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| **May 2023 – General Articles** |
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|  | **Reflecting on 75 years of social care: from the National Assistance Act to the present day**2023 sees the 75th anniversary of the creation of both the social care system in England, Wales and Scotland and the NHS, and the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush. Over the next three months, we will be reflecting on the changes those 75 years have brought and on where the health and care system in England is now**.** |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/reflecting-75-years-social-care?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13919594_NEWSL_Weekly%20Update%2013-05-23&utm_content=Button_75Years&dm_i=21A8,8ACFE,2NYYES,Y2KJA,1>  |
|  | **Why we should celebrate the birth of social care (but not too much)**The National Assistance Act was the foundation of modern social care but also created issues that last to this day, says Simon Bottery, Senior Fellow at The King's Fund.1948 saw the birth of the NHS, British Rail, the Land Rover, the Polo mint, King Charles, Lulu... and modern social care.   |
| 75 years ago, the National Assistance Act received Royal Assent on 13 May 1948 and came into force across England, Wales and Scotland on 5 July that year, bringing to an end more than 300 years of the Poor Laws. The Act introduced the duty on local authorities to provide accommodation for older and ‘infirm’ people and a power to promote the welfare of disabled people (though, a product of its age, the Act talks refers to people who are ‘blind, deaf, dumb and crippled’).So, should we be getting out the bunting and balloons for the Act? Or is it something of an anachronism now? Did it even, perhaps, send us in the wrong direction? Inevitably, the answer is: a bit of all three. Read more by going to the link <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/05/75-years-national-assistance-act?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13917921_NEWSL_HMP_Library_2023_05_12&dm_i=21A8,8AB4X,2NYYES,Y2DM0,1>  |
|  | **A history of social care funding reform in England: 1948 to 2023**Adult social care in England – unlike health care – is not free at the point of use. Support from the state is reserved for those with both the highest level of need, and the lowest means. This means that many people have to fund their care needs themselves.Since the 1990s, this has been widely seen to be unfair, and successive governments have attempted to reform the overall approach to funding adult social care. Here we outline the history of the past 75 years of attempts to reform how social care is funded. |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/audio-video/short-history-social-care-funding?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13919594_NEWSL_Weekly%20Update%2013-05-23&utm_content=Button_SCTimeline&dm_i=21A8,8ACFE,2NYYES,Y2KJA,1>  |

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|   | **Diabetes UK - Diabetes care: is it fair enough?**People with diabetes can expect to receive routine diabetes care, which includes a series of checks every year for things such as blood sugar and blood pressure. Receiving these checks is shown to reduce the risk of complications such as heart disease, hospitalisation and premature death.  |
| This report reveals that less than half (47 per cent) of people living with diabetes in England received all eight of their required checks in 2021-22, meaning 1.9 million people did not receive the care they need. It also raises concerns about health inequalities across England, with people from the poorest areas struggling most to access vital services. It calls for urgent action to address the routine diabetes care backlog and prevent avoidable deaths of people living with diabetes. <https://diabetes-resources-production.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/resources-s3/public/2023-05/DUK_Diabetes%20is%20Serious%20Report%202023.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13917921_NEWSL_HMP_Library_2023_05_12&dm_i=21A8,8AB4X,2NYYES,Y2MCY,1> |
|  | **Family Consultation Day report on deaths of people with mental ill health, a learning disability or autism**This report highlights how bereaved families can face persistent challenges following the death of their loved one in mental health services. The authors of the report heard from 14 family members who were bereaved by deaths in the care of mental health services or settings for people with learning disabilities and/or autism, and had faced or were going through inquests and investigations. |
| Key concerns raised were around lack of candour, transparency and accountability. Families also highlighted the inadequate levels of communication between families and the bodies responsible for care. <https://www.inquest.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=f04e7926-6f5d-4a3b-878d-a2611feb1679&utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13898135_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-05-02&dm_i=21A8,89VVB,2NYYES,Y09H3,1>  |
| **World Hand Hygiene Day 2023** |  | **Accelerate action together. SAVE LIVES – Clean Your Hands**World ‘hand hygiene’ day is on **05 May**.  The aim is to maintain a global awareness on theimportance of hand hygiene in health care and bring people together in support of hand hygiene improvement.<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-hand-hygiene-day>  |
|  | **Deaf Awareness Week – 1st May**12 million adults in the UK are deaf or have hearing loss – but we can all play our part to be more deaf aware, both at work and in daily life. This Deaf Awareness Week, learn how to become more deaf aware.If you are deaf or have hearing loss, we have some tips you can use to help people better understand your communication needs.<https://rnid.org.uk/information-and-support/deaf-awareness/>  |

