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Prescription and other NHS charges

The House of Commons Library has published a briefing paper [The prescription charge and other NHS charges](#). This paper sets out the provision for prescriptions and dental charges, which groups are exempt, and explains where charges vary in devolved countries. It also covers efforts to reduce prescription wastage and examines the future of NHS charges.

Work experience toolkit for employers

NHS Careers has produced a new resource to help employers provide high quality work experience programmes. [More than Photocopying: Work Experience - a toolkit for the NHS](#) provides guidance on how to recruit the best people, advice on setting work plans and tips on celebrating outcomes.

NICE shared learning case study; irritable bowel syndrome

NICE has added [Improving evidence-based management of irritable bowel syndrome across Somerset](#) to its shared learning database. The shared learning example shows how NICE guidance and standards have been put into practice.

How to run a country: health and social care

The think-tank Reform is publishing recommendations for the 2015 Spending Review. As part of this it has published an analysis for health and social care entitled [How to run a country: health and social care](#). Reform sets out a series of recommendations as to how health and social care should be improved.

The role of the fire and rescue service in improving the public's health

The Local Government Association has published [Beyond fighting fires: the role of the fire and rescue service in improving the public's health](#). Fire and rescue authorities (FRAs) are now exploring how they can use their expertise in prevention to improve the public's health. They have a unique ability to provide critical interventions, promote health messages and refer to appropriate services. This document includes case studies which explore activities to help the most vulnerable individuals and families.

Health trends within prisons and other prescribed places of detention

Public Health England has published [Public Health England Health & Justice report 2014](#). This annual report provides details of health trends in prisons and other prescribed places of detention (PPDs). In addition to demographic details of people in detained settings, the report explores some of the key public health initiatives developed in partnership with NHS England, National Offender Management Service (NOMS), the Home Office and the Youth Justice Board.

Additional link: [PHE press release](#)

Guidance on the diagnosis, management and treatment of third- and fourth- degree perineal tears

The Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has updated its guidance [Third- and Fourth-degree perineal tears, management](#) (Green-top Guideline No. 29). This is the third edition of this guideline, which was previously published in July 2001 and March 2007. In England, the rate of reported severe perineal tears has tripled from 1.8% to 5.9% between 2000 and 2012. The overall incidence in the UK is 2.9% with an incidence of 6.1% in first time mothers compared to 1.7% in women who have previously given birth.

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Mental health resource for refugee and asylum seeking women

The Mental Health Foundation has published [Amaan: Information about mental health and ways to look after your wellbeing](#). This resource aims to help asylum seeking and refugee women to better understand what mental health is and provide a toolkit to help them have a better understanding of mental health and ways to help themselves and others.

Asthma care

Asthma UK has published [Patient safety failures in asthma care: the scale of unsafe prescribing in the UK](#). This new report follows last year's report from the Royal College of Physicians who published the [National Review of Asthma Deaths](#), a UK wide investigation which found safety concerns in the cases of those who died from asthma attacks. The review identified prescribing errors in almost half of all asthma deaths in primary care and, overall, found that two-thirds of asthma deaths could be prevented with better routine care. Asthma UK reveals in this new report evidence that over 22,000 people with asthma in the UK, including 2,000 children, have been prescribed medicines (long-acting reliever inhalers) in a way that could pose a risk to people with asthma. It also highlights that almost 100,000 people have been prescribed too many short-acting reliever inhalers (more than 12 in a year) without national clinical guidelines being followed.

Additional link: [BBC news report](#)

European mental health action plan 2013–2020

The World Health Organisation European Office has published [The European Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020](#). It focuses on seven interlinked objectives and proposes effective action to strengthen mental health and well-being. The Action Plan corresponds to the four priority areas of the European policy framework for health and wellbeing, Health 2020.

Transforming services for people with learning disability

NHS England has established five fast-track sites that will test new approaches to [re-shaping services for people with learning disabilities and/or autism](#), to ensure more services are provided in the community and closer to home. The five sites: Greater Manchester and Lancashire; Cumbria and the North East; Arden; Herefordshire and Worcestershire; Nottinghamshire; and Hertfordshire will bring together organisations across health and care that will benefit from extra technical support from NHS England. The sites will be able to access a ten million transformation fund to kick-start implementation from autumn 2015.

