving to healthy homes

[DECEMBER 21, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"MOVING TO HEALTHY HOMES"

Health Foundation – 20th December 2023

In this long read, we set out the health case for change, outline the principles to create healthy homes (including through the Decent Homes Standard) and call for a long-term strategy to ensure healthy homes for all.

Read the Report – [Moving to healthy homes](#)

Patient choice guidance

[DECEMBER 21, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"PATIENT CHOICE GUIDANCE"

NHS England – 19th December 2023

This guidance outlines how commissioners, providers and primary care referrers can meet the statutory, contractual and policy obligations which enable patients' rights to choice as set out in the [NHS Constitution for England](#).

Patient choice guidance

Proactive care: providing care and support for people living at home with moderate or severe frailty

[DECEMBER 19, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"PROACTIVE CARE: PROVIDING CARE AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING AT HOME WITH MODERATE OR SEVERE FRAILITY"

NHS England – 19th December 2023

This guidance is for integrated care boards (ICBs) and provider organisations involved in the design and delivery of proactive care.

Proactive care: providing care and support for people living at home with moderate or severe frailty

A manifesto for smokefree beginnings

[DECEMBER 19, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"A MANIFESTO FOR SMOKEFREE BEGINNINGS"

ASH – December 2023

This is the Smoking in Pregnancy Challenge Group's fourth national report which sets out recommendations to accelerate progress in reducing rates of smoking during pregnancy. The manifesto reviews the progress made in reducing maternal smoking rates in the decade since the Challenge Group was established and sets out the action needed to deliver a smokefree start for every child.

Read the Report – [*A manifesto for smokefree beginnings*](#)

The importance of breakfast for school children

[DECEMBER 19, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN"

British Nutrition Foundation – November 2023

A **new review** on the importance of breakfast for health and educational attainment in school-aged children, written by the British Nutrition Foundation and supported by the charity Magic Breakfast was published on 21st November 2023.

This is a summary of the most important findings for the education sector. A pdf of this document is available to download below.

Key messages

- Skipping breakfast is widespread in school-aged children. It is higher in teenagers, especially girls, and children from low-income households.
- Regularly missing out on breakfast can make it harder for children to get enough of the nutrients they need to be healthy and to learn.
- Free school breakfast provision could help reduce hunger and may help to address educational inequalities for the most vulnerable young people.
- Breakfast provision should be part of a whole school approach to healthy eating.

The review is available here [***No food for thought – how important is breakfast to the health, educational attainment and wellbeing of school-aged children***](#)

Human Papillomavirus (HPV), cervical screening and cervical cancer – RCN

[DECEMBER 19, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV), CERVICAL SCREENING AND CERVICAL CANCER – RCN"

RCN – 18th December 2023

This updated edition includes guidance for registered nurses working in a range of health care settings, in particular those involved in women's health, cervical screening, and public health.

It focuses on an overview of HPV (including the current vaccination recommendations), the national cervical screening programme, information about colposcopy and key facts on cervical cancer.

This publication replaces the previous version 007 960.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV), cervical screening and cervical cancer

Understanding the rise in 0–4-year-old Emergency Department (ED) attendances and changing health visiting practice

[DECEMBER 19, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"UNDERSTANDING THE RISE IN 0–4-YEAR-OLD EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) ATTENDANCES AND CHANGING HEALTH VISITING PRACTICE"

Institute of Health Visiting – December 2023

This report finds that babies under one have the highest rate of ED attendance in England. It reveals that a large proportion of these attendances are for non-urgent conditions, and suggests that they could be managed and supported by other means, including health visitors in the community

Read the Report – *Understanding the rise in 0–4-year-old Emergency Department (ED) attendances and changing health visiting practice*

Requirements for Patient Safety Specialists

[DECEMBER 18, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"REQUIREMENTS FOR PATIENT SAFETY SPECIALISTS"

NHS England – 18th December 2023

These role requirements documents for Patient Safety Specialists at providers and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) are designed to support NHS organisations in identifying individuals with the right skills and experience to take on the role as a Patient Safety Specialist. They outline the purpose of Patient Safety Specialists, the key requirements of the role, and how we expect them to work in their own organisation, as well as with local, regional and national partners.

There are separate versions of the document for Patient Safety Specialists at NHS providers and at ICBs.

[*Requirements for Patient Safety Specialists at NHS Providers*](#)

[*Requirements for Patient Safety Specialists at ICBs*](#)

Statistics on Public Health, England 2023

[DECEMBER 18, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"STATISTICS ON PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND 2023"

This publication series presents or signposts to a range of information relating to a range of Public Health Statistics on Alcohol, Drug Misuse, Obesity, Physical Activity, Diet and Smoking.

[*Statistics on Public Health, England 2023*](#)

Patients at the centre: integrating primary and community care

[DECEMBER 18, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"PATIENTS AT THE CENTRE: INTEGRATING PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE"

House of Lords Select Committee 2023

This report finds four key obstacles are hindering the implementation of integration policies in the health service: structures and organisation, contracts, data-sharing, and workforce. It addresses each in turn and puts forward recommendations to mitigate their effects.

Read the Report – *Patients at the centre: integrating primary and community care*

Engagement with the tobacco industry: Guidance for local government

[DECEMBER 18, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TOBACCO

INDUSTRY: GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT"

Local Government Association (LGA); 2023.

This publication sets out how local councils can manage interaction with the tobacco industry, in line with the requirements of article 5.3 of the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and in accordance with the WHO Guidelines for implementation of article 5.3

Engagement with the tobacco industry: Guidance for local government.

WHO guideline for non-surgical management of chronic primary low back pain in adults in primary and community care settings

[DECEMBER 15, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"WHO GUIDELINE FOR NON-SURGICAL

MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC PRIMARY LOW BACK PAIN IN ADULTS IN PRIMARY AND

COMMUNITY CARE SETTINGS"

WHO – December 2023

The purpose of the guideline is to provide evidence-based recommendations on nonsurgical interventions for chronic primary LBP (CPLBP) in adults, including older people, that can be delivered in primary and community care settings to

improve CPLBP-related health and well-being outcomes. For this reason, the guideline does not consider interventions typically delivered in secondary or tertiary care settings (e.g. surgical or other invasive procedures) or workplace interventions.

The target audience is health workers of all disciplines working in the primary and community care settings. In this context, the guideline is intended to be discipline neutral. The guidelines will be of use to clinical staff including medical doctors, nurses, allied health workers including chiropractors, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, pharmacists, psychologists and community health workers, as well as public health programme and system managers.

Further information – [*WHO guideline for non-surgical management of chronic primary low back pain in adults in primary and community care settings*](#)

Building the economic case for social prescribing

DECEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"BUILDING THE ECONOMIC CASE FOR SOCIAL PRESCRIBING"

National Academy for Social Prescribing (NASP)

NASP has published 13 evidence publications to date which suggest that social prescribing can reduce costs and pressure in the health care system. Recognising the urgent need to demonstrate the health economic benefits of social prescribing, NASP commissioned a rapid scoping review of 19 studies on the economic impact of social prescribing and 7 studies on the impact of social prescribing on health service usage.

- Social prescribing can save money and findings from studies using 5 different methods show that social prescribing can have a positive economic impact
- Studies suggest that social prescribing schemes can deliver between £2.14 and £8.56 for every £1 invested

- Social prescribing can reduce pressure on the NHS, this includes reduced GP appointments, reduced hospital admissions and reduced A&E visits for people who have been referred to social prescribing
- More research is needed to access better data and demonstrate benefits more clearly

Briefing: *Building the economic case for social prescribing*

Full report: [*Building the economic case for social prescribing*](#)

I Just Want To Be Me – Trans and Gender Diverse Communities’ Access to and Experiences of Palliative & End of Life Care

DECEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"I JUST WANT TO BE ME – TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE COMMUNITIES’ ACCESS TO AND EXPERIENCES OF PALLIATIVE & END OF LIFE CARE"

Hospice UK; 2023.

Trans and gender-diverse people frequently experience inequitable access to health and care services, and the same is true for care at the end of life.

This report uses real-world experience to highlight the needs of these communities, and sets out recommendations for what hospices and palliative care professionals can do to make end of life care more equitable and accessible for everyone.

Read the Report – [*I Just Want To Be Me*](#)

National Energy Action (NEA) impact report 2022 to 2023

DECEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION (NEA) IMPACT REPORT 2022 TO 2023"

NEA 2023

This impact report is a summary of the challenges and accomplishments of National Energy Action (NEA) in the year April 2022 to March 2023. It highlights our efforts to address fuel poverty during the height of the energy crisis.

As well as enhancing our advocacy in the period to give fuel poor households a louder voice, we enhanced the direct support we were able to provide to those most in need. The scale and complexity of the issues we encountered were overwhelming, but we were dedicated to helping those who sought our assistance as well as reaching out to those who suffered in silence.

We are grateful to everyone we worked with or who supported us during this exceptionally challenging year and continue to share our goal to ensure everyone can live in a warm, safe and healthy home. We also hope our impact report is of interest to anyone who we have yet to work with but who want to combat fuel poverty and make a positive impact on people's lives.

Read the Report – [*Impact Report – 2022- 2023*](#)

Taking the Temperature of NG6 – A review of how the NICE Guideline is delivering warm and safe homes, and what more can be done for vulnerable and terminally ill people

[DECEMBER 15, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"TAKING THE TEMPERATURE OF NG6 – A REVIEW OF HOW THE NICE GUIDELINE IS DELIVERING WARM AND SAFE HOMES, AND WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE FOR VULNERABLE AND TERMINALLY ILL PEOPLE"

Marie Curie and National Energy Action – Oct 2023

Our analysis shows that there is still much work to be done to deliver universal action on the recommendations set out in NG6. This new research hopes to take steps towards this, setting out crucial evidence of the extent to which relevant authorities and bodies are implementing the guidance.

Read the Report – [*Taking the Temperature of NG6*](#)

Palliative and end of life care in Integrated Care Systems – Exploring how Integrated Care Systems are responding to the Health and Care Act 2022

DECEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE IN INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS – EXPLORING HOW INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS ARE RESPONDING TO THE HEALTH AND CARE ACT 2022"

Marie Curie November 2023

At Marie Curie, we were very encouraged by the inclusion in the Health and Care Act 2022 of a statutory duty for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to commission palliative and end of life care services that meet the needs of their populations. We understand the immense pressures on the health and care system at the present time and want to work closely with ICBs across the country to understand the support they need to act on this new duty – one which we believe has the potential to reduce pressures on the wider system, in addition to improving end of life experience for all.

This is why we wrote to ICBs recently and asked them about their work on palliative and end of life care for adults. The survey findings provide a timely insight into how systems are responding to the new legal duty and the opportunities and barriers they are experiencing when seeking to meet this duty.

Read the Report – [*Palliative and end of life care in Integrated Care Systems Growing Stronger Together. – Insights into healthy social development from Lambeth and Southwark*](#)

DECEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER. – INSIGHTS INTO HEALTHY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FROM LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK"

Centre for Mental Health; 2023.

Children's mental health is getting progressively poorer – and behavioural problems are one of the most common childhood mental health difficulties. This report explored what factors can contribute to healthy social development, and what can increase the risk of childhood behavioural problems

Read the report – [*Growing Stronger Together.*](#)

Wall-to-wall support: joining up public services and housing for vulnerable children, young people and families.

DECEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"WALL-TO-WALL SUPPORT: JOINING UP PUBLIC SERVICES AND HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES."

Demos; 2023.

This report argues that public services need to be more effectively joined up. It finds that a lack of joined-up public services is costing government up to £4.3 billion every year. These costs are a direct result of additional use of government services, such as housing or health, by young people and families who did not access adequate support or early help when they needed it

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Doing more for less? A mixed-methods analysis of the experience of primary care networks in socioeconomically deprived areas

DECEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"DOING MORE FOR LESS? A MIXED-METHODS ANALYSIS OF THE EXPERIENCE OF PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS IN SOCIOECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED AREAS"

Health Foundation – Dec 2023

Primary care networks are a major vehicle for government investment in general practice, worth £2.4bn in 2023/24. However, this research shows that poorer areas in England are missing out on funding and additional primary care staff because the greater health needs of their populations are not adequately taken into account by current funding arrangements.

Doing more for less? A mixed-methods analysis of the experience of primary care networks in socioeconomically deprived areas

Access to care – The benefits of eye and hearing care in the community

[DECEMBER 14, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#) "ACCESS TO CARE – THE BENEFITS OF EYE AND HEARING CARE IN THE COMMUNITY"

Specsavers – 2023

As the population ages, the demand for ear and eye care is increasing, putting undue pressure on health services, especially GPs, A&E and secondary care in hospitals – all services which are already challenged.

Healthcare professionals are concerned about the impact this is having as people are struggling to get access to the care they need.

Specsavers Access to Care report identifies key areas of opportunity for policy makers to reduce pressure on health services by making more effective use of existing primary care services in the community to help prevent avoidable hearing and sight loss and increasing access to care for vulnerable groups.

Read the Report – [*Access to care – The benefits of eye and hearing care in the community*](#)

Now available: updated Enhanced Health in Care Homes Framework 2023

DECEMBER 14, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"NOW AVAILABLE: UPDATED ENHANCED HEALTH IN CARE HOMES FRAMEWORK 2023"

NHS England – November 2023

NHS England has published a revised version of the [Enhanced Health in Care Homes Framework](#) which sets out the principles for delivering proactive, personalised care for people living in care homes including those with learning disabilities or autism, mental ill-health or rehabilitation needs.

Enhanced health in care homes framework

Smoking decline stalls since Covid as more young people take up the habit – study

DECEMBER 14, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"SMOKING DECLINE STALLS SINCE COVID AS MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE UP THE HABIT – STUDY"

BMC Med **21**, 474 (2023)

A decades-long decline in smoking in England has nearly ground to a halt since the pandemic, a study suggests.

The rate of decline slowed from 5.2% in the years before the pandemic to just 0.3% between April 2020 and August 2022, according to the research.

The lead researcher said it was likely more young people had taken up smoking and that urgent measures were needed.

The government said it was taking “bold action” to make England smoke-free, including raising the legal age.

Based on surveys with 101,960 adults representative of the population, researchers estimated 16.2% smoked in June 2017, falling to 15.1% by the start of the pandemic, in March 2020, but just 15% in August 2022, since when the the slower rate of decline has remained consistent.

[Office for *National Statistics data*](#) also shows a year-on-year decline in smoking between 2000 and 2020.

[*Have there been sustained impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on trends in smoking prevalence, uptake, quitting, use of treatment, and relapse? A monthly population study in England, 2017–2022*](#)

NHS vaccination strategy

[DECEMBER 14, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"NHS VACCINATION STRATEGY"

NHS England – December 2023

The NHS vaccination strategy brings together all vaccination programmes, for the first time, to protect communities and save lives.

This strategy is for people and organisations involved in the commissioning, planning and delivery of NHS vaccination services in England. It will shape the future delivery of NHS vaccination and immunisation services.

[*NHS vaccination strategy*](#)

Meeting the needs of autistic adults in mental health services

[DECEMBER 12, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"MEETING THE NEEDS OF AUTISTIC ADULTS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES"

NHS England – 12th December 2023

This guidance is for for integrated care boards, health organisations and wider system partners and provides advice on how to improve the quality, accessibility and acceptability of care and support for autistic adults through the implementation of 10 principles.

[*Meeting the needs of autistic adults in mental health services*](#)

Wall-to-wall support: joining up public services and housing for vulnerable children, young people and families

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Wall-to-wall support: joining up public services and housing for vulnerable children, young people and families

Valuing care: using data to improve children and young people's lives

[DECEMBER 12, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"VALUING CARE: USING DATA TO IMPROVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES"

County Councils Network

This report calls for data-driven approaches focused on the needs of young people in England to be embedded into the forthcoming children's social care reforms to improve commissioning, practice and outcomes. It analyses data on needs and cost for 3,500 young people. It finds a limited correlation between the needs of young people, the costs of their care, and the type of care they receive.

Read the Report – *Valuing care: using data to improve children and young people's lives*

Homecare medicines services: an opportunity lost.

[DECEMBER 12, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"HOMECARE MEDICINES SERVICES: AN OPPORTUNITY LOST."

House of Lords Public Services Committee; 2023.

Homecare medicines services deliver medicines and provide medicine-related care to patients in their homes: teaching them to self-inject, and delivering medicine that might need special transport. Half a million NHS patients use homecare services in England, and the sector of for-profit companies providing these services is growing

Read the Report – [*Homecare medicines services: an opportunity lost.*](#)

Inquiry into the life opportunities of young carers and young adult carers.

[DECEMBER 12, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"INQUIRY INTO THE LIFE OPPORTUNITIES OF YOUNG CARERS AND YOUNG ADULT CARERS."

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers; 2023.

The first parliamentary inquiry on young carers, supported by Carers Trust, reveals a lack of support severely affecting education, wellbeing, and future prospects. Evidence shows that 15,000 children, including 3,000 aged 5-9, spend more than 50 hours weekly caring for family members. The report urges a national carers strategy, a properly resourced action plan, and collaboration with young carers for improved identification and support

Read the Report – [*Inquiry into the life opportunities of young carers and young adult carers.*](#)

We are family: Delivering more smokefree families in England

[DECEMBER 12, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"WE ARE FAMILY: DELIVERING MORE SMOKEFREE FAMILIES IN ENGLAND"

Future Health – November 2023

This report advocates new immediate action for delivering more smokefree families in England. This includes bringing in measures before 2027 to increase the age of sale from 18 to 21, using a tobacco levy to further improve access to stop smoking services and investing in improving broader public health¹⁴. It also calls for new public health campaigns to improve awareness on the harms of smoking particularly targeted at younger generations, using plans for pack inserts to communicate messages on the importance of families for going smokefree and extending planned financial incentives for pregnant women to their partners in areas with higher rates of smoking. There is much good practice locally, such as that in Manchester and Newcastle, as well as internationally in Canada that should be learnt from and scaled.

Read the Report – [*We are family: Delivering more smokefree families in England*](#)

Health Effects of Climate Change in the UK: state of the evidence 2023

[DECEMBER 11, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"HEALTH EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE UK: STATE OF THE EVIDENCE 2023"

[UK Health Security Agency](#) – December 2023

This is the fourth Health Effects of Climate Change in the UK report, which provides evidence, analysis and recommendations based on climate change projections for the UK.

[*Health Effects of Climate Change in the UK: state of the evidence 2023*](#)

One hundred not out: a route map for long lives

[DECEMBER 8, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"ONE HUNDRED NOT OUT: A ROUTE MAP FOR LONG LIVES"

International Longevity Centre UK (ILC) – 2023

This report sets out the challenges facing communities in an ageing world and includes a mix of next-step solutions, bolder ideas, and international examples that ILC believes could work to tackle them. The report is broken down into 11 chapters (including health and social care), each of which relates to a certain challenge our increasing life span will pose for government, industries, society and individuals.

Read the Report – [***One hundred not out: a route map for long lives***](#)

Revising health assessments for disability benefits: third report of session 2023-24

[DECEMBER 8, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"REVISING HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS: THIRD REPORT OF SESSION 2023-24"

House of Commons Public Accounts Committee

Despite providing essential financial support for some of those most in need, applying for disability benefits can currently be lengthy and stressful for claimants. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) established the Health Transformation Programme in 2018 to digitise the process, enable online applications, improve case management, and triage claims. This report warns that the greatest risk to this work is that the DWP focuses exclusively on the delivery of a new digitalised service, without achieving the important transformational change for the experience of claimants.

Read the Report – [***Revising health assessments for disability benefits: third report of session 2023-24***](#)

Charging for adult social care in England: reform and routes forward

[DECEMBER 7, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"CHARGING FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN ENGLAND: REFORM AND ROUTES FORWARD"

CIPFA – November 2023

This report, written by CIPFA Social Care Policy Advisor Dr William Burns, discusses the current charging system, the government's proposed reforms and aspirations for adult social care charging reform. CIPFA proposes five principles for a sustainable and equitable social care system and assesses whether possible routes forward fulfil these principles. We also make recommendations to government on adult social care charging reform.

[Charging for adult social care in England: reform and routes forward](#)

Integrated care partnerships: driving the future vision for health and care

[DECEMBER 5, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIPS: DRIVING THE FUTURE VISION FOR HEALTH AND CARE"

NHS Confederation – 5th December 2023

An in-depth look at the role of integrated care partnerships and what lies ahead.

Read the Report – **[Integrated care partnerships: driving the future vision for health and care](#)**

Implementation, readiness and resourcing: a practical guide to the adoption and spread of health innovation programmes

[DECEMBER 5, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"IMPLEMENTATION, READINESS AND RESOURCING: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE ADOPTION AND SPREAD OF HEALTH INNOVATION PROGRAMMES"

Health Innovation Network

This guide aims to provide an easy-to-adapt framework for people working within health and care systems seeking to adopt and embed a service innovation or transformation. Applicable to large- and small-scale projects across multiple locations, it synthesises learning from Focus ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), a national programme implemented at pace across England between April 2020 and March 2023 via the 15 local health innovation networks that make up the Health Innovation Network.

Access the Guide – *Implementation, readiness and resourcing: a practical guide to the adoption and spread of health innovation programmes*

Charging for adult social care in England: reform and routes forward

DECEMBER 5, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"CHARGING FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN ENGLAND: REFORM AND ROUTES FORWARD"

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

With the delay of the implementation of the government's proposed adult social care charging reforms from October 2023 to October 2025, this report looks at the reforms and considers possible routes forward. It calls for an approach to funding adult social care where adequate funding is provided in the short term for services to recover and to deal with current challenges, and a commitment to adequate long-term funding to make services fit for the future.

[Charging for adult social care in England: reform and routes forward](#)

NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) Annual Report 1 July 2022 – 31 March 2023 and Review of the Year 2022/23

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NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

We publish our Annual Report and Accounts following review by internal and external auditors and approval by our Board. Our first report and accounts for 2022/23 is available to read via the link below.

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Review of the Year 2022/2023

Smarter data, better care: Empowering care homes to use data to transform quality of care

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EMPOWERING CARE HOMES TO USE DATA TO TRANSFORM QUALITY OF CARE"

The British Geriatrics Society (BGS) – December 2023

This policy report has been compiled from the presentations made at the event and the rich and constructive debate that followed. The COVID-19 pandemic has given new impetus to transforming how social care data is collected, shared and used. Our event demonstrated that there is a genuine appetite across the health and care sector to support those providing, receiving and commissioning care through better use of data. But this must be focused on the priorities of those living in care homes or receiving social care at home and of those supporting them.

In this report we make 12 recommendations for the effective implementation and delivery of a national minimum dataset that we believe policy-makers and regulators should consider. We look forward to working collaboratively to support efforts to improve care through better data.

Read the Report – ***Smarter data, better care: Empowering care homes to use data to transform quality of care***

The return of the regulator: What adult social care needs to know

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LGA – 1st December

We commissioned some rapid learning from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) pilots through interviews with five directors of adult social care about their experiences and what advice they have for other councils.

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Drug strategy housing support funding: allocations 2022 to 2025

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[Office for Health Improvement and Disparities](#) – 29th Nov 2023

This information provides a breakdown of the housing support grant funding allocated to 28 local councils in England, for the financial years:

- 2022 to 2023
- 2023 to 2024
- 2024 to 2025

This new funding will help them improve their drug and alcohol treatment and recovery systems. It was previously announced as part of the [drug strategy](#).

Drug strategy housing support funding: allocations 2022 to 2025

[From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives](#)

Modelling for the smokefree generation policy

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Dept of health and social care – 1st December 2023

This report explains the methodology and data used for the Markov model that we constructed to model the effects of the smokefree generation policy for the command paper [Stopping the start: our new plan to create a smokefree generation](#). The modelling is for England only and focuses on the 14 to 30 age group, given the primary aim is to further reduce the number of young people taking up smoking (the ‘instigation rate’).

To assess the longer-term impacts on disease incidence, we have modelled the lifetime effects of changes in the instigation rate on disease incidence, mortality and costs, taking into account subsequent smoking behaviours (quitting and relapse).

This analysis focused on:

- smoking rates
- the health impacts of smoking
- costs of smoking (including productivity, healthcare, social care and smoking-related fire costs)

Modelling for the smokefree generation policy

Be the Change: How to tackle racial inequalities in health and care charities

DECEMBER 4, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"BE THE CHANGE: HOW TO TACKLE RACIAL INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH AND CARE CHARITIES"

National Voices – Nov 2023

This report, Be the Change: How to tackle racial inequalities in health and care charities, highlights the main learnings in each of these areas, and draws out general advice from all these conversations. It is by no means a comprehensive guide to tackling racism within either the health or voluntary sectors. But we hope

it will give colleagues in the health and voluntary sectors ideas for what they could do, alongside practical tools to take action.

Read the Report – [*Be the Change*](#)

The people's economic priorities: public attitudes and Autumn Statement 2023

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PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND AUTUMN STATEMENT 2023"

JRF – November 2023

This short briefing assesses the decisions made by the Chancellor in the Autumn Statement against what people are actually worried about – rooting analysis of what

was announced in Westminster in the economic concerns of the public.

The people's economic priorities: public attitudes and Autumn Statement 2023 (280.57 KB)

Finding a way home: How health and social care can optimise hospital flow and discharge this winter to improve outcomes and performance

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SOCIAL CARE CAN OPTIMISE HOSPITAL FLOW AND DISCHARGE THIS WINTER TO IMPROVE

OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE"

CCN – November 2023

A major new report released today sets out how the health and social care system can work better this winter – by avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions and improving patient flow.

Published ahead of what is expected to be another challenging winter period for the NHS and social care, the new study from the County Councils Network (CCN) and Newton explores how the system to admit and discharge older people from hospital and support their care needs could work better , potentially improving the lives of tens of thousands of over 65s and reducing costs to the NHS and local government over £2.5bn.

Read the Report – [***Finding a way home***](#)

Partnering with purpose: how integrated care systems and industry can work better together

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INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS AND INDUSTRY CAN WORK BETTER TOGETHER"

NHS Confederation

This report describes how cross-sector partnerships are essential in helping the NHS to overcome the challenges faced by local organisations, bringing in additional capacity to enable systems to improve the quality of care and introduce expertise, skills and resources, and reducing the uptake of NICE-approved medicines. It outlines four priority areas which could support partnership working and improve patient outcomes, make more efficient use of NHS resources and deliver economic growth.

Read the Paper – [***Partnering with purpose: how integrated care systems and industry can work better together***](#)

Transforming health and wellbeing services through population health management

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SERVICES THROUGH POPULATION HEALTH MANAGEMENT"

NHS Confederation – Nov 2023

A rising number of NHS organisations are combining traditional approaches – responding to illness where it occurs – with population health approaches that seek to better understand, target and prevent illness. This report explores four case studies where population health and population health management approaches have been developed in recent years and show demonstrable benefits.

Transforming health and wellbeing services through population health management