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End of life care

The House of Commons Health Select Committee has published its fifth report focused on [End of Life Care](#). The Committee looked at the state of end of life care since the independent Review of the Liverpool Care Pathway, and found great variation in quality and practice across both acute and community settings. The report makes a number of recommendations for improvement, and in particular recommends that social care should be free at the end of life.

Additional links: [Commons Select Committee press release](#) [BBC News report](#)

Scarlet Fever

The latest weekly Health Protection Report published by Public Health England has continued to show a high number of [scarlet fever notifications](#) across England, with 5746 reported cases since September 2014. High levels of scarlet fever continue to be notified in England, with current weekly totals exceeding the record levels seen at this point last season (2013/14). Steep weekly increases continue to be reported across the country as the peak season for scarlet fever approaches, with sentinel surveillance of GP consultations also showing escalating rates of consultations.

(MenW) immunisation advised for 14 to 18 year-olds

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that [immunisation for meningococcal group W \(MenW\) disease be offered to 14 to 18 year-olds](#). This advice follows a Health Protection report showing that cases are increasing year-on-year, from 22 confirmed cases in 2009 to 117 confirmed in 2014. Latest figures for January 2015 show that there were 34 laboratory-confirmed MenW cases in England, compared to 18 in January 2014 and 9 in January 2013.

Inequality across health and social care

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published [Equal measures - Equality information report for 2014](#). This report looks at how CQC inspects services and what we have learned about equality, diversity and human rights. It is also a self-assessment on how the CQC, as an employer, promote equality and diversity. This annual equality report focuses on variation in care specifically for older people and younger people and differences on the grounds of disability, ethnicity, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity. It identifies that there is still too much variation in people's access, experience and outcomes in many health and social care services on these grounds.

Additional link: [CQC Infographic](#)

Informed

The 13 March issue of [Informed](#) has been published by NHS England. It includes the following items:

- New era of patient care – 29 geographies lead NHS Forward View into action
 - NHS England announces national review of maternity care
 - Clinical Commissioning Groups approved for joint commissioning of GP services
 - Developing a new approach to palliative care funding
 - NHS Code4Health programme – improving digital literacy for clinicians
 - The Friends and Family Test reaches millions more patients
 - Have your say on Informed
 - Most NHS providers opt for enhanced tariff for 2015/16
 - Pioneering new Emergency Care Hospital
 - Leading Change Strategies in Healthcare
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NICE guidance

NICE has published the following Evidence summary: unlicensed or off-label medicine guidance:

- Management of aggression, agitation and behavioural disturbances in dementia: carbamazepine (ESUOM40)
- Management of aggression, agitation and behavioural disturbances in dementia: valproate preparations (ESUOM41)

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Wheelchair Leadership Alliance

A new national alliance aimed at transforming the quality and effectiveness of services for wheelchair users has been set up under the leadership of Baroness Grey-Thompson. [Now, the Wheelchair Leadership Alliance](#) has begun work to set out its objectives for wheelchair service improvement in England which will include the development of a national awareness campaign 'RIGHT CHAIR RIGHT TIME RIGHT NOW' and the creation of a wheelchair charter. The campaign and the charter will be formally launched during the summer 2015.

Proposals for pharmacists to work in GP surgeries

The Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society are proposing plans for [pharmacists to work in GP surgeries](#) in a bid to ease current pressures in general practice and address the severe shortage of GPs. The proposals would see pharmacists working as part of the general practice team, much in the same way as practice nurses. They say that the move will improve patient safety and care and, crucially, reduce waiting times for GP appointments.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

Regulations for service providers and managers

The Care Quality Commission has published [guidance for providers and managers on how to meet quality and safety regulations](#), including the so-called “fundamental standards” or minimum standards for care.

This document covers two groups of regulations: Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and Care Quality Commission (Registration) Regulations 2009 (Part 4). It applies from 1 April 2015, and will replace the previous guidance.

Wellbeing of looked-after children

The Department of Health and the Department of Education has published [Promoting the health and well-being of looked-after children: Statutory guidance for local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and NHS England](#). This guidance replaces the Statutory Guidance on Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked After Children, which was issued in November 2009. It aims to ensure looked-after children have access to any physical or mental health care they may need.

