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Toolkit to reduce poor experience of in-patient care

NHS England has published [a toolkit to support NHS commissioners to reduce poor experience of in-patient care](#). The toolkit has been developed to support NHS commissioners to work collaboratively with patients, carers and NHS provider organisations to reduce poor experience of in-patient care. It has been co-designed with the help of a number of Clinical Commissioning. It addresses key aspects of support identified by commissioners to assist improvement work and is intended to be updated annually.

Breast cancer incidence and mortality data

The National Cancer Intelligence Network has published [The third all breast cancer report: back to basics: breast cancer incidence and mortality](#). This report provides data to answer two questions: Each year, how many women are diagnosed with breast cancer for the first time?; and What do women diagnosed with breast cancer die from?

Please note the link above will take you direct to a pdf version

Evidence Update

NICE has published a new evidence update [Promoting physical activity for children and young people](#) (Evidence update 77). It provides a summary of selected new evidence relevant to NICE public health guidance 17 'Promoting physical activity for children and young people' (2009).

To access this document, follow the link above and scroll down to the 'public health' section. The update is at the top of the list in this section.

NICE guidance – Medical technologies: VibraTip

NICE has published new medical technology guidance [VibraTip for testing vibration perception to detect diabetic peripheral neuropathy \(MTG22\)](#). This guidance addresses specific technologies notified to NICE by manufacturers. The 'case for adoption' recommendations are based on the claimed advantages of introducing the specific technology compared with current management of the condition. This 'case' is reviewed against the evidence submitted and expert advice. The medical technology guidance on VibraTip recommends further research. This recommendation is not intended to preclude the use of the technology in the NHS but to identify further evidence which, after evaluation, could support a recommendation for wider adoption. NICE says that more research is needed before VibraTip can be used more widely in the NHS.

NICE consultation

- [Winter deaths – preventing excess winter deaths: topic engagement exercise](#). Closing date for comments: 17 April 2015.

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Hospital finances and productivity

The Health Foundation has published [Hospital finances and productivity: in a critical condition?](#) This report examines the financial performance of NHS providers, focusing on hospitals. It identifies areas of cost pressure using their financial accounts up to 2013/14 and quarterly reporting data up to December 2014 (Q3 2014/15). It also examines trends in efficiency and productivity from 2009/10 to 2013/14.

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

Avian influenza risk assessment

Public Health England has published [Risk assessment of avian influenza A\(H5N1\) – first update](#). This update reports on the risk to UK residents travelling to Egypt and other affected areas. It includes: background information; risk assessment; advice for travellers; and advice for clinicians and health professionals. The risk to UK residents travelling to Egypt and other affected areas is very low.

Skin cancer data: older adults

Cancer Research UK has released new [skin cancer data](#) indicating that people over 65 are around seven times more likely to develop malignant melanoma compared to 40 years ago. Older men in Great Britain are around 10 times more likely to be diagnosed with skin cancer than their parents' generation while older women are around five times more likely to develop this disease. The figures show that, on average, around 5,700 pensioners are now diagnosed with melanoma each year compared with just 600 in the mid 1970s.

Additional link: [BBC News report](#)

Equity in the provision of palliative care

The London School of Economics and Political Science has published [Equity in the Provision of Palliative Care in the UK: Review of Evidence](#). The study was commissioned by Marie Curie and provides a summary of available academic and statistical evidence on inequities in palliative care for adults across the UK. In particular, it aimed to identify and explore systematic differences in access or outcomes, between geographical areas, settings or different groups of service-users, and to do this, as far as possible, in the context of people's different needs and preferences. The report discusses the economic case for extending the reach of palliative care to those currently under-served, looking at the evidence on cost effectiveness and the costs of extending palliative care to those who would benefit from it but are not currently receiving it.

Informed

The 7 April issue of [Informed](#) has been published by NHS England. It includes the following items:

- New toolkit launched to help reduce poor in-patient care
 - NHS England publishes revised Never Events Policy and Serious Incident frameworks
 - Updated guidance for NHS Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme
 - World Health Day 2015
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- [Chief Scientific Officer bulletin](#) - March 2015
 - [CCG Bulletin](#) - Issue 81
 - [NHS Managers Bulletin](#) - 2 April 2015
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- [Diagnostics waiting time and activity data](#), February 2015
- [MRSA, MSSA and E. coli bacteraemia and Clostridium difficile infection](#): 6-monthly data for independent sector healthcare organisations

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Cost of binge drinking

The University of Bath Institute for Policy Research has published [The cost of binge drinking in the UK](#). This study focuses on the estimates of the additional cost to the economy generated by binge drinking by examining its effects on accident and emergency admissions, road accidents, arrests and the number of police officers on duty. This estimate is then used to assess the likely effectiveness of policies designed to discourage binge drinking and mitigate its effects and costs. The three potential policy interventions considered are minimum unit pricing, alcohol excise taxes and a higher minimum legal drinking age (MLDA).

