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New anaemia leaflet

A new patient information leaflet on anaemia has been produced by NHS Blood and Transplant. The eight-page booklet, [What is anaemia?](#) explains who is most at risk of developing the condition, and explains that pregnant women are at a higher risk because the fetus takes essential iron from its mother for its own development. The booklet outlines the symptoms and explains the different types of anaemia, such as the underproduction of red cells, a problem in the bone marrow and excessive bleeding. The leaflet also explains what tests may be run to ascertain whether or not a person is anaemic and the treatments available.

Monitor's business plan for 2015/16

Monitor has published its business plan for 2015/16 which focuses on its role in helping the NHS address its two main priorities – short-term operational improvement and longer-term sustainability. [Monitor's business plan for 2015/16](#) explains what it plans to do over the next 12 months to make the health sector work better for patients. Recognising that Monitor's own role may be affected by the policies of an incoming government to be elected early in the first quarter of the plan year, the plan focuses in particular on the actions to be taken during this first quarter.

Digital revolution

A partnership of patients and health professionals has launched a new awards scheme to unearth the [digital technologies improving people's health and wellbeing across the UK](#). Sponsored by the NHS Confederation and four leading digital technology organisations, the unAwards aims to find, develop and disseminate the best innovations making acute and chronic health problems easier to live with.

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Using survey data to inform health and wellbeing strategy

NHS Employers has published a [case study](#) detailing how a staff survey by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust was used to inform a health and wellbeing strategy for staff. The survey results revealed that the trust had low scores in relation to staff wellbeing, work-related stress being a key issue. The trust wanted to put together a new employee health and wellbeing strategy, focusing on improving staff physical and mental wellbeing through a collective effort with other departments including Human Resources, occupational health, nursing directorates, communications and the unions. This strategy would inform the health and wellbeing programme, which included a range of accessible and affordable ways for staff to lead a healthier lifestyle but also achieve a better work life balance.

Mental Health 5 Year Forward View

Mind and Rethink Mental Illness have launched the [Mental Health 5 Year Forward View Survey](#). This survey, open to all, will be using the responses to help shape the work of NHS England's Mental Health Taskforce. The survey aims to find out individual's perspectives on what changes could be made to address inequalities, be that age, ethnicity or location, within service delivery and access. It also asks what different areas within the NHS, for example quality and standards or the attitudes of NHS mental health staff, need to be focussed on to help improve experiences for mental health service users.

Kate Granger Awards 2015

NHS Employers is reminding all NHS professionals that the closing date for this year's [Kate Granger Compassionate Care Awards](#) 2015 29 May 2015. The awards celebrate people making a positive difference to patient care, which could be an individual, team or organisation that is delivering outstanding care. There are two categories of awards; the first is for an individual working in the NHS or delivering NHS-funded services. The second is for teams or organisations who are parts of the NHS or who deliver NHS-funded services. These services can be delivered in hospitals, or in a primary care, community or residential setting.

Performance data in healthcare

Dr Foster has published [Uses and abuses of performance data in healthcare](#). The report explores the current ways in which performance data is utilised and the potentially adverse consequences of these approaches as well as considering the key aspects of performance measurement and offering some recommendations to improve the situation in future. The report discusses the five elements that would comprise “legitimate performance management”, which were developed by an expert reference group. It points to relevant policies for each and considers the challenges that have been faced around implementation. In conclusion the document offers five recommendations, which the authors feel “would go a long way to reducing abuse of performance data and significantly improving the gain that could be achieved through their use.

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Local tobacco control profiles for England update

Public Health England has also updated the [Local Tobacco Control Profiles for England](#). This update contains: data on lung and oral cancer registrations 2010-2012; cost per capita of smoking attributable hospital admissions data 2011/12; new scatterplot functionality to allow comparison of data for two indicators, including trend lines; and the ability to link to specific indicators and/or local authorities.

Antimicrobial resistance report

The World Health Organisation has published [Worldwide country situation analysis: response to antimicrobial resistance](#). This report presents findings from a survey of governments’ own assessments of their response to resistance to antimicrobial medicines. It summarises current practices and structures aimed at addressing the issue, and shows there are significant areas for improvement.

Additional link: [WHO press release](#)

World Health Organisation factsheets

The World Health Organisation updated the following factsheets during April 2015:

- [Antimicrobial resistance](#)
 - [Immunisation coverage](#)
 - [Congenital anomalies](#)
 - [Ebola virus disease](#)
 - [Malaria](#)
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Health Profiles update

Public Health England has made a quarterly update to its [Health Profiles](#). This update contains recent data for the following nine indicators: long term unemployment; under 18 conceptions; hospital stays for self-harm; hip fractures in people aged 65 and over; infant mortality; GCSE achieved (5A*-C inc. English & Maths); incidence of malignant melanoma; prevalence of opiate and/or crack use; and Incidence of TB.

Statistics

- [Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection](#) – February 2015
 - [NHS Safety Thermometer Report](#) - April 2014 to April 2015
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Toolkit on mapping responses to child maltreatment

The World Health Organisation has published [Toolkit on mapping legal, health and social services responses to child maltreatment](#). The toolkit aims to provide researchers with guidance for improving the quality of studies that use administrative data to better ascertain child maltreatment incidence, response and service delivery. The toolkit contains tips, recommended practices and resources for academics and decision-makers in child protection who are interested in conducting national or regional surveillance of agency response to child maltreatment and child maltreatment incidence through the collection of administrative data.

Help for doctors facing fitness-to-practise hearings

The British Medical Association has announced that it is recruiting '[doctor supporters](#)' to help doctors facing fitness-to-practise proceedings. The supporters will work for the BMA Doctors for Doctors unit Doctor Support Service. The service has been commissioned by the General Medical Council to provide independent, confidential and free support to all doctors.

Using apps in clinical practice

The Royal College of Physicians has published [Using apps in clinical practice](#), this guidance aims to provide clinicians and medical app developers with important information about the use of apps in clinical practice.

NICE consultations

- [Macular degeneration: scope consultation](#). Closing date for comment 8 June 2015
- [Short-term interventions for regaining independence: scope consultation](#). Closing date for comment 5 June 2015
- [Stroke \(quality standards update\): topic engagement](#). Closing date for comment 20 May 2015

Statistics

- [HES-DID Data Linkage Report - Provisional Summary Statistics](#), April 2014 to December 2014 (Experimental Statistics)
- [Mental Health Community Teams Activity](#), quarter ending March 2015
- [Dental Commissioning Statistics](#), England – 31 March 2015

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