Evidence summary: new medicines - Ulcerative colitis / Type 2 diabetes

NICE has published two new evidence summaries new medicines, the details are as follows: [Ulcerative colitis: budesonide multimatrix \(Cortiment\) \(ESNM58\)](#), and [Type 2 diabetes: dulaglutide \(Trulicity\) \(ESNM59\)](#). Evidence summaries: new medicines' provide a summary of the published evidence for selected new medicines, or for existing medicines with new indications or formulations, that are considered to be of significance to the NHS. The strengths and weaknesses of the relevant evidence are critically reviewed within the summary, but the summaries are not formal NICE guidance.

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- [CCG Bulletin](#): Issue 86
- [Social Care Institute for Excellence ebulletin](#): 5 June

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Transforming general practice

The Nuffield Trust has published [Transforming general practice: what are the levers for change?](#) This briefing examines the approaches and levers for change that can be utilised by policy-makers and regulators to promote change in general practice. It argues that financial rewards, which are currently used to incentivise small scale changes by the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), are at risk of being overused and are not the best way to encourage widespread reform in general practice.

Adult Social Services budget survey

The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) has published their latest [ADASS Budget Survey 2015](#) report, which presents the findings from their annual budget survey of their members. The report seeks to provide an in-depth analysis into how adult social care is managing its budget within the context of increased demand and reduced resources. Of the 151 councils approached, 147 responded. The key findings of the report can be split into three categories: current situation, future budgetary plans and the impact of those future plans on delivery.

Child health profiles

Public Health England has published the [2015 Child Health Profiles](#). The profiles draw together information to present a picture of child health and wellbeing in each local area in a user-friendly format. They are a valuable tool for local government and health services in helping them to understand their communities' needs, so that they can work to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people and reduce health inequalities.

Additional link: [PHE press release](#) [PHE statistical press release](#)

Selling medicines online

From 1 July 2015 anybody in the UK [selling medicines online](#) to the general public needs to be registered with The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and to be on the MHRA's list of UK registered online retail sellers. They also need to display on every page of their website offering medicines for sale, the new European common logo which is registered to the seller. The registered EU common logo will contain a hyperlink to their entry in the MHRA's list of registered online sellers. Anybody buying medicines online can check if the website is legitimately registered and will be able to click on the logo which will take them through to a list of approved sellers.

Informed

The latest issue of [Informed](#) (16 June) has been published by NHS England. It includes the following items:

- Two new vanguard opportunities
- Ensuring the NHS is safely staffed
- Learning Disability Week
- Leading Transformational Change programme open for application
- Cervical Screening Awareness Week
- Diabetes Week 2015
- Simon Stevens speaking at Local Government Authority Annual Conference
- Health and Care Innovation Expo 2015

Statistics

- [Ambulance Services, England](#) - 2014-15
- [NHS Continuing Healthcare Activity - England](#) - Quarter 4, 2014-15
- [Quarterly Epidemiological Commentary: Mandatory MRSA, MSSA and E. coli bacteraemia, and C. difficile infection data](#) (up to January - March 2015)

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Improving general practice

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) has published [A blueprint for building the new deal for general practice in England](#). This document sets out in the RCGP's view that urgent and medium-to long-term measures that must be implemented to secure vital improvements to general practice. The Blueprint sets out five overarching actions that must be taken by the new Government to strengthen general practice for the future: invest 11% of the NHS budget in general practice; grow the GP workforce by 8,000; give GPs time to focus on patient care; allow GPs time to innovate; and improve GP premises.

Additional link: [RCGP press release](#)

Physical activity in primary schools

Ukactive Kids has published [Generation Inactive: an analysis of the UK's childhood inactivity epidemic and tangible solutions to get children moving](#). This report explores the current understanding of children's physical activity in primary schools and investigates the measures that are used to track the activity and fitness levels of pupils. The report found that more could be done to support both primary schools and primary academies in this agenda and make a number of recommendations.

Additional link: [Royal College of Paediatrics and Childhealth press release](#)

Employing more people with learning disabilities

NHS Employers has made available a range of free [resources to help NHS organisations develop local and national solutions to increase employment of people with learning disabilities](#). Over the next few months NHS Employers will work with NHS England to provide: examples of how to facilitate local networks and peer-to-peer learning to demonstrate where other organisations have been successful; practical tools and guidance that can be used locally; and support to help organisations understand and use these tools.

