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| **March 2023 – General Articles** | | |
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|  | **Social Care 360**  The King’s Fund have launched the latest edition of their annual [Social Care 360](https://kingsfundmail.org.uk/21A8-87Y8F-2NYYES-52VVWA-1/c.aspx) report analysing the [12 key trends](https://kingsfundmail.org.uk/21A8-87Y8F-2NYYES-52VVXY-1/c.aspx) in adult social care in England.  The year’s report paints a picture of a worsening crisis in adult social care [with more requests for publicly funded social care in England than ever before](https://kingsfundmail.org.uk/21A8-87Y8F-2NYYES-52VVXP-1/c.aspx), while the number of people receiving it continues to fall. | |
| Through analysis of key data on financial eligibility, satisfaction, care home places and much, much more, our report offers a[unique 360-degree view](https://kingsfundmail.org.uk/21A8-87Y8F-2NYYES-52VVYK-1/c.aspx) of the sector.  <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/social-care-360?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13807887_MKPUB_SocialCare360_020323&utm_content=explore_button&dm_i=21A8,87Y8F,2NYYES,XQB0X,1> | | |
|  | **Department for Work and Pensions**  Transforming support: the health and disability White Paper  Following the consultation Shaping future support: the health and disability Green Paper, this White Paper sets out proposals to help more disabled people and people with health conditions to start, stay and succeed in work. | |
| <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1142474/transforming-support-health-and-disability-white-paper-cp807.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13821180_NEWSL_HWB_2023-03-20&dm_i=21A8,888HO,2NYYES,XSUHH,1> | | |
|  | | **Healthwatch**  Together we can: Healthwatch England annual report 2021-22  Healthwatch is an independent statutory body that provides a mechanism for NHS leaders and other decision-makers to listen to patient feedback and improve standards of care. This report reflects on Healthwatch's performance for the period 2021-22 and sets a strategy for the future. |
| <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/sites/healthwatch.co.uk/files/Healthwatch%20England%20Annual%20Report%202021-22.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13821180_NEWSL_HWB_2023-03-20&dm_i=21A8,888HO,2NYYES,XSDSL,1> | | |

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| **March 2023 – General Articles continued……** | | |
|  | | **Prescription Charges Coalition (PCC)**  Continuing to pay the price: the impact of prescription charges on people living with long term conditions  A survey of more than 4,000 people with long-term conditions has found that having to pay for a prescription stops some people getting the medicines they need. |
| The survey also showed people with long-term health conditions who cannot afford their medication are visiting their GPs and A&E more than before. There has also been an increase in hospital stays, mental health issues and time off work. The Prescription Charges Coalition brings together around 50 organisations and professional bodies to campaign to scrap prescription charges in England for people with long-term conditions.  <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/Prescription%20charge%20report%20%28March%202023%29%20-%20final%20version.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13845248_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-03-28&dm_i=21A8,88R28,2NYYES,XUV4T,1> | | |
|  | | **Public satisfaction with the NHS and social care in 2022: results from the British Social Attitudes survey**  This year's survey, published by The King's Fund and Nuffield Trust, found that overall satisfaction with the NHS fell to 29 per cent – a seven percentage point decrease from 2021. This is the lowest level of satisfaction recorded since the survey began in 1983. |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/public-satisfaction-nhs-and-social-care-2022?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13852137_NEWSL_HMP_Library_2023_03_31&dm_i=21A8,88WDL,2NYYES,XV2N3,1> | | |
|  | | **Time for a spring clean**  Combat the ravages of winter for a car that's good as new! If you only clean your car once a year, whether it needs it or not, then spring's the best time. The interior could have been damp for most of the winter, thanks to wet shoes and clothes. And the outside's been attacked by salt-laden mud, which causes rust if left. Find out more on how to spring clean your car here.  <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/spring> |
|  | **Cost of living: impact on health and wellbeing**  Healthwatch East Sussex wants to understand people’s experiences around the cost of living, including the impact on day-to-day living, especially where any changes impact on health and wellbeing. | |
| The goal is to help decision-makers understand the impact on people's physical and mental health so that services can best meet their needs.  The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HWESCostofLivingSurvey2023/> | | |

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| Voters will need to show photo ID at polling stations in the May elections  | Newsroom | Bath & North East Somerset Council | | **To vote at a polling station you must ensure you bring photo ID for the local elections 4 May.** The deadline to register to vote is 11:59pm, Monday 17 April 2023. Anyone without a form of accepted photo ID can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. They must do this by 5pm Tuesday 25 April. Find out more [here.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAzMjIuNzM4MDkyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvaG93LXRvLXZvdGUvcGhvdG8taWQteW91bGwtbmVlZD91dG1fSUQ9JnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1BZHVsdCtTb2NpYWwrQ2FyZStVcGRhdGUrMjQuMDIuMjMmdXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9ZGhzYy1tYWlsLmNvLnVrJnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX25hbWU9JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmd3AtbGlua2luZGV4PTYifQ.1JN4RT7xX5KPBjM-8UF29Hb-oCErh7qxsUjSrHc28ag/s/2173156102/br/156571345200-l)  <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need?utm_ID=&utm_campaign=Adult+Social+Care+Update+24.02.23&utm_content=dhsc-mail.co.uk&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&wp-linkindex=6> |
