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Hearing Loss

NHS England and Department of Health has published a new [Action plan on hearing loss](#) to support services for deaf people and those with diminishing hearing. The plan has been developed with a number of organisations including Public Health England, hearing loss charities and those whose hearing is directly affected. Aimed at commissioners, Clinical Commissioning Groups, GPs and healthcare providers, the report identifies multiple health and social issues associated with hearing loss. It recommends ways that services for children, young people, working age and older adults living with hearing loss can be improved.

Services for women and girls with female genital mutilation

The Department of Health has published [Commissioning services to support women and girls with female genital mutilation](#). It sets out what some elements of a successful and safe service to support women and girls with female genital mutilation might look like. It has been developed in partnership with healthcare professionals currently involved in providing healthcare services, and it aims to highlight what commissioners might want to consider when developing a new service. It can be used by any healthcare commissioners, by Clinical Commissioning Groups, area teams and service development leads.

NHS England Business Plan 2015/16

NHS England has published its [business plan for 2015/16](#), summarising the headline goals and priorities for the year ahead. The plan sets out ten priorities to improve quality and access to services for patients, drive better value for money and to build the foundations for the future health and care system. The plan describes how the increased financial settlement For 2015/16, along with further reallocated resources from NHS England, has resulted in a total of £1.98 billion for frontline services, helping to kick start the investment needed to create new care models and further invest in primary care.

Care Quality Commission withdraws GP monitoring system

A [banding system for GP practices](#) has been withdrawn after the BMA raised concerns about 'damaging' judgements related to care. The Care Quality Commission has also apologised to GPs for the use of language in the GP intelligent monitoring bandings, which implied a risk to patients. It said it was pulling the six band system for intelligent monitoring after the BMA and Royal College of GPs expressed concerns about the bandings.

Quick guides

The Health Foundation has published two new quick guides. The details are as follows:

- [Evaluation: what to consider](#).
This guide aims to answer some of the most commonly asked questions about how those new to the topic might approach evaluation of quality improvement in healthcare.
 - [Using communications approaches to spread improvement](#).
This guide introduces key concepts about spreading ideas, and the role communications approaches can play. It suggests practical actions you can take to effectively communicate and spread improvement work.
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NHS and sustainability

The National Audit Office has published [NHS and sustainability](#). The document has been prepared for the Environmental Audit Committee. It focuses on identifying potential good practice, opportunities and challenges and draws on the National Audit Office's good practice criteria. The briefing covers four aspects of sustainability within an organisation: policy and policy making; governance; operations and procurement.

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- [NHS Communications Bulletin](#): 25 March 2015
- [Update for primary care](#) March 2015

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Parents experiences of neonatal care

The Picker Institute Europe in collaboration with the charity Bliss and NHS England has published [Parents' experiences of neonatal care: Findings from Neonatal Survey 2014](#). The survey reveals that while parents are having high quality experiences for many aspects of neonatal care, communication is varied. The survey involved 88 hospital neonatal units from 72 NHS trusts in England including special care baby units, local neonatal units and neonatal intensive care units. The survey reveals a high level of parent trust and confidence in the care teams caring for their babies, with 87% of respondents stating that they "always or nearly always" had confidence and trust in the staff caring for their baby. In terms of areas for improvement, apart from communication issues, information provision was found to be lacking, specifically about parental support groups such as Bliss, with 30% of parents responding that they did not receive any information. A fifth of parents also said they "often" got conflicting information about their baby's condition and care.

NICE Bites: gastro-oesophageal reflux disease

The March 2015 NICE Bites bulletin from the North West Medicines Information Service covers [gastro-oesophageal reflux disease](#). 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 NG1 GORD: children and young people. This guideline covers the recognition, diagnosis and management of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease in infants, children and young people.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2015

The Mental Health Foundation has published a resource pack as part of [Mental Health Awareness Week 11-17 May 2015](#). The free promotional pack contains posters, information leaflets, balloons and other materials aimed at raise awareness on the chosen theme of mindfulness. It also provides ideas and inspiration for those holding events, and information on how to spread the campaign messages.

Planning blood pressure services and initiatives

The Department of Health has added two new documents to the suite of documents previously published in November 2014 in relation to the [High blood pressure: plan and deliver effective services and treatment](#). The details of these documents are as follows:

- [Global Standardized Hypertension Treatment Project Toolkit](#) This toolkit gives healthcare providers the tools needed to improve blood pressure control among their clinic population, including information on how to create registries to manage panels of patients and track indicators, as well as how to use standardised hypertension treatment protocols to improve the treatment and control of hypertension in clinical settings.
 - ['Train the Trainer'](#) program developed by The World Hypertension League provides resources to run the training sessions for the development of blood pressure screening programmes.
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Methodological summaries

The National Audit Office (NAO) has published details of two insight papers. These papers summarises the methodological approaches taken by the NAO in carrying out innovative or novel analysis. Such analysis is conducted under statutory authority to examine and report to Parliament on the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which government departments and other bodies have used their resources. Details of the two papers are as follows:

- [Modelling of maternity services in England](#)
 - [Mapping between different commissioners of healthcare](#)
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Competition and privatisation in the NHS

The Health Foundation has published [Evolution, revolution or confusion? Competition and privatisation in the NHS](#). This briefing considers seven key questions relating to the role of competition and the role of non-NHS providers within the NHS.

