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Preventing deaths in detention of people with mental health conditions

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has published [Preventing Deaths in Detention of Adults with Mental Health Conditions: An Inquiry by the Equality and Human Rights Commission](#). The report follows a major inquiry which found repeated basic errors, a failure to learn lessons and a lack of rigorous systems and procedures have contributed to the non-natural deaths of hundreds of people with mental health conditions detained in psychiatric hospitals, prisons and police cells in England and Wales. The Inquiry covered the period 2010-13, during which 367 adults with mental health conditions died of non-natural causes while detained in psychiatric wards and police cells and another 295 adults died in prison, many of whom had mental health conditions.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

Prime Minister's challenge on dementia 2020

The Department of Health, Cabinet Office and the Prime Minister's Office has published [Prime Minister's challenge on dementia 2020](#). This document launches the next phase of the Prime Minister's challenge on dementia. It sets out what this government wants to see in place by 2020 in order for England to be the best country in the world for dementia care and support; and the best place in the world to undertake research into dementia and other neurodegenerative diseases. It also highlights the progress to date on improving dementia care, support and research.

Additional link: [Prime Minister's office press release](#)

Bulletins

- [NHS Foundation Trusts](#) - quarterly performance report quarter 3, 2014/15
 - [NHS Managers' Bulletin](#) - 19 February 2015
 - [Health Protection Report volume 9](#) (2015)
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Population health systems

The King's Fund has published [Population health systems: going beyond integrated care](#). This paper aims to challenge those involved in integrated care and public health to 'join up the dots', seeing integrated care as part of a broader shift away from fragmentation towards an approach focused on improving population health. Using examples from organisations and systems in other countries that are making this shift, the authors argue that improving population health is not just the responsibility of health and social care services or of public health professionals – it requires co-ordinated efforts across population health systems

Developing and implementing an Early Barrett's Oesophageal Cancer programme

NICE has added [Developing and implementing an Early Barrett's Oesophageal Cancer detection and treatment programme in the Durham & Tees Valley Region](#) to its Shared Learning database. The County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust set out to develop regional guidelines for surveillance of Barrett's Oesophagus and an endoscopic treatment programme (of endoscopic resection and radiofrequency ablation) in the Durham and Tees valley region.

Statistics

[Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Statistics Monthly Report](#) - Final November and Provisional December 2014

Tuesday

Under 18 conception rate continues to fall in England

Public Health England has announced that the [conception rate among teenagers is the lowest since records began](#). The 2013 data show the conception rate among under18 year olds dropped by 12.3% to

24.3 per 1000 and the under 16 conception rate is now 4.8 per 1000 females aged 13 to 15, a 14.3% reduction from 2012. Since 1998, the under18 conception rate has decreased by 47.9%, however, there remain significant variations across the country and young people in England continue to experience higher levels of teenage pregnancy than their peers in comparable Western European countries. Additional link: [ONS conception statistics](#) first time.

Staff engagement

The Kings Fund has published [Staff engagement: six building blocks for harnessing the creativity and enthusiasm of NHS staff](#). This report focuses on the evidence to show that engaged staff deliver better health care. Trusts with more engaged staff tend to have lower levels of patient mortality, make better use of resources, and have stronger financial performance and higher patient satisfaction, with more patients reporting that they were treated with dignity and respect. This paper encourages boards and other leaders to focus on staff engagement and suggests a number of questions boards can ask to assess their organisation's level of staff engagement.

NICE Bites: Multiple sclerosis

The February 2015 NICE Bites bulletin from the North West Medicines Information Service covers [Multiple sclerosis](#). 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 'Multiple Sclerosis (CG186). This guideline covers diagnosis and management of MS-related symptoms and treatment of relapse.

Primary care workforce planning

The NHS Confederation and National Association of Primary Care have made a [joint submission to the Health Education England Primary Care Workforce Commission](#) which is looking to identify and highlight innovative models of primary care that will meet the future needs of patients and the NHS. The submission suggests that a patient-centred and population-based approach to medium-to long-term planning for the primary care workforce is required. It also looks to support more integrated working between primary care and other services and overcome the barriers currently inhibiting the implementation of new models.

