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### Monday

#### New programmes to protect against meningitis and septicaemia

The Department of Health has announced a [new vaccination programmes](#) will be launched this summer aimed at protecting babies and young people against the meningococcal bacterium. From August 2015 all 17 and 18 year olds will be offered a combined vaccine that protects against the A, C, W and Y strains of meningococcal disease. The vaccine will also be available to older students aged 19 to 25 who are starting university this year. From spring 2016 there will also be a school-based vaccination programme for MenACWY, which will replace the MenC-only vaccine that is currently offered to school Years 9 and 10. There will also be a catch-up programme for those in Year 11. From September, babies aged 2 months will be offered the MenB vaccine, protecting against meningococcal B disease, followed by a second dose at 4 months and a booster at 12 months. There will also be a limited catch-up programme for infants who are due their 3 and 4 month vaccinations in September.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

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#### Record seizure of counterfeit and unlicensed medicines and devices made in UK

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has announced [£15.8 million worth of counterfeit and unlicensed medicines and devices have been seized in the UK](#) as part of a global operation. The seizures, the biggest recorded to date in the UK include large quantities of illegally supplied and potentially harmful slimming pills, erectile dysfunction tablets, anaemia tablets and narcolepsy tablets. Unlicensed foreign medicines and fake condoms were also found and removed.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

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## NHS Injury Costs Recovery scheme

The Department of Health has published updated details for the [NHS Injury Costs Recovery scheme: April 2014 to March 2015](#). It has also published details of the amounts collected for the first two months of the current financial year [NHS Injury Costs Recovery scheme: April 2015 to March 2016](#). The scheme aims to recover the cost of NHS treatment where personal injury compensation is paid, for example after a road traffic accident.

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## Transforming the health care system

The King's Fund has published [Transforming our health care system: Ten priorities for commissioners](#). This document was originally published in March 2011. The feature of all the priorities identified in the report is the degree to which they call for change within primary care and the way in which primary care relates to the rest of the system. To achieve this, the report highlights that CCGs will need to work closely with NHS England regional teams including through co-commissioning arrangements introduced in April 2015. Together, they need to set out what 'good care' in general practice looks like and use peer influence to lift performance.

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## Causes of poverty

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has published two new reports on poverty. The details are as follows:

- [Tackling the systemic causes of poverty](#) - This paper contributes to JRF's developing anti-poverty strategy for the UK. It suggests a multi-dimensional approach that reflects the complexity of poverty dynamics and tackles the underlying causes, rather than just the symptoms of poverty.
- [Reducing poverty through policies to cut the cost of living](#) – This paper proposes reforms to policies which affect the markets in five areas, to reduce the cost of living: housing; energy; childcare; food and 'sin' taxes.

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## Dignity in Care

Social care institute for excellence has produced three new films about [dignity](#). The new films show a number of innovative ways to contribute to caring with dignity while being sensitive towards personal hygiene, change management and practical assistance.

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## Tuesday

### NICE Guidance - suspected cancer: recognition and referral

NICE has published [Suspected cancer: recognition and referral NG12](#). This guideline updates and replaces NICE clinical guideline CG27 (published June 2005). It offers evidence-based advice on the recognition of and referral for suspected cancer in children, young people and adults. New recommendations have been added about recognising suspected cancer and referral. The recommendations have been organised by symptoms and investigation findings, as well as by the site of suspected cancer. The guidance also updates and replaces recommendations 1.1.2 to 1.1.5 in Lung cancer (2011) NICE guideline CG121.

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

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### Support for commissioning for personality disorders: borderline and antisocial

NICE has published [support for commissioning for personality disorders: borderline and antisocial \(SFCQS88\)](#). This resource helps with quality improvement by providing information on key clinical, cost and service-related issues to consider during the commissioning process and signposting other implementation support tools. It has been produced to support NICE quality standard 88 for personality disorders: borderline and antisocial.

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### Should UK society adjust to dementia?

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published [How can and should UK society adjust to dementia?](#) This paper aims to stimulate debate about new ways forward in understanding, and ways to meet the needs of the growing number of people living with dementia. The publication explores the application of the social model of disability to dementia. It looks in detail at what this social model is, and where it has come from, bringing together the authors' interests in disability and ageing, and training in disability studies and health and social geography.

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### Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has published [Polycystic ovary syndrome: what it means for your long-term health](#) (PCOS). This patient information guidance covers: symptoms of PCOS; causes of PCOS; how PCOS is diagnosed; what PCOS could mean for long-term health and how to reduce risks. It describes how, for many women, symptoms and the long term effects of PCOS can be managed by eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The information doesn't cover specific treatment options for PCOS.

