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NICE GUIDELINES

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder: diagnosis and management NG87

This guideline covers recognising, diagnosing and managing attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children, young people and adults.

This guideline includes new and updated recommendations on:

- recognition
- information and support
- managing ADHD
- medication, including monitoring and review
- adherence to treatment

It also includes recommendations on:

- service organisation and training
- identification and referral
- diagnosis
- dietary advice

Heavy menstrual bleeding: assessment and management NG88

This guideline covers assessing and managing heavy menstrual bleeding (menorrhagia). It aims to help healthcare professionals investigate the cause of heavy periods that are affecting a woman’s quality of life and to offer the right treatments, taking into account the woman’s priorities and preferences.

This guideline includes recommendations on:

- history, physical examination and tests
- investigating causes
- information for women
- management

Venous thromboembolism in over 16s: reducing the risk of hospital-acquired deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism NG89

This guideline covers assessing and reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE or blood clots) and deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in people aged 16 and over in hospital. It aims to help healthcare professionals identify people most at risk and describes interventions that can be used to reduce the risk of VTE.

This guideline includes recommendations on:

- assessing the risks of VTE and bleeding
- giving information and planning for discharge
- prophylaxis for all patients, medical patients and surgical and trauma patients
- prophylaxis for pregnant women and women who recently gave birth, had a miscarriage or had a termination of pregnancy

Otitis media (acute): antimicrobial prescribing NG91

This guideline sets out an antimicrobial prescribing strategy for acute otitis media (ear infection). It aims to limit antibiotic use and reduce antimicrobial resistance. Acute otitis media can be caused by viruses or bacteria. It lasts for about a week, and most children get better in 3 days without antibiotics. Serious complications are rare.
Stop smoking interventions and services [NG92]
This guideline covers stop smoking interventions and services delivered in primary care and community settings for everyone over the age of 12. It aims to ensure that everyone who smokes is advised and encouraged to stop and given the support they need. It emphasises the importance of targeting vulnerable groups who find smoking cessation hard or who smoke a lot.

This guideline includes recommendations on:

- commissioning and providing stop smoking interventions and services
- monitoring stop smoking services
- evidence-based stop smoking interventions
- engaging with people who smoke
- advice on e-cigarettes
- people who want to quit
- people who are not ready to quit
- telephone quitlines
- education and training
- campaigns to promote awareness of local stop smoking services
- closed institutions
- employers

This guideline updates and replaces NICE guidelines PH1 (March 2006) and PH10 (February 2008).

Learning disabilities and behaviour that challenges: service design and delivery [NG93]
This guideline covers services for children, young people and adults with a learning disability (or autism and a learning disability) and behaviour that challenges. It aims to promote a lifelong approach to supporting people and their families and carers, focusing on prevention and early intervention and minimising inpatient admissions.

This guideline should be read alongside the NICE guideline on challenging behaviour and learning disabilities: prevention and interventions.

Emergency and acute medical care in over 16s: service delivery and organisation [NG94]
This guideline covers organising and delivering emergency and acute medical care for people aged over 16 in the community and in hospital. It aims to reduce the need for hospital admissions by giving advanced training to paramedics and providing community alternatives to hospital care. It also promotes good-quality care in hospital and joint working between health and social services.

The guideline includes recommendations on:

- first points of contact with emergency and acute care services
- alternatives to hospital care
- services within hospitals
- ward rounds, transfers and discharges
- monitoring and managing hospital bed capacity

Physical activity and the environment [NG90]
This guideline covers how to improve the physical environment to encourage and support physical activity. The aim is to increase the general population’s physical activity levels. The recommendations in this guideline should be read alongside NICE's guideline on physical activity: walking and cycling.
QUALITY STANDARDS

Quality standards set out the priority areas for quality improvement in health and social care. They cover areas where there is variation in care. Each standard gives you:

- a set of statements to help you improve quality
- information on how to measure progress.

**Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [QS39 UPDATED MARCH 2018]**

This quality standard covers diagnosing and managing attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in adults, young people and children (aged 3 and over). It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. In March 2018, this quality standard was updated to reflect changes to the updated NICE guideline on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Statement 5 was removed and changes were made to the data sources, definitions and source guidance sections throughout.

**Heavy menstrual bleeding  [QS47 UPDATED MARCH 2018]**

This quality standard covers assessing and managing heavy menstrual bleeding (also called menorrhagia or heavy periods). It includes assessment, diagnosis, and drug and surgical treatment options, including treatments for uterine fibroids associated with heavy menstrual bleeding. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. In March 2018, this quality standard was updated to reflect changes to the updated NICE guideline on heavy menstrual bleeding. Statement 3 was removed, statements 2 and 4 were amended, and statements 5 and 6 were updated and combined.

**Venous thromboembolism in adults: reducing the risk in hospital [QS3 UPDATED MARCH 2018]**

This quality standard covers reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in adults who are in hospital. VTE includes deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism. It covers people admitted as inpatients and those admitted to a hospital bed as day-case patients, including women who are pregnant and women after childbirth. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. In March 2018, this quality standard was updated to reflect changes to the updated NICE guideline on venous thromboembolism in over 16s. Statement 1 on VTE and bleeding assessment, statement 2 on information about VTE prevention and statement 4 on reassessment have been updated.

**Trauma [QS166]**

This quality standard covers assessing and managing trauma (complex fractures, non-complex fractures, major trauma and spinal injury) in adults, young people and children. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. It does not cover hip fracture or head injury, which are covered in the quality standards on hip fracture in adults and head injury.

**Drug misuse prevention [QS165]**

This quality standard covers the prevention or delay of harmful use of drugs by children, young people and adults most likely to start using drugs, or already experimenting or using drugs occasionally. This includes illegal psychoactive substances, solvents, volatile substances, image- and performance-enhancing drugs, prescription-only medicines and over-the-counter medicines. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. It does not cover people who are already dependent on drugs, people who use drugs regularly and excessively, or people who are part of ongoing drug treatment and recovery. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. It does not cover broader activities, both population-level and targeted, that aim to build people’s skills, resilience and ability to make positive decisions about their health and which address the wider determinants of health. For more information, see the NICE guidance on lifestyle and wellbeing.
INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES GUIDANCE

- Mosaicplasty for symptomatic articular cartilage defects of the knee
- Laparoscopic mesh pectopexy for apical prolapse of the uterus or vagina

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES GUIDANCE

- Thopaz+ portable digital system for managing chest drains

TECHNOLOGY APPRAISALS

These assess the clinical and cost effectiveness of health technologies - such as new pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products - but also include procedures, devices and diagnostic agents. This ensures that all NHS patients have equitable access to the most clinically and cost-effective treatments that are available.

Regulations require clinical commissioning groups, NHS England and local authorities to comply with recommendations in a technology appraisal within 3 months of its date of publication.