NHS Staff Survey 2014 findings

The 2014 [NHS Staff Survey](#) findings show there is growing pressure on those working in the NHS, but also that the vast majority of staff remain positive about their work and the service they provide. Of the twenty nine key indicators, eleven have shown improvement since 2013, one has remained the same, fifteen have deteriorated and two cannot be compared due to changes in the questions. Over 255,000

staff responded to the survey.

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

Informed

The 23 February issue of [Informed](#) has been published by NHS England. It includes the following items:

- New guidance on mental health standards published
 - Latest Assuring Transformation data published
 - New guide on Health and wellbeing: a guide to community – centred approaches
 - Vulnerable patients encouraged to be vaccinated against seasonal flu
 - NHS Improving Quality pioneering ‘buddy scheme’ launched
 - Rare Disease Day – 28 February 2015
 - Open and Transparent Healthcare
 - Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management Conference 2015
 - Health and Care Innovation Expo 2015
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Statistics

- [NHS Sickness Absence Rates](#) October 2014 Monthly Tables
- [NHS Staff Earnings](#) Estimates to November 2014 - Provisional statistics
- [NHS Workforce Statistics](#) - November 2014, Provisional statistics

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Public attitudes to the NHS

The Health Foundation has published [Public attitudes to the NHS](#). This report analyses the results of a series of questions about the NHS that were included in the 2014 British Social Attitudes Survey, undertaken by NatCen Social Research. The survey took place in late summer/early autumn 2014 and 2,878 adults from across Great Britain were surveyed. The results highlight the strong support for the principles of the NHS across all sections of British society. Of those surveyed, 89% agree that the government should support a national health system that is tax funded, free at the point of use and provides comprehensive care for all citizens.

Dementia statistics summary

The House of Commons library has published [Dementia: statistics on prevalence and an outline of the Government's work to improve diagnosis, care and research 2015. - Commons Library Standard Note](#). This note outlines Government, NHS and other statutory bodies' work to improve dementia diagnosis, care and support and research. It also includes statistics, tables and maps on age-adjusted dementia

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prevalence across the UK, including for each English Parliamentary constituency.

NICE guidance

NICE has published the following guidance:

- [Bladder cancer: diagnosis and management of bladder cancer](#) (NG2) NICE Guideline
Additional link: [NICE press release](#)
 - [Diabetes in pregnancy: management of diabetes and its complications from preconception to the postnatal period](#) (NG3) NICE Guideline
 - [Irritable bowel syndrome in adults: diagnosis and management of irritable bowel syndrome in primary care](#) (CG61) NICE Guidelines
 - [Infliximab, adalimumab and golimumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis after the failure of conventional therapy](#) (including a review of TA140 and TA262) (TA329)
Technology appraisal guidance.
 - [Sofosbuvir for treating chronic hepatitis C](#) (TA330) Technology appraisal guidance
 - [Simeprevir in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin for treating genotypes 1 and 4 chronic hepatitis C](#). (TA331) Technology appraisal guidance
 - [Sipuleucel-T for treating asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic metastatic hormone-relapsed prostate cancer](#). (TA332) Technology appraisal guidance
 - [Axitinib for treating advanced renal cell carcinoma after failure of prior systemic treatment](#). (TA333) Technology appraisal guidance
 - [Regorafenib for metastatic colorectal cancer after treatment for metastatic disease](#) (terminated appraisal) (TA334)
 - [Flexible endoscopic treatment of a pharyngeal pouch](#) (IPG 513) Interventional procedure guidance
 - [The TURis system for transurethral resection of the prostate](#) (MTG 23) Medical technology guidance
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NHS Health Check programme consultation outcome

Public Health England has published [NHS Health Check programme: priorities for research consultation feedback](#). This document summarises the findings from the consultation on NHS Health Check priorities for research. Whilst many respondents agreed with the priorities that were set out, several new themes arose which have now been incorporated into the priorities for research.

Vaccine in pregnancy: advice for pregnant women

Public Health England has published two sets [of guidance for health professionals to share with pregnant women immunised with MMR, chickenpox or shingles vaccines](#). This advice provides information on the safety of each vaccine when given in pregnancy for health professionals to share with pregnant women who have been inadvertently vaccinated.