|  | **East Sussex adult social care strategy**  Together with residents and partners, we are developing a long-term plan, an adult social care strategy for East Sussex. The strategy will be specific to the county, providing a person-centred framework which gives direction for services and staff. It will help people know what to expect from adult social care services and support.  Local residents, those who need care and support, their unpaid carers and families have been sharing their opinions with the adult social care strategy project team. | |
| Our Citizens Panel, a group of local residents, has also been involved throughout the process, regularly scrutinising and supporting the development of the strategy. Through surveys, focus groups, one-to-one or small group interviews, and other research evidence, people gave their thoughts on what works well, and things they might want to change or improve. The findings showed that the most important priorities for people were:   1. Having the right support in the right place at the right time 2. Information and communication about care and support 3. Cost of living and cost of care, now and in the future 4. A suitable home 5. Personal connections with others 6. Group activities, hobbies and volunteering   Publication of the plan is expected in the summer of 2023. More information: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/social-care/policies/asc-strategy> | | |
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| Mind | **The link between money and mental health** Practical tips on managing your money and improving your mental health.  Learning how mental health and money are connected might help if you're struggling. Sorting things out might feel like an overwhelming task. And lots of things may be out of your control. But try taking things one step at a time. The tips on this page are to help you get started. |
| <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/money-and-mental-health/the-link-between-money-and-mental-health/?utm_source=MIND%20%28THE%20NATIONAL%20ASSOCIATION%20FOR%20MENTAL%20HEALTH%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13845048_GSE%20March%202023&utm_content=Debt%20CTA%20button&dm_i=CZC,88QWO,1XDR1O,XU9PY,1> | |
| Mind | Racism and mental health Experiencing racism can make people more likely to develop mental health problems. It can also lead to internalised racism and internalised colourism, and racial trauma.  Our information can help you understand the impact of racism on your mental health – and choose how and where to seek help. |
| Ways to support your mental health:   * Therapy and counselling: this involves talking things through with a professional, which can give you space to explore difficult feelings and experiences, including racism. * Peer support: connecting and sharing with others who have similar experiences can be very helpful. * Self-care: this can be a powerful way to reject negative messages about your identity or your worth   <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/racism-and-mental-health/useful-contacts/?utm_source=MIND%20%28THE%20NATIONAL%20ASSOCIATION%20FOR%20MENTAL%20HEALTH%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13845048_GSE%20March%202023&utm_content=Racism%20and%20mental%20health%20CTA%20button&dm_i=CZC,88QWO,1XDR1O,XU9PY,1> | |

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|  | National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage uprating  The government will increase the National Living Wage (NLW) and National Minimum Wage from 1 April 2023 as follows:   * the rate for 23 year olds and over to £10.42 an hour * the rate for 21-22 year olds to £10.18 an hour * the rate for 18-20 year olds to £7.49 an hour * the rate for 16-17 year olds to £5.28 an hour and * the apprentice rate to £5.28 an hour. |
| <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/minimum-wage-rates-for-2023> | |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates** | | |
| 1 March | Government Digital Service guidance  **About GOV.UK Verify**  GOV.UK Verify is a secure way to prove who you are online. It makes it safe, quick and easy to access services on GOV.UK.  Updated the list of services that use GOV.UK Verify. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introducing-govuk-verify?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3c52b044-c180-4caf-86a7-b5e1666081e1&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 7 March | Press release  **Most vulnerable to be offered spring COVID-19 booster**  JCVI advises vaccine top-up for over-75s, immunosuppressed and residents in care homes for older adults. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/most-vulnerable-to-be-offered-spring-covid-19-booster?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ebb37c67-6019-40da-9213-801e93ad7741&utm_content=daily> |
| 7 March | Independent report  **Spring 2023 COVID-19 vaccination programme: JCVI advice, 22 February 2023**  Statement setting out the advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the spring 2023 COVID-19 vaccination programme.  This statement sets out further detail regarding the spring 2023 booster programme. It’s based on the [interim advice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-2023-jcvi-interim-advice-8-november-2022), formulated on 8 November 2022 and published on 25 January 2023.  JCVI advises that an extra booster vaccine dose in spring 2023 should be offered, as a precautionary measure to:   * adults aged 75 years and over * residents in a care home for older adults * individuals aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spring-2023-covid-19-vaccination-programme-jcvi-advice-22-february-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9bd0dc44-0241-455c-b2fc-e6efbe5eb4e9&utm_content=daily> |
