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## UK disability statistics: Prevalence and life experiences

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House of Commons - 23<sup>rd</sup> August

This briefing brings together disability data from a range of sources, providing information on the size and characteristics of the UK's disabled population, and highlighting disparities between the life experiences of disabled and non-disabled people.

Read the Report - UK disability statistics: Prevalence and life experiences

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## Letter to the chief executives of integrated care boards from health ministers, the Women's Health Ambassador and the Chief Nursing Officer

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Department of Health and Social Care - 24<sup>th</sup> August

The letter to the integrated care boards (ICBs) outlines the allocation of the £25 million women's health hubs fund.

The letter requests that the funding should be used to establish or expand at least one women's health hub in every integrated care system (ICS). It also contains information about published resources to support implementation of hubs, and a new national network of women's health champions.

The reporting template is for ICBs to provide the Department of Health and Social Care with information on plans for spending their funding allocation and setting up a women's health hub.

***Letter to the chief executives of integrated care boards from health ministers, the Women's Health Ambassador and the Chief Nursing Officer***

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## Social needs among people living with mental health difficulties

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Centre for Mental Health - August 2023

The NIHR Mental Health Policy Research Unit (MHPRU) at University College London (UCL) and King's College London (KCL) reviewed research about how mental health services can best support the social needs of people living with mental health difficulties. This briefing paper summarises their findings and explores the policy implications.

Read the Briefing - Social needs among people living with mental health difficulties

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## Exploring and understanding the VCSE sector in provider collaboratives

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NHS Confederation - August 2023

The NHS Confederation wanted to better understand the way voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations are working with provider collaboratives. The aim of the project, commissioned by NHS England, was to gather insight, elicit learning and share examples of collaboration in action. This was explored at an online learning event hosted by Lord Victor Adebowale, Chair of the NHS Confederation, in partnership with NHS England and independent consultant Jessie Cunnett, and forms the basis of this report.

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## Shining a light on early years nutrition: The role of councils

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LGA - August 2023

The value of good nutrition for the early years extends beyond physiological health - it contributes to establishing social behaviours, supports learning, and influences food preferences and eating habits. It underpins growth and development, can help to reduce childhood obesity and is a building block of the first 1,000 days of a child's life.

This report focuses on nutrition in early years settings. According

to data from Gov.uk 92 per cent of three to four year-olds are registered for under five education provision in England. Early years is an important stage of a child's life between age nought and five. Bremner & Co were commissioned by the Local Government Association (LGA) to capture learning from councils across England about nutrition in early years settings. This report examines the relationship between councils and all early year settings – maintained, Private and Voluntary Institutions (PVI) and childminders. It comes at a time when the early years sector is calling on government for more funding, increased resources, and better guidance. The LGA is also calling on the government to increase funding for this area.

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## Harm caused by delays in transferring patients to the right place of care

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HSIB – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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The three reports looked at different areas; the systems in place to manage patients into, through and out of hospital, gaps in accountability for patient safety between ambulances, hospital, and social care systems and the impact of staff wellbeing impacts patient safety.

- Interim report calls for immediate action to reduce harm to patients from handover delays (June 2022)
- 'Air gap' between health and social care contributions to handover delays and harm (November 2022)
- Interim report explores impact of the if staff wellbeing on patient safety (February 2023)

The national report summarises the findings and recommendations already contained in the three interim reports and provides an update since they were published. This includes.

- Eight additional national investigation findings (summarised on page 7 )
- An observation from the second interim report has now been escalated to a safety recommendation to the Department for Health and Social Care. When it is received, the response to that recommendation will be added to those already identified in the three interim reports.
- Detail and analysis of the patient case which underpinned the national investigation and illustrated the safety risks of delays in handing over care from the ambulance service to EDs. The

patient, Kim, was cared for in the back of an ambulance for 163 minutes before being directly admitted to the ICU as the emergency department could not care for her as it was full (Kim's case is set out in detail on pages 13–16).