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## Mental health crisis review – experiences of minorities

The Race Equality Foundation has published [Mental health crisis review – experiences of black and minority ethnic communities](#). It followed a series of interviews and focus groups with black and minority ethnic people who had experience of crisis care and provides an insight into patient experience of mental health care from a black and minority ethnic perspective.

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## Statistics

- [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Report](#) - March Final and April Primary
- [Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Statistics](#) - Monthly report: Final March 2015 and Provisional April 2015
- [National chlamydia screening programme - data tables](#)
- [Sexually transmitted infections](#) - annual data tables
- [Chlamydia: re-testing data tables](#): 2013

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## Wednesday

### New standards for children and young people with acute illness

The Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Nursing have developed jointly a new set of standards [Facing the Future Together for Child Health 2015](#). The standards aim to ensure there is always high quality diagnosis and care early in the unscheduled pathway and to reduce unnecessary attendances at the emergency department and admissions to hospital by providing care closer to home. The standards aim to bring specialist child health expertise directly into general practice where the needs of the child or young person are known and build connections between primary and secondary care.

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### New MHRA Inspectorate blog

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has published its [first blog](#) aimed those organisations that are inspected by MHRA and need to keep up to date with the latest thinking and guidelines. It aims to give inspectors a chance to speak directly to the organisations they inspect and get feedback from them on topics they would like to hear more about.

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### Recovery, rehabilitation and reablement

NHS Improving Quality has published [Unbundling recovery: Recovery, rehabilitation and reablement national audit report](#). This report describes how an audit methodology used previously for surgical conditions can be used to assess whether the rehabilitation aspects of a patient's acute hospital stay could be better provided. It shows how, with some further evidence, a locally derived tariff for recovery, rehabilitation and reablement could be developed to support service improvements.

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## Summary care records

The Health and Social Care Information Centre has published [Community pharmacy access to Summary Care Records: proof of concept report](#). In April 2014, NHS England commissioned the Health and Social Care Information Centre to deliver a Proof of Concept (POC) project enabling community pharmacy access to the Summary Care Record. This document presents the key findings from the project looking at the following areas: benefits; Implementation; information governance; use and utilisation and engagement.

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## NICE guidance

NICE has published the following guidance:

- [Workplace policy and management practices to improve the health and wellbeing of employees NG13](#) NICE guidelines
  - [Electrotherapy for the treatment of haemorrhoids](#) IPG525 Interventional procedure guidance
  - [Cyanoacrylate glue occlusion for varicose veins](#). IPG526 Interventional procedure guidance
  - [Implantation of a sphenopalatine ganglion stimulation device for chronic cluster headache](#). IPG527 Interventional procedure guidance
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## Bulletins

- [Chief Nursing Officer bulletin](#) – June 2015
- [NHS Workforce Bulletin](#) – 22 June 2015
- [Social Care Institute for Excellence ebulletin](#) – 19 June 2015

[NHS Newborn and Infant Physical Examination News](#) - June 2015

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## Statistics

- [NHS Sickness Absence Rates](#) - February 2015
- [NHS Staff Earnings Estimates to March 2015](#) - Provisional statistics

[NHS Workforce Statistics](#) - March 2015, Provisional statistics

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## Thursday

### Creating a better care system

Ernst and Young has published [Creating a better care system: setting out key considerations for a reformed, sustainable health, wellbeing and care system of the future](#). Commissioned by the Local Government Association, it proposes the establishment of a £1.3 billion a year transformation fund until 2019/20 to develop a new health and social care system. This would be supported by a pooled health and social care budget, devolved powers for health, and reform incentives. The fund would focus on keeping people independent and preventing complex and long-term conditions. The report is designed to prompt debate at both a national and local level.

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## Health visitor and 0 to 5 commissioning transfer

The Department of Health and Public Health England has added [Factsheet: the role of Health Education England and Local Education and Training Boards](#), to the suite of documents published in August 2014 relating to the transfer from the NHS to local authorities of public health services for children aged 0 to 5 in October 2015. This briefing sets out the role and responsibilities of Health Education England and its Local Education and Training Boards in educating the health workforce.

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## Scheme to improve patient safety on track

The Department of Health has announced that a year after the launch of the [Sign up to Safety campaign](#), 260 NHS organisations have set out plans to save lives by reducing avoidable harm. This figure far exceeds the initial target of getting 180 organisations to sign up to the campaign in its first year. The campaign therefore is in a strong position to reach its aim of saving up to 6,000 lives over 3 years through the reduction of preventable harm such as medication errors, blood clots and bed sores.