Bulletins

- [CCG Bulletin: Issue 78](#) - 24 February 2015
 - [Social Care Institute for Excellence ebulletin](#) - 20 February 2015
 - [Vaccine update](#) - Issue 225, February 2015
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Statistics

- [Hospital Episode Statistics: Admitted patient care](#) - 2013-14, Detailed Analysis
- [NHS Maternity Statistics, England](#) - 2013/14, Detailed Analysis
- [NHS health check quarterly statistics](#) - October to December 2014 offers and uptake

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Better Care Fund report

The House of Commons Public Account Committee has published [Thirty-Seventh Report Planning for the Better Care Fund](#). The committee found that the initial planning for the Better Care Fund was flawed. The Department of Health and the Department for Communities and Local Government, and NHS England changed the rules in the middle of the planning phase, after failing to tell planners they needed to identify £1 billion in savings. As a result, all 151 health and wellbeing boards had to submit revised plans. The

committee learned that local areas are now at greater risk of not being able to implement the policy. The committee also highlighted their concern that the new focus on reducing emergency admissions and making savings will significantly increase pressure in adult social care services.

Quality Standard: Inflammatory bowel disease

NICE has published a new quality standard [inflammatory bowel disease \(QS81\)](#). This quality standard covers the diagnosis and management of inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis) in adults, children and young people.

Estimating the NICE cost effectiveness threshold

Research published in the Journal of Health Technology Assessment by the University of York has estimated the effects of changes in NHS expenditure on the health of all NHS patients. [Methods for the estimation of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence cost-effectiveness threshold](#) found that the 'threshold' used by NICE when gauging the cost-effectiveness of new drugs is too high. This means that the approval of new drugs is doing more harm than good to NHS patients overall and the NHS is paying too much for new drugs.

Additional link: [Centre for Health Economics press release](#)

Informed

The 24 February issue of [Informed](#) has been published by NHS England. It includes the following items:

- Clinical Commissioning Groups set to take on the commissioning of GP services
 - £75,000 charitable grant to review mental health needs of military veterans
 - NHS England and Monitor set out new tariff option for providers for 2015/16
 - NHS staff survey 2014 results published
 - Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month 2015
 - Sign up for NHS Change Day 2015
 - NHS leaders and healthcare policy-makers to address first UK eHealth Week
 - Shaping new models of care in community and primary care nursing: Regional events
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Leadership and leadership development in health care

The Kings Fund, Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management and Center for Creative Leadership have published [Leadership and leadership development in health care: the evidence base](#). This document summarises the evidence emerging from a review of the evidence-base around approaches to developing

leadership. The summary describes key messages from the review in relation to leadership at different levels of analysis. It includes a description of the leadership task and the most effective leadership behaviours at individual, team, board and national levels.

Integration of health and Social care

The Social Marketing Foundation has published [A Problem Shared? Essays on the integration of health and social care](#). This report is a collection of essays which discuss how a system can be developed that responds to the needs of a patient in the round – whether in hospital or at home. The collection sets out views on the future role of commissioners, providers, patients and family carers, and sets out alternative perspectives on future funding for the NHS and social care.

Bulletins

- [NHS foundation trust bulletin](#): February 2015
 - [SCIE ebulletin focusing on the Better Care Implementation Support Programme in England](#)
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Statistics

- [Accident and Emergency Attendances in England](#) - 2013/14, Detailed Analysis
- [Hospital Outpatient Activity](#) - 2013/14, Detailed Analysis
- [Diagnostic Imaging Dataset](#) - February 2015

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Jimmy Savile investigations

The Department of Health has published [Themes and lessons learnt from NHS investigations into matters relating to Jimmy Savile](#). The Secretary of State for Health asked the former barrister Kate Lampard to produce a 'lessons learned' report, drawing on the findings from all published investigations and emerging themes. The report makes fourteen recommendations for trusts to improve their policies and practice including access, volunteering, safeguarding, complaints and governance. The report shows that there is a variety of practice across the country. Monitor and the NHS Trust Development Authority will be writing to all Trusts to ask them to review their current practice against the recommendations and to develop an action plan in response. All Trusts will then need to report back on their proposed actions within three months.

Additional links: [DH press release](#)

Safe nursing staffing guidance

NICE has published new guidance [Safe midwifery staffing for maternity settings](#) (NG4). This guideline makes recommendations on safe midwifery staffing requirements for maternity settings. The guideline focuses on the pre-conception, antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care provided by midwives in all maternity settings, including: at home, in the community, in day assessment units, in obstetric units, and in midwifery-led units (both alongside hospitals and free-standing). The guideline identifies organisational and managerial factors that are required to support safe midwifery staffing, and makes recommendations for monitoring and taking action if there are not enough midwives available to meet the midwifery needs of needs of women and babies in the service.