Read the Report – Harm caused by delays in transferring patients to the right place of care

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## Ambulance services and integrated care systems: lessons for effective collaboration

Aug 21, 2023 01:55PM

NHS Confederation – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023

### Key points

- England's ten ambulance trusts occupy a unique position in serving large health populations, each spanning footprints of multiple integrated care systems. In the context of system working and place-based models of care, ambulance trusts are negotiating emerging systems within their geographic remit, adopting new ways of working to meet the needs of diverse systems across the populations they serve.
- With the move away from clinical commissioning groups to the new integrated care system framework, many want to see a rethink in how systems engage with their ambulance trusts to ensure co-design and co-production from their services as part of a holistic strategy for population health.
- To support this, we interviewed a range of NHS leaders from both integrated care boards and ambulance services to explore how they might evolve their relationship, and to examine the principles that underpin effective and practical collaboration.
- Interviewees identified four key priorities for effective collaboration: thinking creatively about the role of the ambulance service; focusing on data sharing; fostering cultures of collaborative planning; and nurturing relationships.
- By focusing on these four areas, system and ambulance service leaders can design arrangements and relationships that deliver vast improvements to their population's health in the years ahead.
- Interviewees made practical recommendations for national and local partners about how this can be achieved. These include expediting the implementation of Provider Selection Régime; where appropriate, developing multi-ICB governance structures; and considering how ambulance service data can be used at neighbourhood, place, system, regional and national levels to maximise its impact.

Read the Report – Ambulance services and integrated care systems: lessons for effective collaboration

# English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group (EHSCHG) –PrEP Insight Project

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English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group (EHSCHG) 2023

The English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group (EHSCHG) commissioned Hitch to deliver in-depth research to build intelligence around the use of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). PrEP is an antiretroviral medication that can be taken by HIV-negative people to reduce the risk of HIV acquisition.<sup>1</sup>

Evidence to date suggests PrEP has had a positive impact on HIV rates, particularly among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men.<sup>2</sup> There is now an increased focus on advancing the equity of PrEP and wider commissioning of PrEP. This project aimed to explore the barriers and facilitators among Black African women, Trans and Non-binary people, and Sex Workers, to access PrEP. These audiences are referred to as ‘underserved audiences’ throughout this report. The research also informed recommendations to improve uptake of PrEP among underserved audiences.

Read the Report - English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group (EHSCHG) – PrEP Insight Project

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## NHS partners with Morrisons to put vital cancer awareness messaging on underwear labels

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NHS England - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Morrisons and the NHS are working together to put advice on underwear labels urging people to contact their GP practice if they spot potential symptoms of breast or testicular cancer.

The Nutmeg-branded underwear featuring NHS advice will be in 240 Morrisons stores nationwide, initially in men’s boxer shorts and followed by crop top bras in the coming months.

The NHS guidance will be displayed on the fabric labels alongside the standard sizing and care information. There will also be a QR code on the packaging and tags linking customers through to more detailed information on breast and testicular cancer on the NHS website.

Morrisons is the first UK supermarket to roll-out the new labels and the first-of-its-kind partnership for the NHS is the latest move in a significant drive to ensure people are aware of the signs and symptoms of cancer.

If people notice symptoms that could be cancer, they should contact their GP and come forward for checks as early as possible

so they can get the all-clear, or in some cases, a cancer diagnosis sooner to give them the best chance of surviving the disease.

Further information - NHS partners with Morrisons to put vital cancer awareness messaging on underwear labels

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## Population Health in Business

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Public Policy Projects; 2023.

The Population Health in Business series examines the impact that businesses have on health outcomes and the steps they can take to positively contribute to better population health. The series is based upon three roundtables, chaired by Professor Donna Hall CBE, Chair of the Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and The New Local Government Network, held over the course of 2023, that convened key stakeholders, public health experts and industry leaders for discussion and debate around three key topics.

- The role of businesses in improving employee health outcomes
- The role of businesses in determining the health of a community
- Enabling public-private collaboration through data

This document summarises the key insights uncovered throughout each roundtable, the findings of which have been supplemented by independent research conducted by PPP analysts. This report proposes a number of practical policy recommendations for businesses to improve health outcomes, as well as a new framework to facilitate closer collaboration between businesses and the health and care sector

Read the Report - Population health in business.

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