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| Week 9 - 15 May 2022 | | |
| Mental Health Awareness Week 2022 - Mental Health UK | Mental health awareness week It was [Mental Health Awareness Week](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA1MTAuNTc2NjcxMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tZW50YWxoZWFsdGgub3JnLnVrL2NhbXBhaWducy9tZW50YWwtaGVhbHRoLWF3YXJlbmVzcy13ZWVrIn0.p6j0nzk82TUg3LTvOyELs-aVKnEQoDoIxMi6cO0VC4k/s/1509276145/br/131057641724-l)  (9-15 May), hosted by the Mental Health Foundation with the theme this year being loneliness.  The Mental Health Foundation says that one in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time. It hopes to raise awareness of the | |
| impact of loneliness on mental health and practical steps to address it. The Foundation has produced a [short animation about loneliness and mental health](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA1MTAuNTc2NjcxMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy55b3V0dWJlLmNvbS93YXRjaD92PVhDbko4czY5TGxVIn0.vlp1Ci3AbSsLMsBFrSlPoANpibdie1eUo_3YlklVYwA/s/1509276145/br/131057641724-l) which you can watch on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCnJ8s69LlU>  It also has resources offering help and advice [on how to cope with loneliness and improve your mental health](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA1MTAuNTc2NjcxMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tZW50YWxoZWFsdGgub3JnLnVrL2NhbXBhaWducy9tZW50YWwtaGVhbHRoLWF3YXJlbmVzcy13ZWVrL2xvbmVsaW5lc3MtaGVscC1hbmQtYWR2aWNlIn0.CNgGHGFpQssDtgjd8a-FiFCqjjTallwAoBDaFnw0RuQ/s/1509276145/br/131057641724-l). <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week/loneliness-help-and-advice>  Other resources which may be helpful:   * [The Silver Line - The free, 24-hour confidential helpline for older people](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA1MTAuNTc2NjcxMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy50aGVzaWx2ZXJsaW5lLm9yZy51ay8ifQ.bsmnqGvUyr8ml8EfZc-ZiAoszc3TVFKBEeWkJXLsXds/s/1509276145/br/131057641724-l) <https://www.thesilverline.org.uk/> * [Scope UK: managing mental health](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA1MTAuNTc2NjcxMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5zY29wZS5vcmcudWsvYWR2aWNlLWFuZC1zdXBwb3J0L21hbmFnZS1tZW50YWwtaGVhbHRoLyJ9.kh2lW4Gq2H00PaVWbzSDL1eMND2Y_H4rRmdxSaD1KCQ/s/1509276145/br/131057641724-l) <https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/manage-mental-health/> * [Rethink: Black Asian and Minority Ethnic mental health](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA1MTAuNTc2NjcxMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5yZXRoaW5rLm9yZy9hZHZpY2UtYW5kLWluZm9ybWF0aW9uL2xpdmluZy13aXRoLW1lbnRhbC1pbGxuZXNzL3dlbGxiZWluZy1waHlzaWNhbC1oZWFsdGgvYmxhY2stYXNpYW4tYW5kLW1pbm9yaXR5LWV0aG5pYy1tZW50YWwtaGVhbHRoLyJ9.FVMauPzDraplndC5LPZB2vgOgh-GLt6iMu7T1y7Z7ec/s/1509276145/br/131057641724-l) <https://www.rethink.org/advice-and-information/living-with-mental-illness/wellbeing-physical-health/black-asian-and-minority-ethnic-mental-health/> * [Mind Out: mental health charity for the LGBTQ community](file:///\\unityserver\Company\UCS%20Issues,%20Risks%20and%20Action%20Records\UCS%20Staff%20Weekly%20issues%20of%20Nice%20to%20Know%20updates\2022\May%202022\Mind%20Out:%20mental%20health%20charity%20for%20the%20LGBTQ%20community) <https://mindout.org.uk/> | | |
|  | **International Nurses Day 2022:** **Nurses: Respect, support and appreciate them** 12 May 2022 - Every year on 12 May, the world marks International Nurses Day in recognition of the tireless and invaluable contribution of nurses to health care and global health security.  We acknowledged our nurses on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/unitycaresolutions/> |  |

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| 9 May | Government Official Statistics  **Updated estimates of coronavirus (COVID-19) related deaths by disability status, England – New publications**  Estimates of COVID-19 mortality rates by disability status using linked data from the 2011 Census, death registrations, primary care and hospital records, and National Immunisation Management System. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/updated-estimates-of-coronavirus-covid-19-related-deaths-by-disability-status-england?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a010a78d-0693-4f2e-ada2-d3c20ec60cef&utm_content=daily> |
| 9 May | Government guidance  **Access to Work: factsheet for customers**  Factsheet about Access to Work and how it can help overcome barriers to starting or keeping a job if you have a disability or long term health condition.  Added the maximum annual award limit for 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 - this is £65,180. | https://www.gov.uk /government/publications/access-to-work-factsheet?utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\_source=8c42002f-0dee-455e-83ad-04390da1a605&utm\_content=daily#full-publication-update-history |
