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Dementia Awareness Week 18-24 May 2015

NHS Employers are supporting [Dementia Awareness Week](#) and have published new resources and thought pieces aimed at employers and employees with caring responsibilities. These guides and real life experiences aim to help employees to continue in their role within the NHS and support a clear commitment to providing an inclusive workforce. The week is coordinated by the Alzheimer's Society, and aims to raise awareness and understanding of dementia, offering support and services to those living with dementia.

SIGN guideline: Diagnosis and management of epilepsy in adults

The Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network has published [Diagnosis and management of epilepsy in adults Guideline 143](#). This guideline covers all aspects of diagnosis and management of adults with epilepsy including a completely revised section on epilepsy and women's health and new sections covering psychiatric comorbidity, sleep, and mortality (including sudden unexpected death in epilepsy).

World Health Statistics 2015

The World Health Organisation has published [World health statistics 2015](#). This document contains WHO's annual compilation of health-related data for its 194 Member States, and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and associated targets.

Additional link: [WHO press release](#)

International recruitment guides

NHS Employers has issued a range of [quick guides on the subject of international recruitment](#) which have been updated to reflect the new immigration rules that came into effect on 6 April 2015. The guides cover:

- Immigration: point-based system FAQs
- Which tier, which profession?
- Immigration and the Tier 2 process

Step-by-step guide to applying for certificates of sponsorship (CoS)

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- [NHS Managers' Bulletin](#) 14 May 2015
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- [NHS cancelled elective operations](#) - quarter ending 31 March 2015
 - [Hospital Activity Data](#) - March 2015
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Physical activity statistics

The British Heart Foundation's latest publication [Physical Activity Statistics 2015](#) shows that 44% of British adults perform no moderate physical activity. A comparison of 28 countries from the European Union ranks the UK in 16th position based on the frequency of moderate physical activity performed in the last seven days. The Netherlands lead the way in Europe with only 14% of adults performing no moderate physical activity followed by Finland and Denmark (23%). The British Heart Foundation express their concern that physical inactivity is contributing to the rise of coronary heart disease.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

Informal help and support

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published [Understanding everyday help and support](#). This report highlights the importance of everyday acts of informal help and support within communities and how these acts allowed people to lead 'liveable' lives. The research, by a team from ScotCen Social Research and Edinburgh University, explored experiences of everyday help and support in three diverse areas in and around Glasgow - Maryhill, Bearsden and Hillhead. A film Flowers and Floorboard was also commissioned to illustrate some of the themes of the report, based on the Glasgow communities.

NICE Bites - Medicines optimisation

The April 2015 NICE Bites bulletin from the North West Medicines Information Service covers [medicines optimisation](#). The aim of this publication is to provide healthcare professionals with a clear and succinct summary of key prescribing points taken from the NICE guidance NG5. It offers best practice advice on the care of all people who are using medicines and also those who are receiving suboptimal benefit from medicines.

Increase in online booking of GP appointments

NHS England has reported that the number of [GPs offering appointments, repeat prescriptions and access to summary information in medical records online](#) has tripled in the first three months of the year with almost every GP surgery in England offering the service. Data published by the Health and Social Care Information Centre shows that over 97% of patients in England can now take advantage of online services, an increase from the 3% in April 2014.

Statistics

- [NHS Outcomes Framework Indicators](#) - May 2015 release
- [NICE Technology Appraisals in the NHS in England](#) - Innovation Scorecard - to September 2014, Experimental statistics
- [Later Life in the United Kingdom](#) May 2015 - AgeUK

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- [NHS Foundation Trust bulletin](#) - May 2015
- [Health Protection Report volume 9](#) 2015

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Caring into later life

Carers UK and Age UK have published [Caring into later life: the growing pressure on older carers](#). The report rings together and analyses evidence from national data sources and older carers themselves to set out some of the key facts about this growing and diverse group and look at what steps must be taken to better support older carers. The report is accompanied by statistics showing number of carers by local area.

SIGN guideline development programme

The Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network has published its current [SIGN guideline development programme](#). The programme includes new guidelines that are in development and published guidelines that are in the process of being updated. The timescales are provisional and will be revised quarterly

The practice of system leadership

The King's Fund has published [The practice of system leadership; being comfortable with chaos](#). This report draws on the experiences of 10 senior leaders to look in depth at the skills needed to be a system leader. The 10 individuals are from different backgrounds and work in different contexts, and give some very candid reflections on their successes and failures. But they share a track record of having tried to bring about change (not always successfully) through using 'soft' power, enabling others to see and deliver the changes that are needed.

Dying without dignity: complaints about end of life care

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman has published [Dying without dignity: investigations by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman into complaints about end of life care](#). This report is intended to inform the debate about how, as a society, standards to improve the quality of end of life care offered across the country can be developed. It features 12 cases that illustrate the issues the Ombudsman regularly sees in casework on end of life care. The examples represent a diverse collection of stories, drawn from a range of different health care settings.

Prime Minister's plan for a 7 day NHS

The [Prime Minister has set out his vision for a modern NHS that will work for patients 7 days a week](#). The speech set out the government's plans to prioritise patient access to all services – from GP access to hospital care – backing NHS England's plan for modernising the NHS. Investment into the NHS will increase by £8 billion a year by the end of the Parliament to support the transformation of services across the country, including an increase in the number of GPs, faster access to new drugs and treatments and a greater focus on mental health and healthy living.