This months appraisals:

- Autologous chondrocyte implantation using chondrosphere for treating symptomatic articular cartilage defects of the knee
- Brodalumab for treating moderate to severe plaque psoriasis
- Daratumumab monotherapy for treating relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma
- Obinutuzumab for untreated advanced follicular lymphoma
- Pertuzumab with trastuzumab and docetaxel for treating HER2-positive breast cancer
- Regorafenib for previously treated advanced hepatocellular carcinoma
- Tivozanib for treating advanced renal cell carcinoma
- Cabozantinib for treating medullary thyroid cancer
- Eribulin for treating locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer after 1 chemotherapy regimen

KEY THERAPEUTIC TOPICS

Quality-assured summaries of the evidence base on topics identified to support medicines optimisation.

- Chemotherapy dose standardisation (NEW)
- Asthma: medicines safety priorities
- Hypnotics
- Antipsychotics in people with dementia
- Antimicrobial stewardship: prescribing antibiotics
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus: medicines optimisation priorities
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- Wound care products
- Biosimilar medicines
- Anticoagulants, including non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants (NOACs)
- Acute kidney injury (AKI): use of medicines in people with or at increased risk of AKI
- Multimorbidity and polypharmacy
- Psychotropic medicines in people with learning disabilities whose behaviour challenges
- Safer insulin prescribing
- Medicines optimisation in long-term pain
ROYAL COLLEGES & PROFESSIONAL BODIES

The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine and the Royal College of Emergency Medicine

Critical Capacity: A short research survey on critical care bed capacity. The survey demonstrated that large numbers of units across the UK are either current experiencing or moving towards a capacity crisis. Only a minority of units were not having to make difficult decisions to ensure that patients were able to receive the care they required.

The key messages are:

- 3/5 of units do not have a full critical care nursing complement.
- Of those affected, the vast majority considered that bed capacity was inevitably impacted leading to cancelled operations. Quality of care and even patient safety might be impacted. 2/5 of units have to close beds due to staffing shortages on at least a weekly basis. Only 14% of units did not have to close beds.
- 4/5 of units had to transfer patients due to lack of beds. With 21% units doing this at least monthly.
- The bed fill rate for Northern Ireland and Wales was estimated to be at least 95%. Scotland was 84%. NHS England data put the critical care bed capacity rate at 87%, but a number of units responded to express doubt that the rate entered for their Trusts was a true reflection of their real capacity.

Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

Interim guidance on reflective practice

The college is undergoing a revision of its reflective practice guidance. As the production of this is to take some time, the objective of this paper is to set out the 10 key principles of reflective practice, in advance, for doctors in training to use.

General Pharmaceutical Council

GPhC launches consultation on pharmacist independent prescribers

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) is consulting until 6 June 2018 on standards for the initial education and training of pharmacist independent prescribers.

The BMA

Fatigue and facilities charter Working Hours [Updated March 2018]

The BMA model Fatigue and Facilities Charter can be used to support an awareness campaign on good sleep practices.

Royal College of Emergency Medicine

Mental Health in Emergency Departments TOOLKIT revised March 2018

British Thoracic Society

BTS Guideline for Bronchiectasis in adults - public consultation

The draft BTS Guideline for Bronchiectasis in adults is now available for public consultation. This document has been prepared by a Guideline Group under the auspices of the BTS Standards of Care Committee (SOCC) in line with the Society’s policy for Guideline production which is available here. Comments should be returned on the form provided by no later than 5pm Monday 16 April. Please download here.
Exacerbation risk and characterisation of the UK’s asthma population from infants to old age

This population-based cohort study, from April 2007 to September 2015, used linked primary and secondary care electronic healthcare records. Characteristics of four age cohorts, ‘Under 5s’, ‘5 to 17s’, ‘18 to 54s’, ‘55+’, were described. Exacerbation risk factors, including asthma severity (measured by the British Thoracic Society (BTS) stepwise approach), were assessed using Poisson regression.

Geographical variations in the use of cancer treatments are associated with survival of lung cancer patients

Lung cancer outcomes in England are inferior to comparable countries. Patient or disease characteristics, healthcare-seeking behaviour, diagnostic pathways, and oncology service provision may contribute…

Investigation of the international comparability of population-based routine hospital data set derived comorbidity scores for patients with lung cancer

The International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership (ICBP) identified significant international differences in lung cancer survival. Differing levels of comorbid disease across ICBP countries has been suggested as a potential explanation of this variation but, to date, no studies have quantified its impact…

General Medical Council

National training survey 2018

The General Medical Council (GMC) is to ask doctors about the impact of burnout and exhaustion on their medical education and training. By giving their views about the quality of training they receive and the environments they’re working in, doctors are providing the data needed to identify where improvements are required.

As part of this year’s national training surveys (NTS), which open on Tuesday 20 March, the medical regulator will ask a series of questions around wellbeing and the impact tiredness and workload have on both doctors in training and those training them. It is the first time burnout has been addressed by specific questions in the NTS, which seeks the views of around 55,000 doctors in training and 45,000 senior doctors who act as trainers. The new questions, which are voluntary, cover issues such as work-life balance, tiredness during and after work and the effect this may have on a doctor.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

So what is a vulva anyway?

The resource consists of a booklet titled ‘So what is a vulva anyway?’ and has been developed in response to an increasing number of girls and women with cosmetic genital concerns requesting surgery despite having normal anatomy.

According to NHS figures, in 2015-16 more than 200 girls under 18 had labiaplasty and more than 150 of the girls were under 15. These numbers do not include girls and young women having the procedure privately. Experts say these operations do not have a medical justification.

The British Association of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology (BritsPAG), a specialist society of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, commissioned the resource that aims to empower young people to understand normal female anatomy through education.
CBT and mindfulness can help manage menopausal symptoms
Women going through menopause may benefit from psychological interventions such as mindfulness, cognitive behavioural and behaviour-based therapies, to help manage their symptoms.

Royal College of Ophthalmologists
National Data Set in Refractive Surgery
The RCOphth has now released a national data set to be used by clinics offering refractive surgery. This defines a standard set of information and data to be collected which is generated from patient care records.

The National Data Set for Refractive Surgery provides organisations with a standardised list of relevant and well-defined variables to be collected in laser and implant based refractive surgery and associated pre and postoperative care.

The data recommendations include spectacle test results and tests of distance, intermediate and near vision without glasses (both eyes open) before and after surgery.

Organisations will also collect a standard set of patient demographics, details of any problems during and after surgery, and the patients’ rating of their satisfaction with the outcome of surgery.

Royal College of Physicians
NHS reality check: Update 2018
Repeating the questions they were asked last year, the latest data clearly shows the pressure has increased over the past 12 months.

Overall, the picture painted by respondees shows doctors struggling against rising demand, the impact of an ageing population with increasingly complex medical needs, and the difficulties of maintaining morale when the NHS is underfunded, underdoctored and overstretched.

Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK announces new quality criteria
The Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK announces the launch of a new set of quality criteria for general internal medicine (GIM) and acute internal medicine (AIM) registrars, to be implemented from 1 August 2018.

The RCP has launched Our Future Health. To mark the occasion the RCP has released How can I improve my chances of a good death?, the first in an ongoing series of Our Future Health podcasts.