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| 11 May | Government guidance  **Finding and choosing a private coronavirus (COVID-19) test provider**  If you need to purchase a coronavirus (COVID-19) test from a private provider, the following are private test providers.  Updated the general list of providers. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f0d477d4-a8d8-4c27-b34e-76956f5919b6&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 11 May | Government guidance  **Apply for a Ukraine Family Scheme visa**  Guidance for family members of British nationals, UK settled persons and certain others to come to or stay in the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme.  You can now apply online and use the ‘UK Immigration: ID check’ app to prove your identity if you have a valid Ukrainian international passport. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a766bec5-4fe7-4c9c-9b25-55b1fa1ba1cf&utm_content=daily> |
| 11 May | Government guidance  **Visa decision waiting times: applications outside the UK**  Check how quickly you’ll receive a decision on your UK visa application if you are applying from outside the UK.  Updated to highlight that UKVI is prioritising Ukraine Visa Scheme applications. It may take up to 24 weeks to receive a decision for those applying to join family in the UK. | [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-outside-the-uk?utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\_source=a26885a9-47bf-486f-a932-c2e078a900a7& utm\_content=daily#full-publication-update-history](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-outside-the-uk?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a26885a9-47bf-486f-a932-c2e078a900a7&%20utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history) |

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| 11 May | Government guidance  **Recognised Providers: Organisations who can help guests from Ukraine find sponsors in the UK**   * English * [Русский язык](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/recognised-providers-organisations-who-can-help-guests-from-ukraine-find-sponsors-in-the-uk.ru) * [Українська](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/recognised-providers-organisations-who-can-help-guests-from-ukraine-find-sponsors-in-the-uk.uk)   A list of voluntary and community sector organisations running schemes which provide support for and help match people coming from Ukraine with sponsors in the UK.  Added translation. First published 11 May | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/recognised-providers-organisations-who-can-help-guests-from-ukraine-find-sponsors-in-the-uk?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c8fc62cd-0040-4814-8665-25c001988f85&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 11 May | Government Promotional material  **Shingles vaccination: eligibility poster** Becoming eligible on 70th birthday  Posters showing who is eligible for shingles vaccination for GP surgeries, hospitals, care homes and primary care settings. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-vaccination-eligibility-poster/whos-eligible-for-shingles-vaccination> |
| 12 May | Official Statistics  **Adult social care monthly statistics, England: May 2022**  Published 12 May 2022 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/adult-social-care-in-england-monthly-statistics-may-2022/adult-social-care-monthly-statistics-england-may-2022> |
| 12 May | Government guidance  **Using the NHS COVID Pass to demonstrate COVID-19 status**  Updated to reflect that the domestic NHS COVID Pass is no longer available and the medical exemptions service is no longer accepting new applications. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d7014247-3130-41e3-a7f7-2d5bc96854e3&utm_content=daily> |
| 12 May | Government guidance  **COVID-19: guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk**  Removed information about NHS volunteers' availability to help with general, essential tasks | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-people-whose-immune-system-means-they-are-at-higher-risk?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e7865c62-d34c-4d55-ba10-49e6ae97e735&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 12 May | News story  **National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports published**  Weekly national influenza and coronavirus (COVID-19) report, COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-flu-and-covid-19-surveillance-reports-published?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f945f7fb-4ba6-4ecb-9857-1cd7a358e9df&utm_content=daily> |

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| 10 May | The King’s Fund  **Reform of adult social care: some progress, but nowhere near enough**  In November 2019, The Kings’ Fund identified the eight key problems in adult social care that any reform would need to address. Since then, the government has issued four key documents outlining measures that directly affect adult social care: its Build back better plan for health and social care, the People at the heart of care social care White Paper, the Health and Care Act (which has now received Royal Assent) and a White Paper on integration of health and care. Together, these introduce major reform to adult social care, with measures including further integration with health care, changes to the means test for social care, a cap on social care costs and an intervention in the social care market intended to ensure local authorities pay a ‘fair price’ for care. But are they enough to tackle the eight deep-rooted problems in the sector? Click on the link for their assessment. | <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2022/05/reform-adult-social-care-some-progress-nowhere-near-enough?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13194652_NEWSL_HMP%202022-05-13&dm_i=21A8,7UT24,2NYYES,W2ITP,1> |