Call for a further expansion of healthy living pharmacies

The Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) has published [Reducing Premature Mortality: the role of community pharmacies](#), one of its four main actions points, is the further expansion of healthy living pharmacies (HLPs). This aim is supported by RSPH research that demonstrates widespread public support for public health programmes and services delivered by community pharmacy teams. Recent research involving over 2,100 adults surveyed across the country has shown that the public are comfortable receiving a wide range of services and advice from their local community pharmacy team. Over three quarters (78%) of those surveyed are comfortable receiving a routine health check including having their blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose level measured in a community pharmacy. The same percentage of people also felt comfortable receiving information on other healthcare services including where they can be accessed. The RSPH is therefore calling on commissioners in local authorities to invest in the expansion of the HLP model to a greater number of pharmacies across the UK.

Allied Health Professionals prescribing plans

Proposals allowing certain health professions to [prescribe or supply and administer medicines](#) for patients have been published by NHS England. The proposals would apply across the United Kingdom, and would enable four groups of registered allied health professions (AHPs) radiographers, paramedics, dietitians and orthoptists to prescribe or supply and administer medicines, giving patients responsive access to treatment. For many patients an AHP is their lead clinician, yet they often do not have access to the appropriate prescribing or supply and administration of medicines mechanisms. This means the patient may have to make an additional appointment with their GP or doctor to get the medicines they need.

£10m investment in drug and alcohol recovery services

Public Health England (PHE) has announced the successful applicants for [ten million of capital funding for services that are helping people in England with drug or alcohol problems](#) to recover from their addiction. Over 50 projects across England, in partnership with local authorities, will receive grants from PHE. Out of the designated £10m capital funding, PHE has awarded a substantial proportion to projects that provide tailored education, training, skills and employment support to people in recovery, and to projects that provide safe and secure accommodation from which it's possible to recover.

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New national maternity survey

The National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit at Oxford University has published [Safely delivered: A national survey of women's experiences of maternity care 2014](#). The findings show that, compared with earlier surveys in 2006 and 2010, women are realising they are pregnant and seeing a health professional earlier, with 96% seeking care by 12 weeks. Other results show that postnatal hospital stays are continuing to get shorter and the number of postnatal visits is declining. Overall satisfaction with care remains high although, as in earlier surveys, satisfaction with postnatal care is lower than that for antenatal care or care in labour and delivery.

NHS consultations

- [Bipolar disorder in adults: quality standard consultation](#). Closing date for comment 27 March 2015
 - [Dyspepsia: quality standard consultation](#). Closing date for comment 27 March 2015
 - [Cataracts: scope consultation](#). Closing date for comment 25 March 2015
 - [Organ rejection \(liver transplantation, prevention\) everolimus: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comment 18 March 2015
 - [CG107 Hypertension in pregnancy: surveillance review proposal](#). Closing date for comment 9 March 2015
 - [Venous Thromboembolism Reducing the risk](#): addendum consultation. Closing date for comment 24 March 2015
 - [Cyanoacrylate embolisation of refluxing great saphenous veins for varicose veins](#): consultation. Closing date for comment 19 March 2015
 - [Living-donor liver transplantation: consultation](#). Closing date for comment 19 March 2015
 - [Macular oedema \(diabetic\) - aflibercept \[ID717\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comment 12 March 2015
 - [Macular oedema \(diabetic\) - dexamethasone intravitreal implant \[ID653\]: appraisal consultation](#). Closing date for comment 12 March 2015
 - [Transcutaneous cranial electrical stimulation for insomnia, depression or anxiety: consultation](#). Closing date for comment 19 March
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Statistics

- [Female Genital Mutilation](#) - January 2015, Experimental Statistics
- [Provisional Accident and Emergency Quality Indicators for England](#) - November 2014, by provider

- [Provisional Monthly Hospital Episode Statistics for Admitted Patient Care, Outpatient and Accident and Emergency data](#) - April 2014 - November 2014
- [Delayed Transfers of Care](#) - monthly situation reports, January 2015
- [NHS inpatient elective admission events and outpatient referrals and attendances](#) - Q3 2014-15

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