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Monday

NHS ageing workforce

NHS Employers has published an infographic [Your aging workforce: what you need to know](#). This infographic highlights facts about the ageing workforce, and what employers can do to support this increasing sector of the NHS workforce.

Assessing use of resources in NHS hospitals

The Care Quality Commission's Chief Inspector of Hospitals has been asked by the Secretary for Health to [look at use of resources as part of his inspections of NHS hospitals](#). This work which will be developed as part of CQC's new strategy for 2016 onwards will focus on organisations' ability to deliver high quality patient care that is also efficient and sustainable.

Additional link: [NHS Confederation press release](#)

World Blood Donor Day 2015

The World Health Organisation's [World Blood Donor day](#) 14 June 2014 campaign theme is "Thank you for saving my life". It focuses on thanking blood donors who save lives every day through their blood donations and encourages more people to donate blood with the slogan "Give freely, give often. Blood donation matters." The campaign aims to highlight stories from people whose lives have been saved

through blood donation, as a way of motivating regular blood donors to continue giving blood and people in good health who have never given blood, particularly young people, to begin doing so.

Cancer survival in the UK

Public Health England's National Cancer Intelligence Network has published in conjunction with Cancer Research UK [Major resections by cancer site, in England; 2006 to 2010](#). Cancer survival in the UK is lower than in many comparable countries. This difference may be caused by a number of factors, including later diagnosis and less access to optimal treatment. Although surgery can be used in combination with radiotherapy and/or chemotherapy, experts believe that it is responsible for around half of the cases where cancer is cured, making it the most effective form of treatment. This report examines the variation in this key cancer treatment: it presents major surgical resections for 20 sites by sex and age-groups, using the most recently available data in England.

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Bulletins

- [Emergency department bulletin](#)
- [Bulletin of The Royal College of Surgeons of England](#) - June 2015

NICE Consultations

NICE has published the following consultations:

- [Procalcitonin testing for diagnosing and monitoring sepsis \(ADVIA Centaur BRAHMS PCT assay, BRAHMS PCT Sensitive Kryptor assay, Elecsys BRAHMS PCT assay, LIAISON BRAHMS PCT assay and VIDAS BRAHMS PCT assay\)](#). Closing date for comment 24 June 2015
- [Children's attachment](#): draft guideline consultation. Closing date for comment 13 July 2015
- [Electrical stimulation of the lower oesophageal sphincter for treating gastro-oesophageal reflux disease](#). Closing date for comment 26 June 2015.
- [Insertion of a sub-retinal implant for retinitis pigmentosa: consultation](#). Closing date for comment 26 June 2015
- [Intravenous fluids therapy in children: draft guideline consultation](#). Closing date for comment 13 July 2015
- [Menopause: draft guideline consultation](#). Closing date for comment 13 July 2015
- [Ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer \(BRCA 1 or 2, mutated, relapsed, platinum-sensitive\) - olaparib \(maintenance\) \[ID735\]](#): appraisal consultation. Closing date for consultation 22 July 2015
- [Preterm labour and birth: draft guideline consultation](#). Closing date for comment 13 July 2015
- [Prophylaxis against infective endocarditis \(Standing Committee A update\): addendum consultation](#). Closing date for comment 29 June 2015
- [Social care of older people with complex care needs and multiple long-term conditions: draft guideline consultation](#). Closing date for comment 13 July 2015
- [Transfusion: draft guideline consultation](#). Closing date for comment 13 July 2015
- [Tuberculosis \(update\): draft guideline consultation](#). Closing date for comment 10 July 2015

NICE Savings and Productivity and Local Practice Collections

NICE has published three audit tools and two costing statements to its collection of resources. They are as follows:

- [Radiofrequency ablation for gastric antral vascular ectasia](#). (IPG520)
- [Ultrasound-enhanced, catheter-directed thrombolysis for deep vein thrombosis](#) (IPG523)
- [Ultrasound-enhanced, catheter-directed thrombolysis for pulmonary embolism](#) (IPG524)
- [Obinutuzumab in combination with chlorambucil for untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia](#). (TA343)
- [Ofatumumab in combination with chlorambucil or bendamustine for untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia](#). (TA344)

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Sexual health commissioning in local government

The Local Government Association has published [Sexual health commissioning in local government](#). This report highlights nine case studies which showcase local government experience of commissioning sexual health services since taking over this responsibility in April 2013. The studies outline the steps taken to collaborate not only within and between local authorities but also with NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Options for integrated commissioning

The Kings Fund has published [Options for integrated commissioning: beyond Barker](#). This report explores the options for implementing the recommendation from the Independent Commission on the Future of Health and Social Care in England regarding a single ring-fenced budget and a single local commissioner. It assesses evidence of past joint commissioning attempts, studies the current policy framework and local innovations in integrated budgets and commissioning, and considers which organisation is best place to take on the role of single local commissioner.