National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme (NACAP)
The programme will span the entire patient care pathway, and includes collaboration with asthma and COPD patients, as well as healthcare professionals. There are six key workstreams:

- primary care audit  secondary care audits
- COPD
- adult asthma
- paediatric asthma
- pulmonary rehabilitation
- quality improvement

RCP gender pay gap summary
The Royal College of Physicians’ (RCP) gender paygap report, using a snapshot of RCP employee data on 5 April 2017.

RCP response to 'Facing the Facts, Shaping the Future: A draft health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027'
Reducing air pollution in the UK: Progress report 2018

Two years on from the publication of ‘Every breath we take: the lifelong impact of air pollution report’ this progress report lays out the air pollution crisis facts, the government response so far, and the action needed to tackle the problem.

Royal College of Surgeons

Surgical Trainees: How do you study online? [survey]

The Royal College of Surgeons is reviewing and updating its education provision for surgical trainees. They would like to gather opinions from foundation and core trainees to help inform the development of their online learning resources.

Royal College of Anaesthetists

Tackling the effects of fatigue

The RCoA, Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) and the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (FICM) have come together to launch an agenda for action to address the impact of fatigue and shift working on the NHS workforce.

Royal College of Radiologists

Standards for interpretation and reporting of imaging investigations, Second edition

This document replaces the 2006 first edition and provides an update to the standards that should be attained by any doctor or healthcare professional providing a report on an imaging investigation.

Royal College of Nursing

RCN Gender Pay Gap

A report outlining the statistics of the gender pay cap at the Royal College of Nursing.

Library and Archive Service Review of the year 2017

This review covers the work of the RCN’s Library and Archive Service during 2017 – from events and exhibitions to Customer Service Excellence and Archives Accreditation, it showcases the wide variety of work undertaken by the library teams.

An RCN Education and Career Progression Framework for Fertility Nursing

The RCN recognises the need to articulate the education needs and requirements of nurses and midwives working at different stages of practice within fertility nursing. This framework enables those interested in pursuing a career in fertility nursing to consider how they can plan their career pathway.

Becoming an RCN Representative

This booklet is designed to give an understanding of the role and activities of RCN representatives. It includes information and case studies about each of the representative roles to help you consider which may suit and interest you most. You’ll find an outline of the process for applying and an application form, along with information about what you can expect as you embark on your role, including learning, development and support.

RCN Position Statement: Nurse Staffing for Safe and Effective Care

The RCN believes that having the right number of registered nurses and nursing support staff with the right knowledge, skills and experience in the right place at the right time is critical to the delivery of safe and effective care for patients and clients.

The Transition of Older People from their own Residence to a Care Home

The transition from a person’s own home to a care home is often emotional for both the individual as well as their family and friends. This publication has been developed to support nurses working with people living in the community and nursing staff in care homes. The principles aim to underpin a person-centred transition and provide access to a wide range of useful resources.
Women’s Health Cards Part 2

Part 2 of these pocket guides covers multiple women’s health topics including contraception, uterine fibroids and cervical cancer. Supported by Bayer, Medtronic, Macmillan Cancer Care, Sylk and Association of Early Pregnancy Units (AEPU).

Royal College of Nursing Evidence to the NHS Pay Review Body 2018-19

This document contains the RCN’s evidence to the NHS Pay Review Body for the 2018-19 pay round. This submission, which is accompanied by the 2017 RCN Labour Market Review of the nursing workforce & the 2017 RCN Employment Survey, is made alongside and supports the Staff Side submission.

The RCN’s UK position on consent for organ and tissue donation after death

Between January and February 2018 the RCN surveyed members on their views on consent for organ and tissue donation after death. The RCN’s Professional Nursing Committee reviewed the results of the survey in March 2018 meeting after which a decision was made, in line with member views, to change the College’s position to one of qualified support for an opt-out system of consent.

Consent for organ and tissue donation after death

This briefing was published to provide information to RCN members who wished to complete an RCN survey on consent for organ and tissue donation after death between January and February 2018. The results of that survey informed the RCN’s new position on consent (006 921) launched in March 2018. The detail of this briefing has not been updated since originally published, but it remains available to provide context on issues around organ and tissue donation.

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Turning the Tide: Five years on

In 2012 the RCPCH released Turning the Tide: Harnessing the power of child health research. Turning the Tide: Five years on highlights the many positives developments in UK life sciences and the uncertainties posed by Brexit, reflects on the progress made and the RCPCH’s own actions and initiatives and identifies the next steps for child health research.

Key findings:

- There is a strong commitment at national level to further strengthen the biomedical and clinical research and life sciences sector.
- The UK’s departure from the EU potentially will have a profound influence on biomedical research.
- Consultant academic paediatrician numbers show signs of increasing; however, this remains a small percentage of the paediatric workforce.
- Consultant paediatricians have limited time for research in their job plans.
- There is inadequate representation of children’s interests in the UK life sciences industries strategy and few paediatricians on national research boards and committees.
- Reliable paediatric and related data sources are growing in number and improving in quality.
- Academic Clinical Fellows and Academic Clinical Lecturers numbers have remained steady; however, the number of trainees undertaking research outside these posts are uncertain.
- The RCPCH calls for a continued focus and a coordinated effort to promote child health research and will continue to monitor progress over time to ensure not only infants, children and young people, but so too UK population wellbeing and prosperity benefit from a sustained focus on research to improve child health.
Facing the Future: Standards for children with ongoing health needs [March 2018]

These standards have been developed to expand the Facing the Future suite of service standards. The suite now includes standards that apply to children who are awaiting diagnosis or are under the care of child health services to manage their ongoing health needs.

The standards will ensure that child health services are proactive and planned; that children are represented at executive level and are involved in designing and evaluating care so that services are built around their needs.

Consultation response to Facing the Facts, Shaping the Future: A draft health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027

The RCPCH has submitted a response to Health Education England’s consultation Facing the Facts, Shaping the Future: A draft health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027.

GIRFT [getting it right first time]

Vascular Surgery GIRFT Programme National Specialty Report

This report sets out 17 recommendations to improve the way vascular surgery is delivered. It focuses on organisation and delivery, with the central goal of enabling patients to receive urgent surgery sooner. Taken together, they could deliver better surgical outcomes for seriously ill patients and reduce length of stay, cut readmissions and make better use of surgical resources. The report recommends steps to improve the quality of data as a precursor to further long-term change, and identifies opportunities to deliver cost savings on procurement of devices and consumables.

Department of Health and Social Care

Annual report of the Chief Medical Officer 2017: health impacts of all pollution – what do we know?

Professor Dame Sally Davies’s ninth independent report as CMO discusses the threat to health posed by pollution to people living in England.

National framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care [UPDATED MARCH 2018]

- 14 March 2018 The delayed discharges (continuing care) directions 2013 have been added.
- 1 March 2018 Added the following documents, which will be implemented on 1 October 2018: 'National framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS funded nursing care (from Oct 2018)' 'NHS continuing healthcare: checklist (from Oct 2018)' 'NHS continuing healthcare: decision support tool (from Oct 2018)' 'NHS continuing healthcare: fast track pathway tool (from Oct 2018)'

Chief Social Worker for Adults’ annual report: 2017 to 2018

The Chief Social Worker for Adults in England Lyn Romeo sets out progress in improving the education, training and practice of social work with adults.