| 13 May | Government guidance – new publication  **NHS COVID-19 app: user guide**  How to use the free NHS COVID-19 app on iPhone and Android smartphones.  Government guidance  **NHS COVID-19 app: your data and privacy**  Read about the steps we've taken to make sure the NHS COVID-19 app protects your privacy and identity.  Government guidance  **NHS COVID-19 app: accessibility**  Accessibility statement relating to the NHS COVID-19 app. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-covid-19-app-user-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9d3f2d85-889a-4da6-b14b-d430add0f235&utm_content=daily>  <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-19-app-your-data-and-privacy?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bcddde9a-73b5-4207-a29d-84833a9d55dd&utm_content=daily>  <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-19-app-accessibility?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=61fee956-b8cc-4966-aa64-254a91e8fdae&utm_content=daily> |
| 13 May | Government Press release  **Almost 80% of eligible over-75s receive spring booster**  Latest UKHSA data shows 79.2% of those aged 75+ who became eligible at the end of March for coronavirus (COVID-19) booster have taken up the vaccine. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/almost-80-of-eligible-over-75s-receive-spring-booster> |

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| 13 May | Government Press release  **Vaccine uptake among pregnant women increasing but inequalities persist**  Latest UKHSA data shows increasing numbers coming forward for COVID-19 vaccine, but uptake continues to differ by ethnicity and areas of higher deprivation. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vaccine-uptake-among-pregnant-women-increasing-but-inequalities-persist?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9ee0862a-1f2c-4d96-8959-4e7a9af0f318&utm_content=daily> |
| 13 May | Government Research and analysis  **GOS: Impact of false positives and negatives, 3 June 2020**  Paper prepared by the Government Office for Science (GOS) for the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gos-impact-of-false-positives-and-negatives-3-june-2020?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8c2e57cf-ab8c-466b-8eec-3977baedf8be&utm_content=daily> |
| 13 May | Government guidance  **The R value and growth rate**  The R range for England is 0.7 to 0.9 and the growth rate range for England is -6% to -3% per day as of 13 May 2022. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-r-value-and-growth-rate?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=eddfab95-7108-440d-a60a-60823e7a0a65&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 13 May | Government guidance  **Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents**  Updated to advise that applications for visit, transit, study, work and family visas are taking longer to process. This is due to UKVI prioritising Ukraine Visa Scheme applications. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-uk-visa-applicants-and-temporary-uk-residents?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=cbb36421-5a0e-42d3-a59f-98bdb14b4360&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 13 May | Government Research and analysis  **Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines adverse reactions**  A weekly report covering adverse reactions to approved COVID-19 vaccines | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-adverse-reactions?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=66b4e3e3-1b01-4172-a360-244c2482c73f&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 13 May | Government guidance  **Ventilation to reduce the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19**  Updated in line with 'Living with COVID-19' changes from 1 April. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ventilation-to-reduce-the-spread-of-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6d0f0ac7-9400-473b-9bf4-18244693902d&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 13 May | Government Press release  **Action Plan on COVID-19 - G7 Foreign Ministers, May 2022**  G7 Foreign Ministers and the High Representative of the European Union endorsed an Action Plan on COVID-19 at the Foreign Ministers meeting hosted in Germany in May 2022 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/action-plan-on-covid-19-g7-foreign-ministers-may-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=162c82bd-7614-4f3c-9aaa-ab8af957ca6e&utm_content=daily> |