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## Unbundling recovery: audit and modelling guide

NHS Improving Quality has published [Unbundling recovery: A step-by-step guide to audit and modelling](#). This guide sets out a methodology for providers to audit whether the recovery aspects of a patient's acute hospital stay could be better provided and to model the impact of varying lengths of stay on tariff and bed utilisation.

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## Statistics

- [Screening key performance indicators](#) Q3 2014-2015
- [CCG Indicators](#) - June 2015 release
- [Focus on - The Health and Care of Young People](#) – 2015
- [Statistics on Alcohol, England](#) - 2015
- [Diagnostic Imaging Dataset](#) - June 2015
- [Annual Mid-year Population Estimates](#) – 2014
- [Mid-year population estimates for the UK 2014 Infographic](#)

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## Bulletins

- [NICE news](#) – June 2015
- [Update for primary care](#) – June 2015
- [Nutritional and health claims legislation bulletins](#) 2015
- [NHS Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme News](#) – June 2015

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## Friday

### Clearer sunscreen labelling needed

A Royal Pharmaceutical Society [online survey into sunscreen](#) use has revealed a lack of understanding about the degree of sun protection different products provide. In particular, many are unaware that the SPF rating alone displayed in sunscreen labelling does not guarantee good all round protection from potential sun damage. In the survey of 2,000 GB adults, only 8% of those surveyed knew that the SPF rating on the product label refers to protection from UVB rays only and does not also include protection from harmful UVA rays indicated by a separate 'star' rating. More than 80% said they either thought the SPF was an indication of levels of protection from both UVB and UVA (56%) or they simply did not know what the rating stood for (25%). Less than a third of those surveyed said they always checked the UVA star rating when buying sunscreen (31%), and 20% of students and 15% of adults with children in their household admitted that they never checked it.

**Additional link:** [BBC News report](#)

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### End of Life Care

Public Health England National End of Life Care Intelligence Network has published [What We Know Now 2014](#). It finds that home continues to be the preferred place of death for people in England, followed by hospices and care homes. The factors most importance to people at the end of their life are; having pain and other symptoms managed effectively, being surrounded by loved ones and being treated with dignity. The report highlights a growing understanding within the health sector of what is important to people at the end of life.

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

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### Challenges of an ageing society for local government

The Local Government Association has published [Ageing: the silver lining: The opportunities and challenges of an ageing society for local government](#). This report sets out the increasing contribution to society and the economy that older people can make through empowered local government, and challenges the commonly-held belief that an ageing population is a burden. The report includes a chapter on Health and wellbeing and details case studies from areas across country of schemes targeted at promoting and improving the health and wellbeing of older people.

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## Good Practice in Ambulance Commissioning

The National Ambulance Commissioners Network has launched [Good Practice in Ambulance Commissioning](#), a briefing that pulls together examples of good practice from across the country. The purpose of the briefing is to share innovative ways of commissioning emergency care, to help ambulance commissioners to think about new ways of working, in partnership with providers, to deliver effective and efficient ambulance services in their local area.

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## Strategic framework for a successful NHS

The Health Foundation has published [Shaping the future: A strategic framework for a successful NHS](#). It argues that a successful NHS strategy cannot be lifted from another country or calculated using a special formula that no 'silver bullet' exists which will solve the complex challenges. The report provides a strategic framework for national leaders working to create a sustainable NHS over the current parliament and beyond.

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## NICE consultations

NICE has published the following consultations:

- [Joint distraction for knee osteoarthritis without alignment correction](#). Closing date for comment 23 July 2015
- [Sacral nerve stimulation for chronic non-obstructive urinary retention](#). Closing date for comment 23 July 2015
- [Transcranial magnetic stimulation for severe depression](#). Closing date for consultation 23 July 2015
- [Type 2 diabetes: guideline consultation 2](#). Closing date for comment 24 July 2015
- [Transition between inpatient hospital settings and community or care home settings for adults with social care needs](#). Closing date for comment 6 August 2015
- [Dry eye disease - ciclosporin \(after artificial tears\) \[ID665\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comment 15 July 2015
- [Parkinson's disease \(update\): call for evidence](#). Closing date for comment 20 July 2015

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## Statistics

- [Critical care bed capacity and urgent cancelled operations](#) - monthly situation reports, May 2015
- [Delayed Transfers of Care: monthly situation reports](#) - May 2015
- [Opinions and Lifestyle Survey](#): Methodological Investigation into Response Scales in Personal Well-being
- [Opinions and Lifestyle Survey](#): Methodological Investigation into the Societal Module

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