| 8 March | Government Official Statistics – new publication  **Symptoms reported in those testing negative for COVID-19 in England: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey, UK: 8 March 2023**  This release presents the most recent data on the percentage of people testing negative for coronavirus (COVID-19) in England and report symptoms of Influenza like illnesses (ILI) by age group. It also identifies risk factors for ILI symptoms in those who test negative for COVID-19. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/symptoms-reported-in-those-testing-negative-for-covid-19-in-england-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-survey-uk-8-march-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=fc534872-8289-4284-bafd-903c929b6661&utm_content=daily> |
| 8 March | Government guidance  **Using the NHS COVID Pass to demonstrate COVID-19 status**  Updated information on previous medical exemptions – users can no longer view a record of these within the NHS COVID Pass. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=547ea85b-29b6-4cb5-9193-c44ecdbe0b4f&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates continued** | | |
| 9 March | Government guidance  **COVID-19 vaccination: spring 2023 booster resources**  Information on the spring 2023 booster dose for eligible individuals. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-spring-booster-resources?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=caf246a8-9ee8-4dd2-8f6a-30e0b9c5c29b&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 9 March | Government Guidance  **COVID-19 vaccination: what to expect after vaccination.**  Information for people who are receiving a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-what-to-expect-after-vaccination> |
| 14 March | Government guidance  **COVID-19: guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk**  Added information on COVID-19 spring booster. | <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=ee7a9f87-0ebc-4ed5-b327-d54d9cd41cc8&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 17 March | Government guidance  **NHS COVID-19 app: user guide**  How to use the free NHS COVID-19 app on iPhone and Android smartphones.  Updated How to use the app in another country section in How to use the app, and How we know the app works section in How the app works. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-covid-19-app-user-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=54fcd9c2-eb7f-4d2b-b68d-d3d20dd57d1d&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 23 March | Government Official Statistics  **Seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccine uptake in frontline healthcare workers: monthly data 2022 to 2023**  Data showing the number and proportion of frontline healthcare workers (HCWs) in England having seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.  Added data covering 1 September to 28 February. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seasonal-influenza-and-covid-19-vaccine-uptake-in-frontline-healthcare-workers-monthly-data-2022-to-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=18248dd4-514a-4514-bb9e-cb05c18f4265&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 23 March | Government 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=84850473-f6f5-47ed-a67c-66a6502bb368&utm_content=daily> |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates continued** | | |
| 27 March | Government Official Statistics - New publication  **Influenza and other respiratory viruses pilot study: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey**  This technical article summarises the findings of the influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) pilot survey which was run from October 2022 to March 2023. This pilot survey was run as part of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey (CIS), UK. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/influenza-and-other-respiratory-viruses-pilot-study-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-survey?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=fbaf9c8d-978c-4948-a0e6-12c1b934213e&utm_content=daily> |
| 27 March | Government Official Statistics - New publication  **Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine uptake by socio-demographic status and occupation**  Uptake inequalities of fourth doses of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine using 2021 Census-derived demographic and socioeconomic characteristics: age. sex, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status and self-reported disability and health status. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-uptake-by-socio-demographic-status-and-occupation?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=807a91f0-e77e-43c7-ac10-db497cb1fe62&utm_content=daily> |
| 27 March | Government Official Statistics - New publication  **Risk of death following COVID-19 vaccination or positive SARS-CoV-2 test in young people, England: 8 December 2020 to 25 May 2022**  Estimates of the risk of all-cause and cardiac death in the 12 weeks after vaccination or positive SARS-CoV-2 test compared to subsequent weeks for people aged 12-29 in England using two sources of mortality data: ONS death registrations and deaths recorded in Hospital Episode Statistics. Experimental Statistics. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/risk-of-death-following-covid-19-vaccination-or-positive-sars-cov-2-test-in-young-people-england-8-december-2020-to-25-may-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ed1de518-0755-4713-bcca-ab4dde32bf6b&utm_content=daily> |