UK Rare Disease Policy Board: second progress report (2016 to 2018) The second progress report from the UK Rare Disease Policy Board on the UK rare disease strategy.

Government response to the Competition and Markets Authority’s ‘Care homes market study, final report’ Government response to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) final report on the care homes market.
**NHS mandate 2018 to 2019** The mandate to NHS England sets out the government’s objectives for NHS England, as well as its budget. The DHSC has also published [The NHS Improvement remit letter 2018 to 2019](#) which sets out its latest objectives to NHS Improvement.

**Specialised health services recommendations [independent report]** Sets out recommendations by the Prescribed Specialised Services Advisory Group to ministers on services that NHS England should commission

**Government response to Statutory scheme to control cost of branded medicines consultation.** The government has published its response to the consultation on proposed changes to the statutory scheme that controls the prices of branded health service medicines. The government made some changes to its proposals in response to issues / concerns raised by respondents.

**Adult social care outcomes framework: handbook of definitions [updated March 2018]**

Sets out the technical detail of each ASCOF measure.

**Public health commissioning in the NHS 2018 to 2019**

This agreement sets out outcomes to be achieved and funding provided for NHS England to commission public health services.

### Public Health England [Guidance and Reports]

#### Screening

- [Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening: how it works](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Bowel cancer screening: reporting lesions](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Bowel cancer screening programme: standards](#)
- [Breast screening: interval cancers and duty of candour toolkit](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Cervical screening: role of the cervical screening provider lead](#)
- [Cervical screening: gynaecological cytopathology external quality assessment](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Data collection and performance analysis dictionary for NHS screening](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Fetal anomaly screening programme: standards](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Newborn hearing screening programme: standards](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Newborn and infant physical examination screening: standards](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Newborn blood spot screening: movers in with no available records](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Newborn blood spot screening: code of practice for residual spots](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [NHS population screening: glossary of terms](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [NHS population screening: reporting data definitions](#) [Updated March 2018]

#### Infectious disease and Vaccination

- [Emerging infections: monthly summaries](#)
- [Intervax BCG vaccine: training material for healthcare professionals](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Keep your vaccines healthy](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Malaria prevention guidelines for travellers from the UK](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Measles: protect yourself, protect others](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [Meningococcal disease: guidance on public health management](#) [Updated March 2018]
- [National flu immunisation programme plan](#) [Updated March 2018]
General Public Health and Social Care

- **Best start in life: cost-effective commissioning**
- **CLEaR local tobacco control assessment [Updated March 2018]**
- **Falls prevention: cost-effective commissioning [Updated March 2018]**
- **Healthy child programme 0 to 19: health visitor and school nurse commissioning [Updated March 2018]**
- **Improving health and care through the home: MoU**
- **National child measurement programme operational guidance [Updated March 2018]**
- **Obstetrics and gynaecology: exposure prone procedure categories**
- **Prevention concordat for better mental health: consensus statement [Updated March 2018]**
- **Reducing unintentional injuries among children and young people [Updated March 2018]**
- **SACN statement on diet, cognitive impairment and dementia**
- **Supporting the public health nursing workforce: employer guidance**
- **Tick bite risks and prevention of Lyme disease: resources [Updated March 2018]**
- **Weight management interventions: standard evaluation framework**
- **Water fluoridation: health monitoring report for England 2018**

NHS England [March 2018 Publications]

Guidance

- **Responsibility for prescribing between primary and secondary/tertiary care**
- **Medicines optimisation in care homes: programme overview**
- **Dose Banded Chemotherapy Standardised Product Specifications**
- **Pharmacy Quality Payments Scheme: Data declaration infographics**
- **The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Pathway for People with Long-term Physical Health Conditions and Medically Unexplained Symptoms**
- **Responsibility for prescribing between primary and secondary/tertiary care**
- **NHS111 Workforce Blue Print**
- **Technical Guide to CCG Allocations 2018-19**

Reports

- **NHS England progress on staff engagement March 2018**
- **Employee engagement, sickness absence and agency spend in NHS trusts**
- **NHS workforce race equality: a case for diverse boards**

NHS England Commissioning publications [March 2018]

NHS England Case Studies [March 2018]

NHS Digital

**Call for more data to be added to breast implant registry**

Patients undergoing breast implant surgery are being urged to speak to their surgeon and ensure their details are recorded on a registry designed to safeguard their health.

NHS Digital launched the Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry (BCIR) in October 2016, to record the details of patients who have implant procedures, allowing them to be traced if they are affected by safety concerns.
HM Government

**A Mixed Picture: An Inquiry into Geographical Inequalities and Breast Cancer**

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Breast Cancer report finds stark inequalities in NHS services in England, with women in worst-affected areas more than twice as likely to die from breast cancer under the age of 75.

**Maintaining momentum: driving improvements in mental health care**

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman has published Maintaining momentum: driving improvements in mental health care. This report documents cases of serious failings in NHS mental health services and makes systemic recommendations for improving services.

**Improving air quality**

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Environmental Audit, Health and Social Care, and Transport Committees have published Improving air quality. The inquiry was launched amid concerns over the inadequacy of the Government’s plan to improve air quality and calls for a new Clean Air Act, a clean air fund financed by the transport industry, a national air quality support programme for councils, and for the Government to require manufacturers to end the sale of conventional petrol and diesel cars earlier than the current 2040 target.

Local Government Association  [latest documentation]

- Public health transformation five years on
- Public Health Perceptions Survey
- A matter of justice: Local government’s role in tackling health inequalities
- Adding extra years to life and extra life to those years: local government guide to healthy ageing
- Tackling tuberculosis: local government’s public health role

Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee

**Sustainability and transformation in the NHS**

This report looks at financial sustainability and partnership working across the NHS.

NHS Health Education England

**HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Programme: Round 4 doctoral and post-doctoral scheme competitions now open**

The Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme for non-medical healthcare professionals launches the fourth competition rounds for its doctoral and post-doctoral schemes.

The programme, which is funded by Health Education England (HEE) and jointly managed with the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), provides opportunities to undertake fully-funded clinical research, research training and professional development, while maintaining clinical practice and salary.

The programme consists of five levels: Internships, Pre-doctoral Clinical Academic Fellowships, Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowships, Clinical Lectureships and Senior Clinical Lectureships. The launch relates to the doctoral and post-doctoral levels.

The ICA programme is open to a wide range of non-medical healthcare professionals who wish to develop careers that combine clinical research and research leadership with continued clinical practice and clinical development.
Next steps for targeted GP training

GP trainees who passed their Work Place Based Assessments and one of the two required exams (either Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) or Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA)) but left training without passing the second exam will be given the chance to resume their training thanks to Health Education England’s Targeted GP Training scheme.

The focus is on providing a re-entry route for those who were progressing in training but were unable to pass one of the exam components of the MRCGP qualification in the time available, whilst maintaining the high standards of the assessment process. Please see the GPNRO website for application details.

The Apprenticeship Levy Study: NHS Trusts

Produced collaboratively by BPP University, Health Education England, the Education Skills Funding Agency, and Trendence UK this report includes findings of 175 surveyed trusts on their apprenticeship levy strategies. The key findings from the report include:

• 95 per cent of the 175 trusts in England surveyed plan to use their apprenticeship levy fund
• more than half surveyed expect to spend the majority, if not all of their levy funds for 2017-18
• trusts plan to spend most of their levy funds on existing employees, rather than recruiting new employees into apprenticeship roles
• nine out of ten employers said they would use the levy to support workforce planning

an appetite for nursing degree apprenticeships with 85 per cent of the 175 trusts surveyed looking to offer them.

NHS Improvement

MRSA: guidance on post-infection review

From April 2018 mandatory reporting of MRSA BSI will continue as before but the post-infection review process is changing. Post-infection reviews will become a local process and will only be required for organisations above a certain MRSA BSI rate threshold, set to capture approximately the top 15% of clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and non-specialist NHS trusts.

The future of NHS patient safety investigation

The Serious Incident framework (2015) describes how Serious Incidents should be reported and investigated in the NHS. NHS Improvement are seeking views on how the guidance could be revised to support the system to respond appropriately when things go wrong

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment 2017/18 [updated March 2018]

The number and proportion of admitted adult patients in England who have been risk assessed for VTE in 2017/18.

A just culture guide

This guide encourages managers to treat staff involved in a patient safety incident in a consistent, constructive and fair way.

The fair treatment of staff supports a culture of fairness, openness and learning in the NHS by making staff feel confident to speak up when things go wrong, rather than fearing blame.

Supporting staff to be open about mistakes allows valuable lessons to be learnt so the same errors can be prevented from being repeated. In any organisations or teams where a blame culture is still prevalent, this guide will be a powerful tool in promoting cultural change.
**Clostridium difficile infection objectives [updated March 2018]**
Sets out the objectives for acute trusts and clinical commissioning groups to make continuous improvement in Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) care.

**Patient safety alerts [updated March 2018]**
These alerts rapidly warn the healthcare system of risks. They provide guidance on preventing potential incidents that may lead to harm or death.

**NHS partnership with Virginia Mason Institute [updated March 2017]**
Update on the five-year partnership with Virginia Mason Institute and five NHS trusts to support them to develop a ‘lean’ culture of continuous improvement which puts patients first.

**Implementing seven day hospital services [case studies]**
These case studies, developed in collaboration with individual trusts, will help providers overcome some of the barriers to implementing seven day hospital services.

**What is the impact of developing a seven day hospital service? [case studies]**
These case studies detail some of the clinical, operational, and financial impacts of providing a seven day hospital service based on findings from interviews with hospital staff and data analysis over the period of implementation.

**Seven day hospital services: therapy service provision**
Sally Dando, head of therapies at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust describes the barriers and opportunities in delivering the seven day hospital services.

**Seven day hospital services: implementing a seven day frailty flying squad**
Robin Fackrell, consultant physician and head of medicine division, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust outlines an initiative in geriatric care which aims to expedite the discharge of frail older patients as part of the delivery of seven day hospital services.

**Seven day hospital services: improving consultant capacity**
George Thomson, medical director, Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust describes the work his trust has done to improve consultant capacity in the context of recruitment and rota pressures to help deliver seven day hospital services.

**Seven day hospital services: engagement of stakeholder**
Juliane Kause, care group clinical lead emergency care, University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust describes its approach to seven day hospital services, by looking at how to engage with external stakeholders including clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and primary care.

**Delayed transfer of care (DTOC) improvement tool**
This tool has been developed to enable trusts, clinical commissioning groups and local authorities to understand where delayed transfers of care are in their area or system.

**Red2Green improvement tool [updated March 2018]**
Through collecting and reporting ward-level data, this tool supports wards to reduce the number of 'red days' in favour of value-adding 'green days.'
Supporting NHS providers on executive HR issues [updated March 2018]
Guidance on a range of executive HR issues including appointments process, salaries, severance and moves.

Reducing expenditure on NHS agency staff: rules and price caps
This resource aims to support NHS providers to reduce their agency staff bills and encourage workers back into substantive and bank roles. This will help ease the financial pressure facing the NHS.

Shared planning guidance for NHS trusts and foundation trusts
Updated planning guidance for the NHS for 2016/17 to 2020/21 from England’s leading national health and care bodies.

Submission to the NHS Pay Review Body and the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration 2017

Financial accounting and reporting updates [Updated March 2018]
Various documentation on the page has been updated with the latest on financial accounting and reporting.

Valued care in mental health: Improving for excellence
NHS Improvement have partnered with 9 mental health trusts on improvement journeys at different stages to create a sustainable model that reflects the challenges and the lessons learned from setbacks, as well as from successful innovations and improvements.

NHS England and NHS Improvement: working closer together
NHS England and NHS Improvement have jointly announced that subject to their boards’ approval closer joint working arrangements between them will apply from September 2018

Reducing the impact of serious infections CQUIN
Resources to support delivery of the ‘Reducing the impact of serious infections (antimicrobial resistance and sepsis)’ CQUIN, parts 2c and 2d.

NHS Employers

The health, wellbeing and safety of shift workers in health and social care environments
This guidance, created by the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Partnership Group (HSWPG) sets out:
- How shift work can impact on health, safety and wellbeing
- How to manage the risk as an organisation
- How to manage the risk as an individual
- The importance of partnership working

Shift work in the NHS: an infographic
This infographic was produced by the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Partnership Group to find out more about the group on their webpages.

Improving safety for lone workers - a guide for managers
This guide for managers includes a list of key things to consider, which acts as a helpful checklist for those who manage staff who work alone.

It has been updated to reflect the increasing number of staff in the health sector who work alone in community settings such as patients’ homes or on outreach work.

Agreement reached on consultants’ clinical excellence awards scheme
NHS Employers and the British Medical Association (BMA) have agreed changes to the clinical excellence awards (CEA) scheme.

The changes, which are endorsed by the Department of Health and Social Care, state that:
- trusts must run local clinical excellence awards (LCEA) rounds from 1 April 2018
- from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021, the minimum investment ratio for new LCEA will be set at 0.3 points per eligible consultant
Supporting employees' mid-life career needs
As part of the Department for Work and Pensions' Fuller Working Lives strategy (2017), the National Careers Service (NCS) has teamed up with local enterprise partnerships to trial supporting local employers with their employees’ mid-life career needs.

2018 contract refresh (Agenda for Change).
The NHS Staff Council has reached agreement on a refresh of the NHS Terms and Conditions of Service (Agenda for Change). The framework agreement (21 March 2018), forms the basis on which NHS trade unions will now proceed to consult their members. The trade union consultation will run until the 31 May 2018. Should the trade union consultation result in acceptance of the details set out in the framework agreement, this will result in a three year pay deal as well as the reform of the pay scales. The new pay scales will:
- increase starting salaries
- reduce the number of pay points
- shorten the amount of time it takes to reach the top of the pay band for most staff

Improving reward through employee benefits groups
Recruitment and retention are the biggest challenges employers in the NHS are facing.
In this reward blog, Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust showcase how they created an employee benefits group of key stakeholders from across the organisation to help review, develop, and communicate their reward offer.

View the blog Improving reward through employee benefits groups and find out more about the range of reward resources

Foundation programme career destination report 2017 [key facts and figures]
The United Kingdom Foundation Programme Office (UKFPO) has published its eighth F2 career destination report. It has been produced from data collated from a UK-wide survey of 6890 outgoing F2 doctors who typically graduated from medical school in 2015 and completed their training in August 2017. The full report can be found on the UKFPO website.

Disability Confident in your NHS workplace
NHS England and Public Health England have partnered with Shaping Our Lives, an independent user led organisation, to produce a short online survey to find out what works and what doesn’t with the Disability Confident Scheme. The scheme supports employers to make the most of the talents that disabled people can bring to the workplace. For more information go to the Disability Confident website or visit NHS Employers Disability Confident webpages. As an incentive a free learning event on the Disability Confident Scheme is on offer to all trusts who complete this survey, whether you are just about to become Disability Confident Committed or already a Disability Confident Employer. The survey is open until Monday 9 April 2018.

Brexit episode five [podcast]
The fifth a series of podcasts focusing on Brexit. In this podcast Sarah Collen, Senior Policy Manager at the NHS European Office, explores the implications Brexit may have on medical research.
NHS Confederation

The impact of Brexit: Patient access to medical research
This briefing sets out how patients across Europe have benefited from pan-European collaboration on medical research. It outlines what is at stake if this collaboration is set back and how UK and EU decision-makers can mitigate the risks and diesel cars earlier than the current 2040 target.

NHS Clinical Commissioners

Response to draft health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027

NHS Providers

Learning from the vanguards
This briefing looks at what the vanguards have been doing to improve the way people experience and interact with health and care services, and shares the lessons that other organisations and partnerships can take from the vanguards’ experiences.

Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Bill 2017-19
As the Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Bill 2017-19 reaches the committee stage of parliamentary scrutiny, NHS Providers has produced a briefing on the Bill.

NHS Providers response to consultation on draft health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027

Care Quality Commission

Mental health rehabilitation inpatient services
This briefing looks at mental health rehabilitation inpatient services, including ward types, bed numbers and use by clinical commissioning groups and NHS trusts.

Mental Health Act – Approved Mental Health Professional services
This briefing paper looks at the CQC’s findings from a review of the way Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP) services are being delivered across the country.

Are we listening? A review of children and young people’s mental health services
This report describes the findings of our independent review of the system of services that support children and young people’s mental health.

Reporting and rating of NHS trusts’ use of resources
This report sets out the responses to the recent consultation on reporting and rating NHS trusts’ use of resources. It summarises the key themes of the consultation and sets out next steps.

Driving improvement: Case studies from seven mental health NHS trusts
These case studies are the result of CQC visits to seven mental health trusts that had seen significant improvements in their ratings to find out what these trusts did to become good or outstanding.

The state of care in independent online primary health services
This report looks at the quality of online primary care services, such as those that provide GP consultations and prescriptions through independent websites and apps.

Written submission for the Communities and Local Government and Health Select Committee joint inquiry into the long-term funding of adult social care
The submission provides an overview of CQC’s findings from regulatory oversight of the adult social care sector, as well as views on the barriers and opportunities to achieving high quality sustainable adult social care in England.
National Audit office

Reducing emergency admissions
The report examines progress that the Department, NHS England, NHS Improvement and other stakeholders are making in reducing the impact of emergency admissions on acute hospitals. The report takes a whole-system approach, and looks at action across acute, primary, community and social care systems rather than focusing on A&E departments alone. It builds on our 2013 report on Emergency admissions to hospital: managing the demand and our 2016 report on Discharging older patients from hospital, which also examined the pressures on the whole health and social care system.

- Part One sets out trends in emergency admissions;
- Part Two explains NHS England’s and partners’ response to increasing emergency admissions; and
- Part Three assesses the challenges in reducing emergency admissions

The Office of Health Economics

Barriers to Uptake of Minimal Access Surgery in the United Kingdom [REPORT]
Through in-depth interviews with key stakeholders (surgeons from both the NHS and private sector, clinical directors and finance directors), supported by an evaluation of the literature, the benefits of minimal access surgery are assessed alongside the extent to which these benefits are realised in practice, and the major barriers to wider adoption.

Appraising Ultra-Orphan Drugs: Is Cost-Per-QALY Appropriate? A Review of the Evidence [REPORT]
The report addresses the implications of NICE appraising treatments for very rare diseases using a cost-per-QALY gained decision rule of the type used by NICE in its Technology Appraisal Programme to appraise therapies for more common conditions.

HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP HQIP

National Diabetes Audit 2016-2017 full report – Care Processes and Treatment Targets
The National Diabetes Audit (NDA) provides a comprehensive view of diabetes care in England and Wales and measures the effectiveness of diabetes healthcare against NICE clinical guidelines and NICE Quality standards.

National Diabetes Inpatient Audit, England and Wales 2017
The National Diabetes Inpatient Audit (NaDIA) measures the quality of diabetes care provided to people with diabetes while they are admitted to hospital whatever the cause, and aims to support quality improvement. Data is collected and submitted by hospital staff in England Wales.

National Lung Cancer Audit 2017- Key findings for patients and carers [patient information] This booklet provides a summary of key results from the 2017 National Lung Cancer Audit (NLCA) annual report, which looked at patients who were diagnosed with lung cancer between 1 January and 31 December 2016. The results are based on data from 140 English NHS trusts and 13 Welsh hospital sites
Each and Every Need 2018: A review of the quality of care provided to patients aged 0-25 years old with chronic neurodisability, using the cerebral palsies as examples of chronic neurodisabling conditions

The aim of this report is to improve the care provided to children and young people aged 0-25 years with a chronic neuro-disability. The cerebral palsies have been used in the study as examples of neurodisabling conditions. Each and Every Need follows a trail of child health reports which began in 2006/7 with the publication of ‘Why children die’ by the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health’. Multiple data sources were used to collate an overall picture of the services available and the care provided. The analysis of routine national datasets has used their potential to provide population-based quantitative summary information about NHS utilisation for children and young people with the cerebral palsies in comparison with children and young people without cerebral palsies, showing trends by age, social economic status, inter-country comparisons and comorbidities over time. Analysis of data from clinical questionnaires, case review and organisational data have provided a detailed picture of current practice across healthcare services.

National Congenital Heart Disease Audit 2013 - 2016

This report summarises all paediatric and congenital heart surgery, electrophysiology and transcatheter procedures undertaken in the UK. The report is aimed at clinicians, healthcare professionals, local audit teams, patients and the public and specialist commissioners.

New multi-nation initiative to improve care and outcomes for patients with asthma and COPD confirmed

A new national clinical audit programme designed to improve the quality of care and outcomes for patients with asthma and COPD has been commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) for the forthcoming 3-5 years. It will be delivered by the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) across England, Scotland and Wales.

Ophthalmology National Electronic Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) Audit: Feasibility report

This feasibility study was commissioned by HQIP as part of a National Ophthalmology Audit with The Royal College of Ophthalmologists as the Audit Provider. Following feedback from NHSE minor amendments were made to this report in advance of its release in March 2018.


This report includes two feasibility studies for possible national glaucoma audits based on data collected using electronic medical record systems (EMR) as part of routine care and computerised visual field tests that are linked to EMRs.

Part 1 addresses glaucoma surgery, trabeculectomy, which is the most frequently undertaken glaucoma surgical procedure.

Part 2 addresses visual field preservation in five large glaucoma care delivery centres.

Ophthalmology National Electronic Retinal Detachment Surgery Audit: Feasibility report

This feasibility study was commissioned by HQIP as part of National Ophthalmology Audit with The Royal College of Ophthalmologists as the Audit Provider.
Health Foundation

What makes us healthy? An introduction to the social determinants of health

This guide explores how a person's opportunity for health is influenced by factors outside the health and social care system.

Health Foundation responds to Health and Social Care Committee inquiry into integrated care

The Health Foundation submitted evidence to the committee laying out key challenges facing STP’s and outlining evidence on transformation and whole system change.

Kings Fund

Tackling multiple unhealthy risk factors: emerging lessons from practice

This report shares learning and insight from services that are using innovative ways to address the problem of multiple unhealthy risk factors in their populations. It draws on interviews and information from eight case studies in local authorities and the NHS and updates the evidence base on tackling multiple unhealthy risk factors.

How is the NHS performing? March 2018 quarterly monitoring report

Health and care explained: how the system works and how it is changing [presentations]

This event was designed for anyone working in the NHS, public, private, academic and third sector who would like to gain a greater understanding of how the health and care system currently works and how it is changing.

Housing and health: Opportunities for sustainability and transformation partnerships

This short report, supported by the National Housing Federation, is intended to help those leading and contributing to sustainability and transformation partnerships (STPs) and emerging integrated care systems (ICSs) to make the most of the contribution that housing can make to health as they deliver and continue to develop. Behind this lies our belief that housing is one of the core local services that STPs and ICSs need to engage with at a strategic level as they develop population health systems. In particular this report sets out:

- why housing is important for STPs and emerging ICSs
- how well housing is currently represented in STPs
- three priorities: supporting discharge, the use of NHS estates and mental health
- going further: the broader importance of housing to health across the life-course
- recommendations for action: maximising opportunities in the short and long term

The NHS: are you satisfied with your health service? [podcast]

The Kings Fund have launched a new series of podcasts about big ideas in health and care. New episodes monthly.

In this month’s podcast Helen McKenna talks about public satisfaction with the NHS with Ruth Robertson and Dan Wellings from The King’s Fund. Leo Ewbank gazes into his crystal ball to look at what’s coming up in health in the month ahead.

Nuffield Trust

International comparisons of health and wellbeing in early childhood

This report presents data on health and wellbeing for early childhood in the UK and 14 comparable countries, recognising the particular influence that a child’s development in this period can have on his/her future health and quality of life.

Managing the hospital and social care interface: interventions targeting older adults

This report explores the actions and strategies that providers and commissioners have put in place to improve the interface between secondary and social care, with a focus on what hospitals can do.
National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death [NCEPOD]

Chronic Neurodisability: Each and Every Need (2018)
This NCEPOD report focuses on the quality provided to children and young people with chronic disabling conditions, focusing in particular on cerebral palsies. The report takes a critical look at areas where the care of patients might have been improved. Remediable factors have also been identified in the clinical and the organisational care of these patients.

Centre for Health and the Public Interest
NHS treatment of private patients: the impact on NHS finances and NHS patient care
This publication presents evidence for the scale and distribution of private patient treatment in NHS hospitals. The concern is with whether the treatment of this group of people generates income for NHS hospital trusts, and also if private patient treatment in NHS hospitals disadvantages NHS patients.

Diabetes UK
Improving care for people with diabetes and learning disability
A suite of resource and tools designed to be used with people with diabetes and learning disability.

Universities of Sheffield, Belfast et al
ODESSA: optimising care delivery models to support ageing-in-place
This report brings together international research findings on current long-term care delivery models for older people and assesses the key factors that allow them to live independently for longer.

The RAND Corporation
System change through situated learning: pre-evaluation of the Health Innovation Network's Communities of Practice.
This document reports on a scoping study looking at Communities of Practice (CoP) set up in association with the Health Innovation Network. The CoPs cover: medicines safety; maternity; duty of candour; medicines optimisation; sepsis; acute deterioration; and delirium. The study aimed to collect data to assess the feasibility of, and best approach to, a full-scale evaluation of CoPs.

REFORM
Frontline online. Smarter blue light services
Frontline online. Smarter blue light services finds that police, ambulance and fire services can respond more swiftly and accurately to emergency calls with access to better information on callers and situations. This paper is sponsored by Motorola Solutions.

Good Governance Institute
How population health management will deliver a sustainable NHS.
This report explores the potential of population health management (PHM) to deliver a more sustainable version of the NHS by looking at what it takes to develop an integrated healthcare model, drawing on case studies from both the UK and the US.

Institute for Fiscal Studies
Adult social care funding: a local or national responsibility?
Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and The Health Foundation, this report explores the changes in local authority revenues and how they are unlikely to keep pace with the rising costs of adult social care services. The report found that changes to local authority funding mean councils will be depend on council tax and business rates for the majority of their funding, but social care will require an increasing share of this revenue, leading to difficult choices for councils.
Institute for Employment Studies

**NHS Innovation Accelerator Evaluation**
This report presents the evaluation of the NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA), led by IES in partnership with researchers from York Health Economics Consortium.

The NIA was created to help address the priorities of improving take-up of innovations in the NHS as expressed in the Five Year Forward View goals. It is intended to help create conditions and cultural change so that healthcare innovations are adopted faster and more systematically and deliver practical examples for patient and population benefit.

Healthcare Financial Management Institute

**Sustainability and transformation partnership governance survey**
The HFMA’s STP governance survey was completed during November and December 2017 with the aim to help build a comprehensive picture of developing governance arrangements within STPs. This analysis sets out the key findings from the survey.

**How it works - understanding the financial position**
This briefing sets out how the financial statements are put together and the financial targets NHS bodies are trying to meet. In particular, it looks at the importance of looking at movements in current asset and liability balances and what that might mean.

**The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**
This briefing aims to raise awareness of the high-level requirements of the new legislation for NHS organisations and to highlight the guidance and support available to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place. It sets out the key changes within the GDPR and includes an appendix of the top ten actions for NHS organisations to consider. Audit committees may be particularly interested in this briefing.

The Mental Health Foundation

**Health inequalities manifesto 2018**
People living in the least deprived areas of England live around 20 years longer in good physical and mental health than people in the most deprived areas. Certain population subgroups are at higher risk of mental health problems because of greater exposure and vulnerability to unfavourable social, economic, and environmental circumstances. These intersect with factors such as gender, ethnicity and disability.

**Young Mums Together report**
The Young Mums Together (YMT) project was designed as an innovative intervention to support young mothers and to improve their wellbeing.

**An evaluation of the Standing Together project**
This evaluation sought to understand whether the Standing Together (ST) peer-support groups, impacted on outcomes related to: loneliness and social isolation; emotional wellbeing; and meaningful activity.

Specialist Pharmacy Service

**NICE Bites; Age-related macular degeneration (AMD)**

**NICE Bites; Peripheral arterial disease (PAD)**
Forward Thinking - NIHR research on support for people with severe mental illness
This review highlights a selection of NIHR-funded research on aspects of severe mental illness such as supporting early detection and intervention, crisis care, supporting recovery and managing physical and mental health

New national standards launched across the UK to improve public involvement in research
The standards aim to provide people with clear, concise benchmarks for effective public involvement alongside indicators against which improvement can be monitored. They are intended to encourage approaches and behaviours that will support this.

Cardiology
Variation in outcome of hospitalised patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest from acute coronary syndrome: a cohort study

Gastroenterology
A randomised controlled trial, cost-effectiveness and process evaluation of the implementation of self-management for chronic gastrointestinal disorders in primary care, and linked projects on identification and risk assessment

Health Service [commissioning]
The capacity of health service commissioners to use evidence: a case study

Health and Wellbeing [prison and young offenders services]
Impact and cost-effectiveness of care farms on health and well-being of offenders on probation: a pilot study

Mental Health [armed forces]
The provision of services in the UK for UK armed forces veterans with PTSD: a rapid evidence synthesis

Mental Health [children and young people]
A cluster randomised controlled trial and evaluation and cost-effectiveness analysis of the Roots of Empathy schools-based programme for improving social and emotional well-being outcomes among 8- to 9-year-olds in Northern Ireland

A pragmatic randomised controlled trial and economic evaluation of family therapy vs. treatment as usual for young people seen after second or subsequent episodes of self-harm: the Self-Harm Intervention - Family Therapy (SHIFT) trial

Mental Health [older people]
A randomised controlled trial to evaluate the impact of a human rights based approach to dementia care in inpatient ward and care home settings

Obstetrics
High-throughput non-invasive prenatal testing for fetal rhesus D status in RhD-negative women not known to be sensitised to the RhD antigen: a systematic review and economic evaluation

Respiratory Health
The feasibility of early pulmonary rehabilitation and activity after COPD exacerbations: external pilot randomised controlled trial, qualitative case study and exploratory economic evaluation
CANCER
Chemotherapy and radiotherapy for advanced pancreatic cancer

CARDIOVASCULAR-CARDIOLOGY
Endovascular revascularisation versus conservative management for intermittent claudication
Factor Xa inhibitors versus vitamin K antagonists for preventing cerebral or systemic embolism in patients with atrial fibrillation
Pulse oximetry screening for critical congenital heart defects
Vascular access specialist teams for device insertion and prevention of failure

CRITICAL CARE
Interventions for frostbite injuries
Early intervention (mobilization or active exercise) for critically ill adults in the intensive care unit

DENTAL HEALTH - ORTHODONTICS
Interventions for treating post-extraction bleeding
Orthodontic treatment for prominent upper front teeth (Class II malocclusion) in children and adolescents
Slow-release fluoride devices for the control of dental decay

DIABETES [EYE HEALTH]
Different lasers and techniques for proliferative diabetic retinopathy

DIETETICS
Nutritional supplements for patients being treated for active visceral leishmaniasis
Oral vitamin B₁₂ versus intramuscular vitamin B₁₂ for vitamin B₁₂ deficiency

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM – GASTROENTEROLOGY
Anti-IgE therapy for allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis in people with cystic fibrosis
Fluvastatin for lowering lipids
Non-invasive diagnostic tests for Helicobacter pylori infection
Oral water soluble contrast for malignant bowel obstruction
Standard (head-down tilt) versus modified (without head-down tilt) postural drainage in infants and young children with cystic fibrosis

HAEMIC & LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS
Folate supplementation in people with sickle cell disease

MENTAL HEALTH
Acupuncture for depression
Cognitive-behavioural interventions for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in adults
Reminiscence therapy for dementia
Workplace lighting for improving alertness and mood in daytime workers
NEUROLOGY

Cannabis-based medicines for chronic neuropathic pain in adults
Calcium channel blockers for antipsychotic-induced tardive dyskinesia
Cholinergic medication for antipsychotic-induced tardive dyskinesia
Interventions for eye movement disorders due to acquired brain injury
Miscellaneous treatments for antipsychotic-induced tardive dyskinesia
Non-invasive brain stimulation techniques for chronic pain
Tai Chi for improving recovery after stroke

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

Antibiotics at the time of removal of central venous catheter to reduce morbidity and mortality in newborn infants
Beta-blockers for prevention and treatment of retinopathy of prematurity in preterm infants
Massage, reflexology and other manual methods for pain management in labour
Mefloquine for preventing malaria in pregnant women
Metabolomics for improving pregnancy outcomes in women undergoing assisted reproductive technologies
Preconception risk assessment for thalassaemia, sickle cell disease, cystic fibrosis and Tay-Sachs disease
Relaxation techniques for pain management in labour
Provision of respiratory support compared to no respiratory support before cord clamping for preterm infants

OPHTHALMOLOGY – EYE HEALTH

Adjustable versus non-adjustable sutures for strabismus
Use of hyaluronidase as an adjunct to local anaesthetic eye blocks to reduce intraoperative pain in adults

PAEDIATRICS

Physical activity, diet and other behavioural interventions for improving cognition and school achievement in children and adolescents with obesity or overweight
Systemic corticosteroids for acute otitis media in children

PAEDIATRICS [NEONATES]

Higher versus lower amino acid intake in parenteral nutrition for newborn infants
Immunoglobulin for alloimmune hemolytic disease in neonates
Laryngeal mask airway versus bag-mask ventilation or endotracheal intubation for neonatal resuscitation
The Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale (NBAS) and Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) system for supporting caregivers and improving outcomes in caregivers and their infants
PAEDIATRICS [NEUROLOGY]
Care delivery and self-management strategies for children with epilepsy

PAEDIATRICS [RESPIRATORY]
Interventions for autumn exacerbations of asthma in children

PHARMACOLOGY
Pharmacological interventions for benzodiazepine discontinuation in chronic benzodiazepine users
Interventions for preventing high altitude illness: Part 2. Less commonly-used drugs
Closed-system drug-transfer devices plus safe handling of hazardous drugs versus safe handling alone for reducing exposure to infusional hazardous drugs in healthcare staff

RESPIRATORY DISEASES
Different durations of corticosteroid therapy for exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Macrolide antibiotics for bronchiectasis
Oral versus inhaled antibiotics for bronchiectasis

SURGERY/ANAESTHESIA
Alpha-2 adrenergic agonists for the prevention of cardiac complications among adults undergoing surgery
Aromatherapy for treatment of postoperative nausea and vomiting
Perioperative beta-blockers for preventing surgery-related mortality and morbidity

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Breast surgery for metastatic breast cancer

WOMEN'S HEALTH [GYNAECOLOGY]
Surgery for women with posterior compartment prolapse
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