Hajj and Umrah pilgrims: latest health and travel advice

Public Health England and the National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC) have published latest health and travel advice for Hajj and Umrah pilgrims. In line with the World Health Organisation, they are not currently advising any [travel restrictions to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](#) in relation to the outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV). Overall the risk of UK residents travelling to the Middle East contracting the virus remains very low.

Dementia from the inside

The Social Care Institute for Excellence has produced a new resource [Dementia from the inside](#). This film highlights what it might feel like to live with dementia. Viewers will experience a little of what it is like to find yourself in a world that seems familiar and yet doesn't always make sense. The incidents pictured in

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Clinical Pathways ... Knowledge Management ... Books ... Journals ... Critical Appraisal ... Bulletins ... Alerts ... DynaMed ... Map of Medicine ... Health Education Resources ... Athens ... Laptops ... Literature Searching ... MEDLINE ... Referencing ...

this film and memories recounted are based upon true experiences gathered from people living with dementia. It is aimed at professionals and the public.

Cosmetic surgery draft guidance

The General Medical Council (GMC) has launched a [consultation on draft guidance for all doctors who offer cosmetic interventions](#). The proposed guidance sets out the standards that will be expected of all UK doctors who carry out cosmetic procedures, both surgical and non-surgical. It also aims to help patients understand what to expect from their doctor. The consultation runs from 8 June 2015 to 1 September 2015 and will be available on the GMC's website. The final guidance is expected to be published in early 2016.

Additional link: [GMC press release](#)

NICE Do not do recommendations: lower urinary tract symptoms in men

Following the publication of the NICE guideline Lower urinary tract symptoms in men: assessment and management (NG97) earlier this month, NICE has published a series of '[Do not do](#)' recommendations in relation to the guidance. These are clinical practices, identified during the development of guidance that should be discontinued or not used routinely.

NICE costing statements

NICE has added five costing statements to its collection the details of which are as follows:

- [Omalizumab for previously treated chronic spontaneous urticarial](#). TA339 Costing statement
 - [Vedolizumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis](#). TA342 Costing statement
 - [Hysteroscopic morcellation of uterine leiomyomas \(fibroids\)](#). IPG 522 Costing statement
 - [Apixaban for the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and/or pulmonary embolism](#). TA341 Costing statement
 - [Ustekinumab for treating active psoriatic arthritis \(rapid review of technology appraisal guidance 313\)](#) TA340 Costing statement
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Bulletins

- [Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network](#) News issue 6
- [NHS Communications Bulletin](#) 3 June 2015

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Post-acute stroke service commissioning audit

The first results from the Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) new Post-acute Organisational Audit have been published. The [Post-acute stroke service commissioning audit](#) outlines

what post-acute stroke services are being commissioned for stroke survivors by CCGs, Local Health Boards and Local Commissioning Groups across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

National screening programme recommendations

The UK National Screening Committee has published the minutes from its latest meeting setting out its [recommendations for national screening programmes](#). The committee upheld its recommendation against screening adults in the UK for bladder cancer and also made recommendations against introducing national screening programmes for depression in adults and screening newborn babies for amino acid metabolism disorders, fatty-acid oxidation disorders and galactosaemia.

Management of possible cases of MERS-CoVirus

Public Health England has updated its [Public health investigation and management of possible cases of MERS-CoV algorithm](#). The incubation period for Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) is currently considered to be up to 14 days. Any respiratory illness occurring in the 14 days following last contact with a confirmed case of MERS-CoV is considered relevant.