| 27 March | Government Official Statistics - New publication  **National protocol for COVID-19 vaccine (adults)**  Protocol for the administration of COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years and over in accordance with the national COVID-19 vaccination programme | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-protocol-for-covid-19-vaccine-adults?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=308b2bea-8f71-41e9-bf67-bf5a3a572988&utm_content=daily> |
| 28 March | Government Collection  **NHS COVID-19 app**  Added notice explaining that the app will be closing down on 27 April. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-covid-19-app?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=dde2547b-9539-4e2f-8be9-75004eec8b20&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 28 March | Government Collection  **COVID-19 vaccination programme**  Added 'National protocol for COVID-19 vaccine (adults)' and a link to PGD for COVID-19 vaccine (adults). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=61b9b263-381a-4a2d-99bb-a3d1d4b833aa&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| **COVID-19 guidance and updates continued** | | |
| 29 March | Government guidance  **Find help and support if you have long COVID**  Changed the 'Society of Occupational Medicine' link. Added information about reasonable adjustments to the 'If your child has long COVID' section. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-help-and-support-if-you-have-long-covid?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=001c9117-cc04-4ba4-b556-15e46e62aacf&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 30 March | Government Research and analysis  **Face coverings and COVID-19: statement from an expert panel**  Added 'The role of respirators and surgical masks in mitigating the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in healthcare settings: an overview of evidence' and updated 'Composition of the Respiratory Evidence Panel'. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-and-covid-19-statement-from-an-expert-panel?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=212fdf44-7f46-4779-9126-82d3aec0a178&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 30 March | Government Official Statistics – new publication  **Prevalence of ongoing symptoms following coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the UK: 30 March 2023**  Estimates of the prevalence of self-reported long COVID and associated activity limitation, using UK Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey data | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/prevalence-of-ongoing-symptoms-following-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-in-the-uk-30-march-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=613ddc57-0863-4594-b19e-ce9af8829819&utm_content=daily> |
| 30 March | Government guidance  **COVID-19: testing from 1 April 2023**  Explains testing from 1 April 2023 onwards and sets out the purpose of ongoing testing, who will be eligible to access testing and when tests should be used. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-testing-during-periods-of-low-prevalence?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6b32bc5e-5b16-41b5-8249-a9a758bc0db9&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 30 March | Department of Health and Social Care and UK Health Security Agency Guidance **Infection prevention and control in adult social care: COVID-19 supplement** Sets out how to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in adult social care settings in England.  30 March 2023 - Updated to reflect changes to testing policy implemented from 3 April 2023. Information previously contained within the 'COVID-19 testing in adult social care guidance' include  3 April 2023- Moved 'COVID-19 testing: terms and conditions' and 'COVID-19 self-test for staff, service users and visitors in adult social care settings: privacy notice' from COVID-19 testing for adult social care services | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-prevention-and-control-in-adult-social-care-covid-19-supplement?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a6e6ee96-4ce2-4839-a42c-45c8c68f27a2&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates continued** | | |
| 31 March | Government 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=b5726159-6da6-442b-baf0-fc35eda88ad4&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 31 March | DHSS Independent report  **Higher-risk patients eligible for COVID-19 treatments: independent advisory group report (March 2023)**  Update to the independent advisory group report that identifies which patient groups are at highest risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and would benefit from new COVID-19 treatments. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-risk-patients-eligible-for-covid-19-treatments-independent-advisory-group-report-march-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b9d45318-a570-47a8-9553-7e36ecf34866&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics - updates** | | |
| 6 March | Government Press release  **Government appoints first Menopause Employment Champion to improve workplace support**  Employers are being encouraged to better support women experiencing the menopause as the Government today appointed England’s first ever Menopause Employment Champion. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-appoints-first-menopause-employment-champion-to-improve-workplace-support#:~:text=Menopause%20Employment%20Champion%2C%20Helen%20Tomlinson,can%20have%20in%20a%20workplace>. |