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- [Social Care Institute for Excellence ebulletin](#)

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Drug and alcohol services

The Local Government Association has published [Local Solutions, Healthy Lives: council's role in drug and alcohol services](#). This document describes how public health in a number of councils has started to use the opportunities of a local government setting to improve health and wellbeing. It includes case studies showing a range of ways in which public health in councils is approaching drug and alcohol services. They include councils spread across England, covering both rural and urban environments and with varying levels of deprivation and affluence.

Governance challenges

NHS Providers and NHS Confederation have published [Form follows function: Governance challenges for providers in light of the Dalton review](#). This report explores the governance implications of the different organisational forms proposed in Sir David Dalton's review of organisational forms, published in December 2014.

Productivity of the English NHS

The University of York Centre for Health Economics has published [Productivity of the English NHS: 2012/13 update, Research Paper 110](#). Productivity is one of the key measures against which NHS achievements can be judged and is the focus of this report. This report updates the previous analyses of NHS productivity growth since 2004/05, focussing on the change in NHS productivity between 2011/12 and 2012/13, the latter financial year being the latest for which data have been made available.

National Pulmonary Hypertension Audit

The Health and Social Care Information Centre has published [National Pulmonary Hypertension Audit – 2014](#). This report of the fifth year of the audit includes new analysis on diagnosis and therapy, analysis by specialised centre, a comparison of operated and not operated chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, an analysis of distance from a specialised centre as an influence on referral patterns, and new analyses concerning time to failure of drug therapies. The data presented in this report is for the year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 and covers all patients seen at the designated centres. This audit includes England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, Gibraltar and the Isle of Man.

NICE Local Practice Collection: shared learning case studies

NICE has added the following case studies to its Local Practice Collection. The collection includes shared learning examples showing how NICE guidance and standards have been put into practice.

- [Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Adult Fluid Prescription Chart 2014](#)
- [Medicines Optimisation Peer Review Programme - engaging GP practices to deliver medicines optimisation and implement NICE guidance](#)
- [The effectiveness of anonymised information sharing and use in health service, police, and local government partnership for preventing violence related injury](#)
- [NICER Guidance: fostering an organisational culture of evidence-based decision making](#)
- [To determine compliance of monitoring side effects of medication in the treatment of ADHD in children and young people as recommended by NICE CG72](#)
- [Management of Urinary Incontinence in females: Are we really NICE?](#)

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- [Escherichia coli \(E. coli\) bacteraemia: monthly data by attributed clinical commissioning group](#) – February 2014 - February 2015 data
- [MSSA bacteraemia: monthly data by attributed clinical commissioning group](#) - February 2014 - February 2015 data
- [Escherichia coli \(E. coli\) bacteraemia: monthly data by NHS acute trust](#) - February 2014 - February 2015 data
- [Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection](#) – January 2015

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Primary care co-commissioning: GP survey results

The Nuffield Trust and the King's Fund have published a slidepack presenting the key findings from a survey of GPs in six clinical commissioning groups. [Primary care co-commissioning: a survey of members' views of their CCG and its role in primary care](#) sets out the findings from surveys undertaken in 2013, 2014 and 2015, which are part of a three year project looking to understand how CCGs are developing.

Additional link: [King's Fund press release](#)

30 years of cancer intelligence

The National Cancer Intelligence Network has published [30+ years of cancer intelligence – challenges of technologies of the time](#). This presentation provides an overview of the history of cancer intelligence since 1983.

How is the new NHS structured?

The King's Fund has updated its series of [organograms explaining how the NHS is now structured](#), including how providers are regulated, who can influence the commissioning of services and how the money flows.

Revised Code for nurses and midwives

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) has published a [revised Code for all UK registered nurses and midwives](#). The Code which came into effect on 1 April 2015, has been updated to reflect changes in contemporary professional nursing and midwifery practice and to reflect the public expectations of care. The NMC has published a number of additional resources to support the revised Code.

World Health Organisation factsheets

The World Health Organisation has updated the following factsheets during March 2015:

- [Lassa fever](#)
 - [Dementia](#)
 - [Tuberculosis](#)
 - [Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) and cervical cancer](#)
 - [Deafness and hearing loss](#)
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- [MRSA bacteraemia: monthly data by attributed clinical commissioning group](#) – February 2014 – February 2015
- [MRSA bacteraemia: monthly data by post infection review assignment](#) - February 2014 – February 2015
- [MSSA bacteraemia: monthly data by NHS acute trust](#) – February 2014 – February 2015

- [Clostridium difficile infection: monthly data by attributed clinical commissioning group](#) – February 2014 – February 2015
- [Clostridium difficile infection: monthly data by NHS acute trust](#) - February 2014 – February 2015

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- [NHS Workforce Bulletin](#) – 30 March 2015
- [NHS Managers' Bulletin](#) – 19 March 2015

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