The needs of dental patients with dementia

Health Education England has launched a new film aimed at dental professionals to raise awareness of the issues faced by [patients with dementia when attending a dental appointment](#). The film looks at the process of attending a dental appointment through the eyes of a dementia sufferer, highlighting just how daunting the whole process can be. It aims provide dental teams with information on how difficult things can be for sufferers and provide some ideas on how to make arrangements to make the process smoother and easier for their patients.

Malaria: health advice for travellers

Public Health England has issued a press release [reminding travellers of the fatal risks of malaria](#). Latest figures show an overall increase of 5.7% in imported malaria infections reported in the UK in 2014 (1,586) compared with 2013 (1,501). There were three deaths from malaria reported in 2014 compared to 7 in 2013, all from falciparum malaria acquired in Nigeria. Public Health England is strongly urging travellers going to countries where malaria is present to seek advice from their general practice, a specialist travel clinic or pharmacy about malaria prevention ideally 4 to 6 weeks before travel, but even if travelling at short notice it is not too late to get protected.

NICE shared learning case study: living with dementia in care homes

NICE has added [Living with Dementia – Improving Care Home Care](#). This shared learning example shows how NICE guidance and standards have been put into practice.

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- [Statistics on Women's Smoking Status at Time of Delivery: England](#) - April 2014 to March 2015
- [Direct Access Audiology waiting times](#) - April 2015
- [Mixed Sex Accommodation Breaches](#)- May 2015
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First national review of deaths of people with learning disabilities

NHS England, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) and the University of Bristol have announced the world's [first national programme to review and ultimately reduce premature deaths of people with learning disabilities](#). The three-year project will be the first comprehensive, national review set up to get to the bottom of why people with learning disabilities typically die much earlier than average, and to inform a strategy to reduce this inequality.

Patient experience data

Membership Engagement Services in collaboration with InHealth Associates has published [Making Sense and Making Use of Patient Experience Data](#). The report considers the use of patient experience data by trusts including what's being collected, how and why, and how the results are being used to improve services. The report notes the dedication of patient experience teams, but says the sheer volume of corporate data and other pressures on them are limiting their ability to put the information to work.

Staff survey comparison tool

NHS Employers has published [The Staff Survey Comparison Tool](#) which allows NHS organisations to use data from the staff survey and national patient survey to assess their relative scores on key issues against other NHS organisations and areas. It compares scores across a range of indicators and should complement information from the staff survey provider and data provided on the NHS Staff Survey website.

Rare and less common cancers

The National Cancer Intelligence Network in collaboration with Cancer 52 has published [Rare and less common cancers: Incidence and Mortality in England, 2010 to 2013](#). Rare and less common cancers make up just under half of all newly diagnosed cancers 47% for 2013 in England for both males and females. As of 2013 there are around 2,700 more deaths annually from rare and less common cancers than in 2010. Counts and crude rates are presented for 278 rare and less common cancer sites for incidence figures and 95 sites for mortality figures. The data covers the period 2010 to 2013 and is broken down by year and sex for England. Data relating to many of these sites has not been published routinely before.

*(To view this report click on the link above and then **click on most recent**)*

Partnership working

The NHS Confederation has published [NHS Partners Network 15 Years of Concordat: reflection and renewal](#). This report explores how redefining the current partnership between the NHS and the independent sector in England could contribute to developing new models of care and act as a catalyst for transformation to support future NHS sustainability.

NICE consultations

NICE has published the following consultations:

- [Psoriatic arthritis \(active\) - apremilast \(post DMARDs\) \[ID682\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comment 10 July 2015
- [Rheumatoid arthritis - adalimumab, etanercept, infliximab, certolizumab pegol, golimumab, abatacept and tocilizumab - review \[ID537\]](#): appraisal consultation. Closing date for comment 10 July 2015
- [Leukaemia \(chronic lymphocytic, previously treated\) - idelalisib \[ID764\]](#): appraisal consultation. Closing date for comment 9 July 2015
- [Acute heart failure - diagnosis and management in adults: quality standard consultation](#). Closing date for comment 14 July 2015
- [Domestic violence: quality standard consultation](#). Closing date for comment 14 July 2015
- [Preventing unintentional injury among children and young people under 15: quality standard consultation](#). Closing date for comment 14 July 2015
- [Intrapartum care: quality standard consultation](#). Closing date for comment 13 July 2015

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- [Learning Disability Services Monthly Statistics - Commissioner Census](#) (Assuring Transformation), May 2015, Experimental Statistics

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- [Remote health advice bulletin](#) 18 June 2015

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