| 6 March | Government Guidance – new publication  **Make Things Right: introduction and how to help**  The ‘Make Things Right’ campaign aims to ensure more social housing residents who need support know how to make a complaint. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-things-right-introduction-and-how-to-help?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notificatio> ns-topic&utm\_source=af5cfc7b-6529-4c17-a566-2ae8bfa61f34&utm\_content=daily |
| 8 March | UK Health Security Agency Collection  **Group A Streptococcus**  Updated guidance for professionals and added links to NICE guidelines on antimicrobial prescribing for sore throat and NHS England statement on withdrawal of interim guidance. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/group-a-streptococcal-infections-guidance-and-data?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3f93b177-dc50-4523-8396-c646afc82fe9&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |

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| **Other Topics - updates** | | |
| 14 March | New Government Guidance  **Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024**  Guidance on getting extra payments to help with the cost of living if you’re entitled to certain benefits or tax credits. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payments-2023-to-2024?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d7745930-1e54-4c8c-834e-946a682cd2f8&utm_content=daily> |
| 16 March | Government Policy paper  **Transforming Support: The Health and Disability White Paper**  The government's proposals to help more disabled people and people with health conditions to start, stay and succeed in work.  Added details for ordering accessible versions. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transforming-support-the-health-and-disability-white-paper> |
| 23 March | Government guidance  **Learning disability: applying All Our Health**  Evidence and information for health and care professionals and the wider public health workforce to support people with a learning disability and their families.  Updated the guidance throughout. Added a new introductory section defining a learning disability and its causes. Updated data on the prevalence of learning disability in England, health and health inequalities for people with a learning disability, and children and young people with a disability. Updated information on core principles, what you can do to help, helpful communication tips, understanding local needs, measuring impact, and further reading, resources and good practice. New sections on human rights and equality, good services and effective support across the life cycle, and when things get difficult. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learning-disability-applying-all-our-health?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=383c9589-bc29-4a8a-8e2c-1f1450b2e75d&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 29 March | NHS England guidance  **Contact the NHS screening helpdesk**  Get in touch with the NHS screening helpdesk team.  PHE email address has been removed and the NHSE one has replaced it. The phone number has also been removed. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-the-phe-screening-team?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=280c3626-5a1b-4165-b398-33b4a2b9d3c0&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |

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| 23 March | Government guidance  **Code of practice for the international recruitment of health and social care personnel**  Updated to align the code red list with the recently updated WHO Health Workforce Support and Safeguards list. Other minor updates include: making it a condition of the benchmark on information provision that the guidance on applying for a health or social care job in the UK from abroad is provided to international candidates at the earliest opportunity; clarifying that appointment of healthcare professionals onto foundation and specialty training programmes is outside the scope of the code; making it mandatory for organisations on the ethical recruiters list to respond to the NHS Employers biannual survey on international recruitment activity; and improving and streamlining the process for code contraveners. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-practice-for-the-international-recruitment-of-health-and-social-care-personnel?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b3e657f5-dbf8-4b75-88b3-22e996d3a4d5&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 27 March | Government guidance  **Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024**  Guidance on getting extra payments to help with the cost of living if you’re entitled to certain benefits or tax credits.  Published the eligibility dates and payment dates for the £301 Cost of Living Payment for people on a low income benefit. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payments-2023-to-2024?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e830e95c-887c-4c83-b567-238c8801c8db&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 27 March | Government guidance- new publication  **Antisocial behaviour: how to get help**  Find out how to get support if you or someone you know is a victim of antisocial behaviour. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/antisocial-behaviour-how-to-get-help?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d0271d15-6a14-4d9c-a450-b2b9062523f8&utm_content=daily> |
| 27 March | Government guidance  **What is forced marriage?**  A forced marriage is where one or both people do not or cannot consent to the marriage, and pressure or abuse is used to force them into marriage.  Added easy read (English) and British Sign Language versions of the document. Updated translations to match the English version. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-is-a-forced-marriage?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9af70ccd-8d00-4a9f-95f0-92e1fc7df7a4&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |