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Continuity of care: Delayed diagnosis in GP practices

[NOVEMBER 30, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"CONTINUITY OF CARE: DELAYED DIAGNOSIS IN GP PRACTICES"

HSSIB – 30th November 2023

This investigation's findings, safety recommendations and safety observations aim to prevent the delayed diagnosis of serious health conditions caused by a lack of continuity of care and to improve care for patients across the NHS.

Read the Report – [*Continuity of care: Delayed diagnosis in GP practices*](#)

Enhancing doctors' working lives – 2023 annual report

[NOVEMBER 30, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"ENHANCING DOCTORS' WORKING LIVES – 2023 ANNUAL REPORT"

NHS England – November 2023

The report details new and developing initiatives which support the delivery of more integrated and person-centered care and highlights those developed to reduce the impact the pandemic has had on training progression and wellbeing.

[*Enhancing doctors' working lives – 2023 annual report*](#)

The public's perspective: the state of health and social care

[NOVEMBER 30, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"THE PUBLIC'S PERSPECTIVE: THE STATE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE"

Healthwatch England

This report, looking at health and social care from the public's perspective, warns that we risk 'a two-tier health and care system' unless the NHS takes faster action to tackle access issues. The report examines ten key areas of care, including GPs, dentists, hospitals and social care, based on the experiences of 65,000 patients. While much of the support the NHS provides is good, the research has found that accessing this support in the first place remains the biggest challenge people face.

The public's perspective: the state of health and social care

State of caring 2023: the impact of caring on health

[NOVEMBER 28, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"STATE OF CARING 2023: THE IMPACT OF CARING ON HEALTH"

Carers UK = November 2023

This report finds that caring responsibilities for relatives or friends who are older, disabled or seriously ill are having a significant impact on people's capacity to work and earn a full-time wage. The research shows that 40% of unpaid carers providing high levels of care are giving up work to care, while 22% are reducing their working hours.

[State of caring 2023: the impact of caring on health](#)

State of ageing 2023

[NOVEMBER 28, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"STATE OF AGEING 2023"

Centre for Ageing Better – November 2023

This report aims to shine a light on the diversity and inequality among the country's older populations, including the growing financial pressures felt by many. It looks at housing, financial security, employment, and health and wellbeing.

State of ageing 2023

Young People and Gambling 2023.

[NOVEMBER 28, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"YOUNG PEOPLE AND GAMBLING 2023."

The Gambling Commission; 2023.

This report, produced by NatCen, is on the final step in the experimental phase of the gambling participation and the prevalence of problem gambling survey

Young People and Gambling 2023.

Maternity and neonatal voices partnership guidance

[NOVEMBER 28, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"MATERNITY AND NEONATAL VOICES

PARTNERSHIP GUIDANCE"

NHS England 28th November 2023

The Three-year delivery plan for maternity and neonatal services recognises that listening and responding to all women and families is an essential part of safe and high-quality care. Listening to women and families with compassion improves the safety and experience of those using maternity and neonatal services and helps address health inequalities.

Maternity and neonatal voices partnerships (MNVPs) ensure that service user voices are at the heart of decision-making in maternity and neonatal services. The ambition for MNVPs is set out in the [*Three-year delivery plan for maternity and neonatal services.*](#)

The principles for MNVPs described in the guidance aim to help integrated care boards (ICBs) and trusts address the unwarranted variation in the way MNVPs are implemented across England.

Maternity and neonatal voices partnership guidance

Exploring public attitudes towards the use of digital health technologies and data

[NOVEMBER 28, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"EXPLORING PUBLIC ATTITUDES

TOWARDS THE USE OF DIGITAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES AND DATA"

Health Foundation – November 2023

- The NHS is looking to advances in digital health technologies and data to help tackle current pressures and meet rising demand. But ensuring new uses of technology and data have the backing of the public is critical if they are to become business as usual.
- In March 2023, we commissioned a survey of 7,100 nationally representative members of the public (aged 16 years and older) to investigate their attitudes to uses of health technologies and data, and the key factors affecting their views. Our earlier publication based on this survey reported on attitudes specifically towards virtual wards.
- Overall, the public thinks technology improves the quality of health care and is supportive of its many possible uses. But not all technologies are equally liked: those that empower people to manage their health and better connect them with the NHS seem to be more popular, while those that could be seen to ‘come between’ the clinician and patient – like chatbots or care robots – are least popular.

Read the Report – [*Exploring public attitudes towards the use of digital health technologies and data*](#)

[Longer, better lives: A manifesto for cancer research and care – Cancer Research UK](#)

[NOVEMBER 28, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"LONGER, BETTER LIVES: A MANIFESTO

FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND CARE – CANCER RESEARCH UK"

Cancer Research UK – November 2023

Our manifesto sets out the measures and commitments the next government can make to help prevent 20,000 cancer deaths every year by 2040.

[*Download the manifesto*](#)

Report on epilepsy in communities that experience marginalisation launched today

NOVEMBER 27, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"REPORT ON EPILEPSY IN COMMUNITIES THAT EXPERIENCE MARGINALISATION LAUNCHED TODAY"

Association for Young People's Health – 1st November 2023

The focus was particularly on children and young people with epilepsy from black and minority ethnic communities, those living in deprived areas, and those with co-occurring neurodiverse conditions and/or a learning disability. These groups were identified to align with the [Core20PLUS5 approach](#). The project included a scoping review and participation work with young people diagnosed with epilepsy and their families. An [infographic](#) has been produced to summarise the key themes and messages from both the scoping and engagement reports.

[Read the scoping review](#)

[Read the engagement report.](#)

Preserving the world for future generations: Children and young people's perspective on how to tackle climate change

NOVEMBER 27, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"PRESERVING THE WORLD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE ON HOW TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE"

RCPCH – November 2023

Over the last two years, our engagement team has been on the road around the whole of the UK, talking to CYP about climate change and its impact on their physical and mental health. To support this work, we also conducted a literature review to capture the perceptions and priorities of children and young people globally. So, in total, the report summarises the voices and perspectives of almost 100,000 CYP from across the world.

From this research, we identified reoccurring themes. These were the most prominent:

- Worries about the future
- Governmental influence and young people's perceptions on government action to combat climate change
- Ideas from CYP to combat climate change
- Importance of engaging and empowering CYP
- Climate change and inequalities
- Impacts of climate change
- Climate change education and how education is embedded within schools
- Barriers to improving climate change
- Climate change and the rise of negative emotions associated with it

Alongside the detailed report, we have published an executive summary which breaks down the evidence behind each CYP recommendation. It aims to provide decision makers and paediatricians in the UK with an overview of why CYP care about this topic and the action CYP want them to take to lighten the burden of climate change felt by the younger generations.

Read the Report – *Preserving the world for future generations – RCPCH report*

Targeting Health Inequalities: Realising the potential of targets in reducing health inequalities

NOVEMBER 27, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"TARGETING HEALTH INEQUALITIES:

REALISING THE POTENTIAL OF TARGETS IN REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES"

Commissioned by the Health Foundation – August 2023

This report doesn't claim that there is only one approach that policymakers can legitimately take. Different metrics and targets can be prioritised according to how a government weights interim goals like tackling poverty or improving diets, not to mention pragmatic considerations around data quality and comparability across the four nations of the UK. There is clearly scope in the future for more detailed

modelling to add further specificity to the targets, and further opportunities for better measures if we can improve our national datasets, but this report sets out a potential way forward. This report makes clear the value of targets and metrics as a central component of a wider mission to galvanise action across government to address the health inequalities that are holding the country back. The Health Foundation will continue to be interested in this debate as the work moves forward.

Read the Report – [*Targeting Health Inequalities*](#)

Holding us back: tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food and drink

[NOVEMBER 27, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"HOLDING US BACK: TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND UNHEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK"

ASH – 27th November 2023

Big businesses are currently profiting from ill-health caused by smoking, drinking alcohol and eating unhealthy foods, while the public pay the price in poor health, higher taxes and an under-performing economy.

The wage penalty, unemployment and economic inactivity caused by tobacco, alcohol and obesity costs the UK economy an eye-watering £31bn and has led to an estimated 459,000 people out of work.

Meanwhile each year, the industries which sell these products make an estimated £53bn of combined industry revenue from sales at levels harmful to health.

ASH, the Obesity Health Alliance (OHA) and the Alcohol Health Alliance (AHA) are calling on Government to put in place a comprehensive strategy to prevent ill-health from commercially driven risk factors, and redress the balance between industry influence and the public's health.

Read the Report – [*Holding us back: tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food and drink*](#)

Assistive technology research and development work: 2021 to 2022

[NOVEMBER 27, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK: 2021 TO 2022"

[Department of Health and Social Care](#) – Updated 20th November 2023

The annual report for 2021 to 2022 sets out government-funded projects supporting the development, introduction and evaluation of assistive technology.

These projects can help increase the independence or wellbeing of disabled and older people.

[*Assistive technology research and development work 2021 to 2022 \(print ready\)*](#)

A review of health and social care in women's prisons

[NOVEMBER 27, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"A REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN WOMEN'S PRISONS"

NHS England – 23rd November 2023

This document sets out the shared commitment to improve health and social care outcomes for all women in prison and upon their release.

[*A review of health and social care in women's prisons*](#)

Health at a glance 2023

[NOVEMBER 24, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"HEALTH AT A GLANCE 2023"

[Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#)

Health at a glance provides a comprehensive set of indicators on population health and health system performance across OECD members and key emerging economies. They cover health status, risk factors for health, access to and quality

of health care, and health system resources. This edition also has a special focus on digital health, which measures the digital readiness of OECD countries' health systems, and outlines what countries need to do to accelerate the digital health transformation.

Read the Report – [*Health at a glance 2023*](#)

One in four: A manifesto for people with multiple health conditions

[NOVEMBER 23, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"ONE IN FOUR: A MANIFESTO FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE HEALTH CONDITIONS"

The Richmond Group of Charities – October 2023

Our manifesto is a practical case for change. We'll demonstrate why the current system is unsustainable for people with multiple conditions and our NHS, what a system that works well could look like, and what steps are required to get there. We've also included a few reallife examples of where care has been redesigned with people in mind.

Read the Report – [*One in four: A manifesto for people with multiple health conditions*](#)

Improving Health and Care at Scale: Learning from the Experience of Systems.

[NOVEMBER 23, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"IMPROVING HEALTH AND CARE AT SCALE: LEARNING FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF SYSTEMS."

NHS Confederation – 21st November 2023

NHS England has outlined plans to develop an improvement approach known as NHS IMPACT to support continuous improvement. There are also ambitions for integrated care systems (ICSs) to

become 'self-improving systems'.

This report, written and researched by Sir Chris Ham and jointly commissioned by the NHS Confederation, the Health Foundation and the Q community, describes the early work of a number of systems identified as being at the forefront of work on improvement at scale

Read [*Improving Health and Care at Scale: Learning from the Experience of Systems.*](#)

Finding a way home: how health and social care can optimise hospital flow and discharge this winter

[NOVEMBER 21, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"FINDING A WAY HOME: HOW HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CAN OPTIMISE HOSPITAL FLOW AND DISCHARGE THIS WINTER"

County Councils Network

In this survey, almost two-thirds (63%) of social care leaders say that community-based care and support is not widely available in their local area. Just under half (49%) of adult social care directors indicated that in their area there is only limited availability of preventive services focused on reducing the number of avoidable admissions to hospital and residential care. It concludes that improving care at home, more sheltered, extra care and dementia-focused housing, investment in crisis resolution intermediate care, and better information and advice for older and disabled people would prevent many from needing hospital or residential care, reducing pressures across health and social care every winter.

[*Finding a way home: how health and social care can optimise hospital flow and discharge this winter*](#)

Social care, housing, health and winter: autumn survey report 2023

[NOVEMBER 21, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"SOCIAL CARE, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WINTER: AUTUMN SURVEY REPORT 2023"

Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) – November 2023

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Social care, housing, health and winter: autumn survey report 2023

What we know about the UK's working-age health challenge

NOVEMBER 20, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE UK'S WORKING-AGE HEALTH CHALLENGE"

Health Foundation – 17th November 2023

Report finds 3.7 million people (12%) of the working age population in the UK have a “work limiting” health condition, driven by a sharp increase in reported mental ill health. This has risen by 1.4 million over the past decade; projections show that the trend is set to continue.

What we know about the UK's working-age health challenge

Immunisation survey 2023: attitudes of young people and parents

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"IMMUNISATION SURVEY 2023: ATTITUDES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS"

UKHSA – 17th November 2023

Since 2017, Public Health England (PHE), now the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), has commissioned surveys to explore the attitudes of teenagers and their parents to the adolescent vaccination programme which is delivered through school immunisation teams.

The results provide insights which are used to inform the development of the routine immunisation programme and to tailor healthcare professional resources and training materials.

The surveys have consistently shown that confidence in the routine vaccination programme is high in both teenagers and parents.

A [parental attitudes results](#) and [teenager attitudes results](#) slide sets of the survey findings are available to download.

[Immunisation survey 2023 findings](#)

UKHSA annual business plan: 2023 to 2024

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"UKHSA ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN: 2023 TO 2024"

UKHSA – 14th November 2023

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) business plan for 2023 to 2024 outlines the agency's key deliverables and activities to protect and improve the public's health and reduce health inequalities.

[UKHSA annual business plan: 2023 to 2024](#)

Take care – of yourself and the NHS

NOVEMBER 17, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"TAKE CARE – OF YOURSELF AND THE NHS"

Proprietary Association of Great Britain – 2023

This report details the latest data on self-care and explores the challenges and benefits of patients taking a more proactive approach to care for common health conditions. With 2 in 5 adults sharing that they have asked for a GP appointment for a minor health issue, and a smaller but still significant number of people (8 per cent) going to A&E departments for non-urgent and relatively minor health conditions, the research shows that education is the key to increasing self-care. The report highlights differences in consumers' approach to self-care and demonstrates which self-treatable conditions people feel both more and less confident in treating.

Read the Report – [*Take care – of yourself and the NHS*](#)

Acting on the social determinants of health to reduce health inequalities: innovative approaches by provider trusts,

NOVEMBER 17, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"ACTING ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH TO REDUCE HEALTH INEQUALITIES: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES BY PROVIDER TRUSTS,"

UCL Partners 2023

A new report, [*Acting on the social determinants of health to reduce health inequalities: innovative approaches by provider trusts*](#), outlines how four trusts are taking action to improve employment, increase income, improve education, and reduce air pollution. These 'social determinants of health' – the conditions in which we are born, grow, live, work and age – can be more important than health care or lifestyle choices in influencing health.

Each of the four trusts featured in the report have pursued innovative action on social determinants:

- **Barts Health NHS Trust** has increased local employment through a range of programmes focussed on young people and local residents to help them secure jobs in the NHS.

- **East London NHS Foundation Trust** has become a Marmot Trust (based on the principles recommended by Sir Michael Marmot), with a focus on employment, income, poverty, and children and young people.
- **Great Ormond Street Hospital** has declared a Climate and Health Emergency and has implemented initiatives to track carbon emissions and improve air quality around their site.
- **Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust** has considered its role as an ‘anchor institution’ in its area and its responsibility to local partners and population. Its projects have been based on improving employment, education, and sustainability.

Read the Report – [*Acting on the social determinants of health to reduce health inequalities: innovative approaches by provider trusts,*](#)

Critical condition: The impact of Brexit on health and social care

[NOVEMBER 17, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"CRITICAL CONDITION: THE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE"

Independent Commission on UK-EU Relations 2023

This key report from the Independent Commission on UK-EU Relations summarises much of the work carried out on the effects of Brexit on the NHS and health since 2016. It includes a strong evidence-base and several excellent studies (I should say, in many of which I have been involved). The Commission has augmented these with roundtable and interview data from relevant health policy stakeholders

Read the Report – [*Critical condition: The impact of Brexit on health and social care*](#)

Provider collaboration: a practical guide to lawful, well-governed collaboratives

[NOVEMBER 16, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"PROVIDER COLLABORATION: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO LAWFUL, WELL-GOVERNED COLLABORATIVES"

NHS Providers

This guide (produced with Browne Jacobson LLP) is designed to support NHS acute, mental health, community, specialist, and ambulance trust boards to focus on the considerations that enable well-governed provider collaboration. The guide includes considerations relevant to partnership at any level of population, although it focuses more on collaboration at scale. This practical guide reflects the legal framework for collaboration and NHS England policy, as well as building on the experiences of trusts.

Provider collaboration: a practical guide to lawful, well-governed collaboratives

The economic cost of health inequalities in England: prepared for The Times Health Commission

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"THE ECONOMIC COST OF HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN ENGLAND: PREPARED FOR THE TIMES HEALTH COMMISSION"

Oxera – 31st Oct 2023

Oxera's report, commissioned by The Times, estimates the economic costs of health inequalities in England, focusing on the financial impact of avoidable deaths due to deprivation-related health disparities. Health inequalities reduce workforce productivity, decrease tax revenue, and increase health care spending. The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated this issue, and the report calls for a review of government policies on health, education, and social spending.

Read the Report – **[The economic cost of health inequalities in England: prepared for The Times Health Commission](#)**

A life less lonely? Building connected communities

[NOVEMBER 16, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"A LIFE LESS LONELY? BUILDING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES"

International Longevity Centre UK (ILC-UK)

This briefing shines a light on what it describes as a worrying fragmentation of communities across the UK, with those living in the most deprived communities at greatest risk of falling into a trap of long-term loneliness. It highlights the link between loneliness and numerous physical and mental illnesses, ranging from depression and dementia to cardiovascular diseases.

[A life less lonely? Building connected communities](#)

Improving people's care by working better together

[NOVEMBER 16, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"IMPROVING PEOPLE'S CARE BY WORKING BETTER TOGETHER"

HealthWatch – Nov 2023

Find out how the NHS can work better across teams to help people who are receiving care.

[Our evidence tells us](#) that people expect and want collaborative working when it comes to their care, not just between the NHS and external partners, but between people, departments and services within the NHS too.

To understand the impact partnership work has had on patients and what 'better' could look like, we have analysed our evidence for insights into how the NHS is currently working to meet people's needs and how people's care experiences can be improved.

This briefing analyses people's experiences to support the development of a long-term vision for the NHS to work better through collaboration and partnership to improve health and care for all.

Read the Report – [*Improving people’s care by working better together*](#)

Infant and early childhood mental health: the case for action

NOVEMBER 15, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH: THE CASE FOR ACTION"

The Royal College of Psychiatrists – October 2023

In this landmark College report, we’re calling on governments to prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of young children by rolling out new comprehensive services in every neighbourhood and region to under 5s and their parents, so they get the support they need. Developed in consultation with parents and more than a dozen charities and other organisations, this report identifies evidence-based interventions that can be provided and makes nine recommendations to bridge the current treatment gap, as well as providing a blueprint on how to deliver a future where fewer young people develop mental health conditions.

[*Infant and early childhood mental health: the case for action*](#)

What do technology and AI mean for the future of work in health care?

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"WHAT DO TECHNOLOGY AND AI MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF WORK IN HEALTH CARE?"

Health Foundation – 14th November

Key points

- Recent developments in artificial intelligence (AI) have sparked fears about the potential threat to jobs in many industries, including health care. Yet policy papers such as the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan (2023) and Topol Review (2019) imagine a more positive future for the role of technology in health care work. Drawing on labour market modelling, this long read analyses what

makes health care different from other industries predicted to be more heavily impacted by new technologies.

- While unlikely to lead to widespread job losses in health care, technology is transforming, and will continue to transform, the nature of work. The right technologies, properly implemented, can not only extend human capabilities, but also enable staff to switch their time and attention to tasks where humans add more value – supporting workforce capacity at a time of huge pressure.
- We present a framework to help navigate this shifting landscape, showing how technologies can variously substitute, supersede, support or strengthen human labour. This framework can be used to understand not only how specific tasks might be affected but also how the occupational roles typically associated with those tasks might evolve.
- Role evolution should not be viewed as a passive process, but should be actively planned and shaped. We need a shared vision for how professions and occupations – as well as new roles – should develop with greater use of technology, driven not only by policymakers and system leaders but crucially by staff themselves and their representative bodies and employers, along with patients and the public. This vision must be supported by national workforce planning, education and training strategies, and more opportunities for NHS staff to signal the technologies they need.
- To support this agenda, the Health Foundation is embarking on a new programme of work to explore the opportunities that technologies present for supporting staff and improving ways of working in the NHS.

Read the article – [*What do technology and AI mean for the future of work in health care?*](#)

APPG on Smoking and Health Manifesto for a Smokefree Future

[NOVEMBER 13, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"APPG ON SMOKING AND HEALTH MANIFESTO FOR A SMOKEFREE FUTURE"

All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health – November 2023

The APPG tobacco control manifesto calls on the Government to make Big Tobacco pay to deliver a Smokefree Future for us all. The report also includes economic analysis showing that:

- a ‘polluter pays’ levy on tobacco manufacturers could raise up to £700 mn a year
- the cost of smoking to public finances in England is £21 bn in 2023 – nearly double tobacco tax revenues of £11 bn
- the APPG’s recommendations could save £3.1 bn for the public purse during the course of the next parliament

Read the Report – [*Smoking and Health Manifesto for a Smokefree Future*](#)

‘We all have a voice’ Disabled children’s vision for change

[NOVEMBER 13, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)“WE ALL HAVE A VOICE’ DISABLED CHILDREN’S VISION FOR CHANGE”

Children’s Commissioner – October 2023

This report brings together quantitative and qualitative research conducted by the Children’s

Commissioner’s office (CCo) as part of a commission by the Cabinet Office’s Disability Unit ahead of

developing its Disability Action Plan 2023-24. 1 The Cabinet Office was particularly interested in

understanding children’s experiences of transitions, an important theme which is explored in this report.

It also discusses other key barriers that disabled children face and puts forward recommendations based

on what children say they want and need for a more inclusive society.

Read the Report – [*Disabled children’s vision for change*](#)

Reforming adult social care in England – NAO

NOVEMBER 13, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"REFORMING ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN ENGLAND – NAO"

NAO – 10 Nov 2023

This report looks at how DHSC is responding to the challenges facing adult social care in England, and its progress with delivering the reforms set out in the 2021 white paper. This report examines:

- key pressures and challenges in adult social care in England
- DHSC's response to increasing pressures in adult social care during 2022
- how DHSC is delivering reform and progress against its commitments

Report – Reforming adult social care in England

Developing sustainable care markets

NOVEMBER 13, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE CARE MARKETS"

[Department of Health and Social Care](#) – 2nd November 2023

This [report](#) details approaches local authorities are taking to develop sustainable care markets. These include greater involvement of providers, service users and their friends and family; expanding domiciliary care markets and securing greater supply; and stabilising and adapting care home markets to the changing needs of local populations.

Local authority market sustainability plans: insights report

Chief Medical Officer's annual report 2023: health in an ageing society

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023: HEALTH IN AN AGEING SOCIETY"

[Department of Health and Social Care](#) – 10th November 2023

The focus of this report by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Professor Chris Whitty is on how to maximise the independence, and minimise the time in ill health, between people in England reaching older age and the end of their life. It is aimed at policymakers (government and professional bodies), healthcare professionals, medical scientists and the general public.

People are living longer; this is a triumph of medicine and public health. It is something to celebrate, but alongside this we have a responsibility in medicine, government and wider society to plan to ensure that older age is as healthy, independent and enjoyable as possible into the future.

We can maintain people's independence via 2 broad approaches, which are complementary. The first is to reduce disease, including degenerative disease, to prevent, delay or minimise disability and frailty. The second is to change the environment so that, for a given level of disability, people can maintain their independence longer. We must do both.

The geography of older age in England is already highly skewed away from large urban areas towards more rural, coastal and other peripheral areas, and will become more so. Efforts to achieve shorter periods in ill health and an easier environment for those with disabilities, should concentrate on areas of the country where the need is going to be greatest. Expansion of medical and NHS services need to be in these areas.

Many people in older age live with multiple conditions (multimorbidity). Medical training, NHS services and research need to respond to this reality.

This is an optimistic report; there are many things we can do to improve health and independence of older citizens if we are systematic about it. This will however require active decisions and actions by individuals, government and health professionals.

Report chapters:

- Chapter 1: introduction
- Chapter 2: understanding health in an ageing society
- Chapter 3: local authority context
- Chapter 4: enabling older adults to live free from disease for longer
- Chapter 5: supporting older adults to live well with disease
- Chapter 6: physical environments that enable independence
- Chapter 7: research to improve health in an ageing society

Read the Report – *Chief Medical Officer’s annual report 2023: health in an ageing society*

Updated – Diphtheria: public health control and management in England

[NOVEMBER 10, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"UPDATED – DIPHTHERIA: PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT IN ENGLAND"

[UK Health Security Agency](#) – 9th Nov 2023

Public health control and management of diphtheria in England guidelines

These guidelines are intended for those involved in the public health control of diphtheria, including:

- health protection teams in the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)
- NHS staff at local and national levels in England

Supplementary guidance for cases and outbreaks in asylum seeker accommodation settings

The supplementary guide is for use by Health Protection Teams to support the control and management of diphtheria in asylum seeker (AS) accommodation settings.

Public health control and management of diphtheria in England: 2023 guidelines

Supplementary guidance for cases and outbreaks in asylum seeker accommodation settings

Can you tell we care? Identifying unpaid carers using local authority and GP records

[NOVEMBER 10, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"CAN YOU TELL WE CARE? IDENTIFYING UNPAID CARERS USING LOCAL AUTHORITY AND GP RECORDS"

The Health Foundation

There are at least 5.7 million unpaid carers in the UK who need support from the NHS and social care services. This can range from health checks, social prescribing and community support services to breaks and practical and financial support. This report looks at how many carers were known to GPs and local authorities in four areas of England and Wales

Can you tell we care? Identifying unpaid carers using local authority and GP records

A life less lonely? Building connected communities

[NOVEMBER 9, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"A LIFE LESS LONELY? BUILDING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES"

International Longevity Centre UK – October 2023

This briefing shines a light on what it describes as a worrying fragmentation of communities across the UK, with those living in the most deprived communities at greatest risk of falling into a trap of long-term loneliness. It highlights the link between loneliness and numerous physical and mental illnesses, ranging from depression and dementia to cardiovascular diseases

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Nine major challenges facing health and care in England

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"NINE MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING HEALTH AND CARE IN ENGLAND"

Health Foundation – 3rd November 2023

We highlight nine trends that represent some of the major challenges facing any new government on health and care – focusing primarily on the NHS, social care and public health services in England. We then draw together some of the implications for policymakers. We produced this work for [Nesta's UK 2040 Options project](#), which is looking at the defining issues facing the country ahead of the next general election.⁶ Other briefings are being produced on related policy challenges – for instance, by the Institute for Fiscal Studies on tax and public finances. The next stage of work will set out policy options to address these challenges, including our priorities for a new government on health and care.

Further information – [*Nine major challenges facing health and care in England*](#)

Design for all – a place to call home

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"DESIGN FOR ALL – A PLACE TO CALL HOME"

University College London

This report was published at the launch of the Social and Affordable Housing Initiative, a coalition led by UCL, architects John McAslan + Partners and Dolphin Living affordable housing charity, which aims to establish impactful strategies to address Britain's housing crisis. The coalition brings together experts from multiple sectors, including architects, engineers, public health specialists and charities, as well as the public and private sector. The report argues that reductions of costs in the areas of housing and other benefits, in health, social, homeless and criminal justice services, and in unemployment and children's lost education, would lead to savings of £1.5 billion annually.

Read the Report – [*Design for all – a place to call home*](#)

A neighbourhood strategy for national renewal: the final report of the APPG for ‘left behind’ neighbourhoods’ inquiry into levelling up

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"A NEIGHBOURHOOD STRATEGY FOR NATIONAL RENEWAL: THE FINAL REPORT OF THE APPG FOR ‘LEFT BEHIND’ NEIGHBOURHOODS’ INQUIRY INTO LEVELLING UP"

All-Party Parliamentary Group for ‘left behind’ neighbourhoods

This report makes a case for remaking the levelling up agenda to put ‘left behind’ areas front and centre of a new mission of national renewal. Evidence heard over the course of the APPG’s inquiry emphasised that community-led change can transform a neighbourhood’s fortunes

Read the Report – [*A neighbourhood strategy for national renewal*](#)

Acting on the social determinants of health to reduce health inequalities: innovative approaches by provider trusts

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"ACTING ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH TO REDUCE HEALTH INEQUALITIES: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES BY PROVIDER TRUSTS "

UCLPartners – October 2023

This report outlines how four London trusts (Barts Health NHS Trust, East London NHS Foundation Trust, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust) are taking action to improve employment, increase income, improve education, and reduce air pollution. The report includes 13 lessons on adopting an innovative approach to tackling the social determinants of health, based on 22 interviews with people leading and implementing these

approaches in these organisations. The lessons set out how this work can be implemented, summarising common drivers and incentives, considering how data and expertise can be used, sharing some common conditions for change, and looking ahead to greater scale and impact.

Read the Report – [*Acting on the social determinants of health to reduce health inequalities: innovative approaches by provider trusts*](#)

Saturated fatty acid and trans-fatty acid intake for adults and children: WHO guideline

[NOVEMBER 6, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"SATURATED FATTY ACID AND TRANS-

FATTY ACID INTAKE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN: WHO GUIDELINE"

WHO – July 2023

This guideline provides updated, evidence-informed guidance on the intake of saturated fatty acids and *trans*-fatty acids to reduce the risk of diet-related noncommunicable diseases in adults and children, particularly cardiovascular diseases.

This guideline is intended for a wide audience involved in the development, design and implementation of policies and programmes in nutrition and public health.

This guideline includes recommended levels of intake for saturated fatty acids and trans-fatty acids and recommendations on preferred replacement nutrients which can be used by policy-makers and programme managers to address various aspects of saturated fatty acid and trans-fatty acid intake in their populations through a range of policy actions and public health interventions.

Further information – [*Saturated fatty acid and trans-fatty acid intake for adults and children: WHO guideline*](#)

WHO Guideline for complementary feeding of infants and young children 6-23 months of age

[NOVEMBER 6, 2023](#) ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"WHO GUIDELINE FOR COMPLEMENTARY

FEEDING OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN 6-23 MONTHS OF AGE"

WHO – October 2023

This guideline provides global, normative evidence-based recommendations on complementary feeding of infants and young children 6–23 months of age living in low, middle- and high-income countries. It considers the needs of both breastfed and non-breastfed children. The guideline supersedes the earlier Guiding Principles for Complementary Feeding of the Breastfed Child and Guiding principles for feeding non-breastfed children 6-24 months of age.

Further information – [*WHO Guideline for complementary feeding of infants and young children 6-23 months of age*](#)

Strengthening primary and community care services

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"STRENGTHENING PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES"

Healthwatch October 2023

This briefing shows how people's experiences can be used to support the development of a long-term vision for the NHS to strengthen these services.

GPs, dentists and pharmacies, also known as primary care teams, are most people's first port of call when they develop symptoms of ill health. The range of services available to patients have evolved in recent times, but these services still play a crucial frontline role in treating patients, signposting them to other services and coordinating care.

Community care teams, including district nurses and health visitors, allow people with long-term conditions to access flexible and personalised support either at home, or in an NHS setting closer to home than their local hospital.

Staff in primary and community care settings are facing immense challenges, with both clinical and administrative workforce shortages combining with a rise in demand for increasingly complex care.

We have analysed the experiences people shared with us of the NHS's 'front door' and identified what is working well and which areas patients want to see improved. We think these solutions can not only help inform a future vision for primary care, but also drive efficiencies across the whole system.

[Strengthening primary and community care services](#)

Working better across teams to improve health and care for all

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"WORKING BETTER ACROSS TEAMS TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND CARE FOR ALL"

Healthwatch November 2023

This briefing analyses patient experiences to support the development of a longterm vision for the NHS to work better, through collaboration and partnership working, to improve health and care for all.

Our evidence tells us that people expect and want collaborative working, not just between the NHS and external partners, but between people, departments and services within the NHS too.

To understand the impact partnership work has had on patients, and what 'better' could look like, we have analysed our evidence for insights into how the NHS is currently working to meet people's needs. This includes:

- How well different services join up and communicate with each other throughout the patient journey.
- How proactive different services are in offering people help, including signposting to other services.

Many of these themes were evaluated and addressed by the 2019 Long Term Plan, particularly the importance of service integration. This focus has since

been accelerated by the introduction of Integrated Care Systems (ICS), which work to deliver the vision of meaningful partnerships between organisations, and service users.

[Working better across teams to improve health and care for all](#)

State of the nation: a comprehensive, retrospective view of NHS data

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Wilmington Healthcare – OCTOBER 2023

This report provides a health check for the NHS. The report looks at: hospital episode statistics, including waiting times and length of stay; demographics and disease prevalence – including health inequalities; key statistics on what outcomes the NHS is achieving in major therapy areas; assessment of the NHS on its own KPIs; prescribing insights, nationally and regionally, including the most-prescribed drugs; workforce data – including vacancies and recruitment; regional insights, including performance and challenges of ICSs. Please note that free registration is required to download the report.

Read the report – [State of the nation 2023](#)

Shop displays of tobacco and vaping products

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"SHOP DISPLAYS OF TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS"

[House of Commons Library](#) – 26th Oct 2023

This briefing considers the scope and extent of the prohibition of tobacco displays in shops and the treatment of specialist tobacconists. It also considers recent calls for tighter regulation of the display of vaping products (e-cigarettes and e-liquids) in shops of all sizes to protect children and young people.

Read the briefing – [Shop displays of tobacco and vaping products](#)

Reducing health inequalities faced by children and young people

NOVEMBER 3, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES FACED BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE"

NHS Providers – October 2023

This report sets out the data and evidence of the health inequalities experienced by children and young people. It outlines the rationale for shifting attention towards this age group to prevent health inequalities later in life. It also considers the role that trusts can play in targeting interventions towards improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people who are more likely to experience inequalities. The report also highlights the existing work of trusts to reduce children and young people's health inequalities within case studies from Barts Health NHS Trust and Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Reducing health inequalities faced by children and young people

Performance tracker 2023: public services as the UK approaches a general election

NOVEMBER 3, 2023 ~ [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) ~ [EDIT](#)"PERFORMANCE TRACKER 2023: PUBLIC SERVICES AS THE UK APPROACHES A GENERAL ELECTION"

Institute for Government – Oct 2023

This annual report, produced in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), assesses the health of nine key public services as the UK approaches a general election: general practice, hospitals, adult social care, children's social care, neighbourhood services, schools, police, criminal courts and prisons. It finds almost all performing worse than before the pandemic – and much worse than in 2010 – and that tight spending plans, to which both main parties have committed, will mean very difficult choices face whoever wins the election.

Further information – *Performance tracker 2023: public services as the UK approaches a general election*