Statistics

- [Quality Outcomes Framework Recorded Dementia Diagnoses](#) - April 2014 - February 2015
 - [Statistics on Women's Smoking Status at Time of Delivery: England](#) - Quarter 3, October 2014 to December 2014
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[Social Care Institute for Excellence ebulletin](#) - March 2015

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Improving mental health services for young people

The Department of Health has published [Future in mind: promoting, protecting and improving our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#). This report makes a number of proposals the government wishes to see implemented by 2020. These include: tackling stigma and improving attitudes to mental illness; introducing more access and waiting time standards for services; establishing 'one stop shop' support services in the community; and improving access for children and young people who are particularly vulnerable. The report sets out how much of this can be achieved through better working between the NHS, local authorities, voluntary and community services, schools and other local services. It also makes it clear that many of these changes can be achieved by working differently, rather than needing significant investment.

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

European Union procurement and competition rules

The King's Fund has published [Procurement and competition rules: can the NHS be exempted?](#) This briefing examines whether a new government could extract the NHS from European Union procurement and competition rules. The briefing assesses what policy changes would be required should a new government wish to insulate the NHS from the application of the rules. The report includes: an introduction to the debate over the rules; discussion of EU and UK procurement law, including how planned changes will affect procurement from 201; and discussion of EU and UK competition law, including the extent to which competition rules really affect providers.

Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust: Public Accounts Committee report

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee Forty-Sixth Report [An update on Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust](#) has reported its findings into the operation of the Trust by Circle who took operational control of Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust, and so became the first private company to run an NHS hospital. The report makes a number of recommendations for implementation.

Additional links: [Public Accounts Committee press release](#) [BBC news report](#)

Mental health issues during and after pregnancy

Research published by the Centre for Mental Health and the Royal College of General Practitioners has found that women who have depression or anxiety during pregnancy or in the year after giving birth are not having their needs recognised and not getting the support they need. [Falling through the gaps](#) highlights that women fear disclosing distress to their GPs or other professionals. The report finds that many doctors do not know how to respond effectively or lack confidence in their ability to achieve timely access to local psychological therapy services. It concludes that GPs need more and better information about perinatal depression and anxiety and how to respond.

Evidence Update – Fertility

NICE has published a new evidence update [Fertility](#) (Evidence Update 75). It provides a summary of selected new evidence relevant to NICE clinical guideline 156 'Assessment and treatment for people with fertility problems' (2013).

To access this document, follow the link above and scroll down to the 'Gynaecology, pregnancy and birth' section. The update is at the top of the list in this section.

Informed

The 17 March issue of [Informed](#) has been published by NHS England. It includes the following items:

- National health initiative launched to prevent diabetes.
 - NHS England takes action to improve race equality across the NHS workforce.
 - NHS England and the Department of Health publish blueprint for children and adolescent mental health services.
 - Plans unveiled for UK's first proton beam therapy centres.
 - NHS Employers' Military March Campaign.
 - Intensive Support Team – Third Annual Elective Care Conference.
 - NHS England and Health and Social Care Advisory Service learning event – Veterans mental health.
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Statistics

- [NHS Continuing Healthcare Activity Statistics for England, Quarter 3 2014-15 Report](#), Experimental Statistics

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Primary care in Europe

The World Health Organisation has published [Building primary care in a changing Europe](#). This report analyses how primary care is organised and delivered across European countries, looking at governance, financing and workforce aspects and the breadth of the service profiles. It describes wide national variations in terms of accessibility, continuity and coordination. It also reviews the growing evidence on the added value of strong primary care for the performance of the health system overall and explores how primary care is challenged by emerging financial constraints, changing health threats and morbidity, workforce developments and the growing possibilities of technology.

Safe viewing of the partial eclipse of the sun

Public Health England is reminding the public planning to watch the partial [eclipse of the sun](#) on Friday 20 March 2015 to take precautions to reduce potential damage to their eyes.

Nicotine inhaling products consultation: government response

The Department of Health has published [Government response to the consultation on age sale for nicotine inhaling products](#). This report provides an overview of the responses received and a summary of the main themes that emerged in response to the consultation. It is anticipated the new regulations will come into force on 1 October 2015. Also published is the Equality Analysis which was updated following the consultation.