Alcohol return on investment tool

As part of its savings and productivity collection, NICE has published [Alcohol return on investment tool](#). The tool has been developed to help decision making on interventions and strategies to prevent and reduce alcohol use at local and sub-national levels. The tool enables the user to evaluate a portfolio of interventions in their geographical area and models the economic returns that can be expected in different payback timescales. The different interventions included in the tool can be mixed and matched to see which intervention portfolio or package provides the best 'value for money', compared with 'no package of interventions' or any other specified package.

Hepatitis C awareness

A new [film to raise awareness and increase knowledge of hepatitis C](#) among GPs and other primary care practitioners has been launched by the Royal College of GPs, the Hepatitis C Trust and HCV Action. The open-access film aims to increase healthcare professionals' knowledge about the virus, build their Confidence in diagnosing and supporting patients and inform them of the new and highly effective treatments available in primary care. The film [Detecting and Managing Hepatitis C in Primary Care](#) is available to view for free on the HCV Action website.

Parity of esteem scheme for patients with serious mental illness

NHS England has published a news item reporting on an innovative scheme in Bradford helping to lead the [parity of esteem agenda](#). The new system is being used across Bradford and Airedale in 80 GP surgeries with 5,000 patients with serious mental illness; across five new clinics; and within hospitals with 200 plus beds in order to help improve the physical health of patients. The template system, produced in bespoke versions for primary and secondary care IT, makes sure patients get key physical checks they are entitled to such as blood pressure pulse and respiration, height weight and body mass index and blood tests.

Statistics

- [Patient reported outcome measures \(PROMS\) in England, provisional](#) - April 2013 to March 2014: April 2015 release
- [Patient reported outcome measures \(PROMS\) in England, provisional](#) - April 2014 to November 2014
- [Referral to Treatment waiting times statistics](#), February 2015

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NHS dental charges

The Department of Health has published updated leaflets and posters with information on [NHS dental services and new charges from 1 April 2015](#). The leaflet NHS dental services in England, explains how services in England work, and includes how to find an NHS dentist, what treatments to expect and how much each type of treatment will cost. The poster NHS dental charge from 1 April 2015 shows the scale of charges depending on the type of treatment needed.

Personal budgets in mental health

The NHS Confederation has published [Personal budgets in mental health: Key points on implementation](#). From April 2015, clinical commissioning groups will lead a major expansion of personal health budgets, offering them to people with long-term conditions who could benefit. This briefing is aimed at leaders and senior managers involved in providing and commissioning mental health services, whether new to personal budgets or looking for up-to-date information. It provides information about how personal budgets are already working in mental health. It also suggests groups who might benefit from having a personal budget, and signposts information on implementation.

Physical activity return on investment tool

As part of its savings and productivity collection, NICE has published [Physical activity return on investment tool](#). The tool has been developed to help decision making in physical activity programme planning at local and sub-national levels. The tool enables the user to evaluate a portfolio of interventions in their geographical area (e.g. region, county or local authority) and models the economic returns that can be expected in different payback timescales. The different interventions included in the tool can be mixed and matched to see which intervention portfolio or package provides the best 'value for money', compared with 'no package of interventions' or any other specified package.

Eyes on Evidence

The April 2015 issue of [Eyes on Evidence](#) has been published and includes the following items:

- Social integration and risk of suicide in men
- Surgical versus non-surgical treatment for fracture of the heel
- Improving cardiovascular disease through networks of general practices
- Antibiotics in fetal and early life and subsequent childhood asthma
- Detecting atrial fibrillation in people who have had a stroke
- Case studies from the Quality and Productivity collection
- Evidence Updates: NICE has recently published an Evidence Update on:

Fertility; Psychosis and schizophrenia in children and young people; Occupational therapy and physical activity interventions to promote the mental wellbeing of older people in primary care and residential care; Promoting physical activity for children and young people.

NICE consultations

- [Diabetes in pregnancy: topic engagement](#). Closing date for comment 22 April 2015
- [Pneumonia: topic engagement](#). Closing date for comment 22 April 2015

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- [NHS 111 Statistics – February 2015](#)
- [Hospital Activity Data, February 2015](#)

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