Smoking still kills

ASH has published [Smoking still kills: protecting children reducing inequalities](#). As the five-year strategy set out in the Government's Tobacco Control Plan for England comes to an end in 2015, this report proposes new targets for a renewed national strategy to accelerate the decline in smoking prevalence over the next decade. A key recommendation of the report is for the Government to impose an annual levy on tobacco companies and for the money raised to be used to pay for measures such as mass media campaigns and stop smoking services.

Additional links: [RCM press release](#) [Royal College of Physicians press release](#)

Matching abortion notifications and Down's Syndrome data

The Department of Health has published [Matching Department of Health abortion notifications and data from the National Down's Syndrome Cytogenetic Register, 2013](#). This report shows the results of matching abortion notifications and National Down's Syndrome data and includes recommendations for improving notification compliance.

Perinatal Mortality Surveillance Report 2013

MBRRACE-UK (Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries across the UK) has published [Perinatal mortality surveillance report: UK perinatal deaths for births from January to December 2013](#). The report shows an overall improvement in the rates of stillbirths and neonatal deaths in the UK which continues the trend from 2003 onwards. However, the overall trend masks variations in rates across the UK.

Additional link: [RCM press release](#)

Poverty in the UK

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published three reports exploring poverty:

- [Economic theories of poverty](#) - An overview of the main economic theories relating to the causes of and responses to poverty in the UK
 - [A philosophical review of poverty](#) - A review of how poverty has been understood and analysed in contemporary political philosophy
 - [Sociological perspectives on poverty](#) - Discusses contested concepts that relate to how poverty may be understood from a sociological/social theory perspective
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[Abortion statistics England and Wales](#)

[NHS Safety Thermometer Report](#) – England May 2014 – May 2015

[Diagnostics waiting times and activity data](#), April 2015 and Q4 2014-15

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Care Act first-phase reforms

The National Audit Office has published [Care Act first-phase reforms](#). This report indicates the Department of Health has implemented the first phase of the 2014 Care Act well. Ninety-nine per cent of local authorities were confident that they would be able to carry out the Act reforms from April 2015. However, it warns that the Department's cost estimates and chosen funding mechanisms have put local authorities under increased financial risk given the uncertain level of demand for adult social care.

Treatment of chronic Hepatitis C in patients with cirrhosis

NHS England has published [Clinical Commissioning Policy Statement: treatment of chronic Hepatitis C in patients with cirrhosis](#). There are a range of new oral treatments becoming available for Hepatitis C and so this policy statement sets out the hepatitis treatments that will be routinely commissioned by NHS England for the treatment of chronic hepatitis in patients with cirrhosis. It also sets out how access to treatments will be organised with the setting up of Operational Delivery Networks from August 2015 and arrangements in the interim.

Additional link: [NHS England press release](#)

Mycobacterial infections associated with cardiopulmonary bypass surgery

Public Health England (PHE) is working with the NHS, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency and NHS England to investigate a small number of [mycobacterial infections](#) potentially associated with heater cooler units used during cardiopulmonary bypass for cardiac surgery. After an alert from European colleagues at the end of February regarding Mycobacterium chimaera infections following cardiothoracic surgery, PHE has conducted a look-back and identified 13 cases of mycobacterial infections in people who had this type of surgery since 2007, 10 of which are Mycobacterium chimaera.

NHS staff wellbeing

The Picker Institute Europe has published [Understanding staff wellbeing, its impact on patient experience and healthcare quality](#). This briefing sets out to understand the pressures currently affecting the NHS workforce and the impact that they in turn may have on the wellbeing both of individual staff and the health service as a whole. These include implications for patient care and experience and some consideration of the implications for improvement.

Productivity in NHS hospitals

The Department of Health has published [Review of operational productivity in NHS providers](#). This interim report outlines work carried out by Lord Carter of Coles to review the productivity of NHS hospitals, working with a group of 22 NHS providers. The report provides interim recommendations and next steps. A full report will be published in autumn 2015.

Additional links: [DH press release](#) [BBC News report](#)

Global reference list of 100 core health indicators

The World Health Organisation and partners has published a [Global reference list of 100 core health indicators](#). It is a standard set of 100 indicators prioritized by the global community to provide concise information on the health situation and trends, including responses at national and global levels. It will be reviewed and updated periodically as global and country priorities evolve and measurement methods improve.