Informed

The 19 May issue of [Informed](#) has been published by NHS England and includes the following items:

- Simon Stevens calls for bold action to make NHS fit for the future
- London GP mental health scheme helps hundreds, skills up primary care staff and saves thousands
- Thousands of women confront mental health issues in thriving community perinatal scheme
- Innovation Test Beds search extended
- Mental health staff working with police and courts now cover half of England
- Secretary of State writes to frontline staff
- Are you ready for Dying Matters Awareness Week 2015?
- NHS Confederation Annual Conference

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- [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Report](#) - February 2015 final
- [Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Statistics - Monthly report](#) - Final February 2015 and provisional March 2015
- [Avoidable mortality in England and Wales: 2013](#)

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- [Chief Nursing Officer Bulletin](#) – May 2015
- [Vaccine update](#) – April to May 2015

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Heatwave plan

The Department of Health has published its annual [Heatwave Plan for England](#). The plan aims to prepare for, alert people to, and prevent, the major avoidable effects on health during periods of severe heat in England. It recommends a series of steps to reduce the risks to health from prolonged exposure to severe heat for: the NHS, local authorities, social care, and other public agencies; professionals working with people at risk; and individuals, local communities and voluntary groups.

Final seasonal flu vaccination data

Public Health England has published [Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in healthcare workers in England: winter season 2014 to 2015](#). It shows the [final set of flu figures](#) for this season, highlighting that more than 541,000 frontline staff (54.9 per cent) were vaccinated between 1 September 2014 and 28 February 2015. This is an increase in 7,667 staff being vaccinated than the 2013/14 flu season. The report also details the uptake figures for each trust.

The role of the Secretary of State for Health

The Health Foundation has published [Glaziers and window breakers: the role of the Secretary of State for Health, in their own words](#). This book sets out a history of the post of Secretary of State for Health and the experiences of ten former health secretaries. The former health secretaries were asked: what is the role of the Secretary of State for Health?; what should it be?; and what was it when you were there? The book contains an analysis of their words and the landscape in which they had to operate.

Children and clinical research

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics has published [Children and clinical research: ethical issues](#). This report looks at how children and young people can ethically be involved in research, and makes recommendations about the roles and responsibilities of children, their parents or guardians, researchers and others.

Statistics

- [NHS Staff Earnings Estimates to February 2015](#) - Provisional statistics
 - [NHS Sickness Absence Rates](#) - January 2015
 - [NHS Dental Statistics for England](#) - 2014/15, Third Quarterly Report
 - [NHS Workforce Statistics](#) - February 2015, Provisional statistics
 - [Direct Access Audiology waiting times](#) - March 2015
 - [Overall Patient Experience Scores](#): 2014 Adult Inpatient Survey update
 - [Mixed Sex Accommodation Breaches](#) - April 2015
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- [Independent provider bulletin](#) – May 2015
- [Child and Maternal Health Knowledge Update Special issue](#): 21 March – 8 May 2015

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Cancer Drugs Fund update

NHS England has published an updated [Cancer Drugs Fund](#) (CDF) list following decisions, made by cancer doctors and patient representatives at the last national CDF panel meeting, that aim to deliver the maximum clinical benefit for patients. The updated CDF list reflects the outcomes of the appeals from pharmaceutical companies following the removal of drugs after the panel meeting in December 2014. Decisions on seven new applications to the fund have also been published.

NICE guidance

NICE has published the following guidance:

- [LARS for reconstructing damaged intra-articular cruciate knee ligaments](#) (MIB30) Medtech innovation briefing
- [Peptest for diagnosing gastro-oesophageal reflux](#) (MIB31) Medtech innovation briefing

NICE consultations

- [Chronic heart failure \(QS update\): topic engagement](#). Closing date for comment 3 June 2015

Increased infection risk at petting farms

Public Health England is reminding the public to wash hands thoroughly after [handling animals at petting farms](#). This reminder follows a rise in cases of cryptosporidiosis associated with these farms. Between January and May 2015 there were at least 7 outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis across England affecting around 130 people. Anyone can get cryptosporidiosis but it is most common in children aged between 1 and 5 years old. The peak in number of cases in spring is partly associated with children handling animals and feeding lambs at petting farms.

Survey finds patients positive about their hospital stay

The Care Quality Commission and the NHS has published the [National results from the 2014 Inpatient Survey](#). It looked at the experiences of over 59,000 people who were admitted to an NHS hospital in 2014. Most people reported an overall positive experience of their inpatient care. The majority of respondents said that they were 'always' treated with respect and dignity and that they 'always' had confidence and trust in the nurses and doctors treating them. However, the results also indicate some areas where patients' experiences of care were less positive, which include: people's experiences of being admitted; the information and support they received while they were an inpatient and being discharged from hospital.

Additional link: [Picker institute press release](#)

Statistics

- [Learning Disability Services Monthly Statistics - Commissioner census](#) (Assuring Transformation), April 2015, Experimental Statistics
- [Learning Disability Services Quarterly Statistics - Commissioner census](#) (Assuring Transformation), Q1 2014/15, Experimental Statistics

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- [Health Protection Report volume 9](#) - issue 18 (2015)
- [Emergency department bulletin](#)

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