Health leaders' panel: fourth survey

In the run-up to the 2015 General Election, the Nuffield Trust is regularly [surveying a panel of 100 health and social care leaders in England](#) for their views on a range of issues, including the state of the NHS and social care system, and what they believe should be the priority areas for reform during the next Parliament. This fourth survey looks at the future of the NHS, and in particular whether NHS England's Five Year Forward View has accurately diagnosed the challenges faced by the health service.

Acute hospitals and integrated care

The Kings Fund has published [Acute hospitals and integrated care: from hospitals to health systems](#). This report describes lessons from five case studies where acute hospitals are working collaboratively with local partners to build integrated models of care. Three of these sites have since been chosen as vanguards by NHS England. The report assesses the achievements made so far, distils the lessons learnt for other local health economies, and makes recommendations for national policy-makers.

Chlamydia: commissioning internet based screening

Public Health England has published [Internet-Based Chlamydia Screening: guidance for commissioning](#). This guidance is intended to assist the commissioning of chlamydia screening accessed by young people using the internet. The advice provided can be adapted to suit local circumstances and provides suggested sections that commissioners may wish to include in their contracts with providers of internet based chlamydia screening.

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- [CCG Indicators](#) - March 2015 release
- [Children's Dental Health Survey](#) - England, Wales and Northern Ireland 2013
- [Mixed Sex Accommodation Breaches](#), February 2015

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Draw the line: managers' toolkit for raising concerns

NHS Employers has produced a toolkit to help facilitate engagement between managers and the board, senior teams, wider management teams and staff about the importance of raising concerns. [Draw the line](#) highlights some key considerations for managers when they are dealing with concerns raised by staff, and showcase different approaches undertaken by other NHS organisations

NHS managers: busting the myths

The NHS Confederation is publishing a series of myth busters which serve to challenge common misconceptions and enrich debate on topical, sometimes controversial, issues regarding health and care. [NHS Managers: busting the myths](#) is the first in the series.

Female genital mutilation e-learning

A free [e-learning module on female genital mutilation \(FGM\)](#) is now available for healthcare professionals, including school nurses, practice nurses, health visitors and GPs. The module has been developed by Health Education England and deals with the issues posed by FGM at all stages of a girl or woman's life.

Tuberculosis surveillance and monitoring in Europe

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe have published [Tuberculosis surveillance and monitoring in Europe 2015](#). This report estimates that 360 000 Europeans developed tuberculosis (TB) in 2013. The number of TB cases dropped by about 6% compared to 2012, continuing a sustained decline over the last decade across the region, but rates of multidrug-resistant (MDR) TB remain at very high levels, particularly in the so-called 18 high-priority countries, which see 85% of all new TB cases in the region. These countries also account for most of the 38 000 TB-related deaths in 2013.

Additional link: [WHO press release](#)

Promoting children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing

Public Health England has published [Promoting children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing: a whole school and college approach](#). This document provides guidance for head teachers and college principals on the 8 principles for promoting emotional health and wellbeing in schools and colleges. This document may also be of interest to school nurses and local public health teams.

NICE consultations

- [CG65 Perioperative hypothermia \(inadvertent\): surveillance review proposal](#) – March 2015. Closing date for comments: 27 March 2015
- [The 3M Tegaderm CHG IV securement dressing for central venous and arterial catheter insertion sites: consultation.](#) Closing date for comments: 19 April 2015.
- [Endometriosis: consultation on the draft scope.](#) Closing date for comments: 21 April 2015.

Statistics

- [Mental health and learning disabilities statistics – monthly report](#): final December 2014 and provisional January 2015
- [Monthly improving access to psychological therapies data quality reports](#) – December final 2014
- [Opinions and Lifestyle Survey: adult health in Great Britain, 2013](#)
- [Season flu vaccine uptake in healthcare workers](#) 1 September 2014 to 28 February 2015

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- [Health Economics News](#) (Centre for Health Economics) – March 2015
- [NHS Workforce Bulletin](#) – 16 March 2015

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