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- [Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures \(PROMs\) in England](#) - April 2013 to March 2014 - June 2015
- [Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures \(PROMs\) in England](#) - April 2014 to January 2015
- [Referral to Treatment waiting times statistics](#), April 2015
- [NHS Health Check quarterly returns](#): June 2015
- [Quarterly Epidemiological Commentary: Mandatory MRSA, MSSA and E. coli bacteraemia, and C. difficile infection data](#) (up to January-March 2015)

NICE Quality Standards

NICE has published the following quality standards:

- [Osteoarthritis](#) (QS87)
- [Personality disorders: borderline and antisocial](#) (QS88)
- [NICE support for commissioning for personality disorders: borderline and antisocial](#) (SFCQS88)
- [Pressure ulcers](#) (QS89)
- [Urinary tract infections in adults](#) (QS90)
- [Prostate cancer](#) (QS91)

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Care experiences during a mental health crisis

The Care Quality Commission has published [Right here, right now: people's experiences of help, care and support during a mental health crisis](#). This report reviews quality, safety and effectiveness of care provided to those experiencing a mental health crisis. It aims to understand whether people were offered the right care, at the right time, and if they were given the information they need, as well as what they felt about the attitudes of those providing help, care and support. The findings show that there are clear variations in the help, care and support available to people in crisis and that a person's experience depends not only on where they live, but what part of the system they come into contact with.

Additional link: [CQC press release](#)

Safety of medicines: communications survey

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency is asking healthcare professionals for [feedback on how the MHRA communicates medicines safety issues](#). The survey looks at: professionals experience of regulatory safety communications; views on their effectiveness; and which information channels are preferred.

Local solutions for a healthy nation

The Local Government Association has published [English devolution: local solutions for a healthy nation](#). This publication captures the thoughts of councillors, directors of public health, providers, commissioners, academics and other key opinion formers on the challenges and opportunities devolution could bring in terms of improving the public's health.

NHS pensions guidance

The Department of Health has published two guidance documents relating to NHS pensions:

- [Re-tendering: NHS pension scheme](#) - sets out the process for ensuring bulk transfer arrangements are in place when an NHS organisation is re-tendering for the provision of services and this will involve staff transferring back into the NHS Pension Scheme via the terms of New Fair Deal.
- [NHSPS and NHSPS 2015 \(England and Wales\): actuarial assumptions for bulk transfer calculations from or to funded schemes](#) - sets out the technical information which is used for bulk transfer arrangements between the NHS Pension Scheme (NHSPS) or NHS Pension Scheme 2015 (NHSPS 2015) and private sector funded pension schemes.

Eyes on Evidence

The latest edition of NICE's [Eyes on Evidence](#) (June 2015) contains the following items:

- Socioeconomic inequalities in cancer mortality
- Implementation of antibiotic prescribing guidance
- Costs of autism spectrum disorders
- Stenting versus endarterectomy for symptomatic carotid stenosis
- Imaging techniques to diagnose suspected kidney stones
- Evidence summaries from NICE's Medicines and Prescribing Programme: COPD, infantile haemangioma, asthma, and acute coronary syndromes

Monitor and Trust Development Authority to move to single leadership

The Secretary of State has announced the move to a [single leader of Monitor and the Trust Development Authority](#) (TDA), the organisations who are together responsible for providing increased support to hospitals to continue to improve care and boost efficiency. This change will mean that all NHS providers, whether they are foundation trusts or trusts, are under the oversight of one chief executive, overseeing teams working closely together.

NICE consultations

NICE has published the following consultation documents:

- [Medicines optimisation: topic engagement](#). Closing date for comments: 22 June 2015.
- [Food allergy and anaphylaxis: topic engagement](#). Closing date for comments: 22 June 2015.
- [Psoriasis \(plaque, moderate to severe\) - apremilast \[ID679\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comments: 1 July 2015.
- [Major depressive disorder - vortioxetine \[ID583\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comments: 1 July 2015.
- [Prostate cancer \(metastatic, hormone-relapsed\) - enzalutamide \[ID683\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comments: 2 July 2015.

Safe staffing

England's Chief Nursing Officer has written to Nursing Directors, CCGs, Arm's Length Bodies and other stakeholders about the next steps in [ensuring the NHS is safely staffed](#).

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- [NHS Workforce Bulletin](#) – 8 June 2015

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[Monthly Hospital Activity Data](#) - April 2015

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