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| **AA Corporate** | **Driving Tips for the Summer**How to cope with everything from traffic to tractors<https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/summer>  |
|  NMCF - Essex Autonomy Project | **National Mental Capacity forum Webinar: Practicable steps for people with communication difficulties** |
| The third webinar in the new series took place on 19 January 2023. It focused on enacting the second principle of the Mental Capacity Act for people with communication difficulties. We explored who might need supported decision-making, what supported decision-making for people with communication difficulties might look like in practice, how Speech & Language Therapists can help, and what other professionals can do when a Speech & Language Therapist is not available to provide support. We included case studies to demonstrate best practice and provide information on useful tools and further learning opportunities.<https://www.scie.org.uk/mca/directory/forum/nmc-webinars/practicable-steps>  |
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|  |  **Has spring weather influenced your mood?**With plenty of sunshine in the forecast for the next few days, late spring weather could help you get outside which may improve your mood, according to mental health charity Mind.<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/press-office/news/weather-and-climate/2023/has-spring-weather-influenced-your-mood> |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates**  |
| 4 May | Government Official Statistics New Publications**Prevalence of ongoing symptoms following coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the UK: 4 May 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-4-may-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=83d7b227-2b7c-4b31-8e6c-928d68810ee2&utm_content=daily>  |
| 4 May | Department of Health and Social Care Collection**Monthly statistics for adult social care (England)**Official statistics on a range of topics including infection control measures, COVID-19 vaccinations, flu vaccinations and testing for COVID-19 in adult social care settings.Added link to: Adult social care monthly statistics, England: May 2023. Also added to feedback paragraph to encourage user feedback. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monthly-statistics-for-adult-social-care-england?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e7c5fb96-d404-4b86-8b89-5e9811c5b5aa&utm_content=daily>  |
| 5 May | Department of Health and Social Care New publication**COVID-19: notification to GPs and NHS England to share information, May 2023**Notification to GPs and NHS England that they should share information to support efforts against coronavirus (COVID-19). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-notification-to-gps-and-nhs-england-to-share-information-may-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d27d0727-d6ca-4bea-939d-8d99213a338a&utm_content=daily>  |
| 9 May | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency news story**Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (Spikevax) authorised for use in infants and children aged 6 months to 5 years**The COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna has met the MHRA’s required safety, quality and effectiveness standards to be authorised for use in this age group | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/moderna-covid-19-vaccine-spikevax-authorised-for-use-in-infants-and-children-aged-6-months-to-5-years?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c68bc65d-2c88-4f79-9dab-c680136be575&utm_content=daily>  |
| 26 May | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Decision**Regulatory approval of COVID-19 Vaccine SKYCovion**Information for healthcare professionals and the public about the COVID-19 Vaccine SKYCovion | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulatory-approval-of-covid-19-vaccine-skycovion?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e5436b2b-5542-4c9d-9ca7-1c838eba5aae&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 4 May | Department of Health and Social Care Guidance**Care data matters: a roadmap for better data for adult social care**This draft document sets out the government’s roadmap for transforming adult social care data in England and seeks views on the data needed to commission, deliver and oversee care and support.Main guidance HTML attachment: acronyms changed to full names in description text for figure 1; in chapter 4, the subsection title has been changed from ‘Social care workforce employee survey’ to ‘Adult social care workforce employee survey’; also minor changes for improved readability. In Annex A: figures 5 and 6 have been updated, with all references to ‘NHS D’ now reading ‘NHS E’, and the text references for these figures have been correctly renumbered; the acronym DDCMS has been amended to DCMS in 3 instances. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-data-matters-a-roadmap-for-better-data-for-adult-social-care?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=cea84ebd-5192-46c3-96d9-3826614725e9&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 9 May | Government guidance**Social housing complaints: make things right**Social housing should be safe, secure and well maintained. If you have an issue with your landlord, it’s now easier to make things right.added translation | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-housing-complaints-make-things-right?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=712509e4-65e4-41ba-8c35-a6c7c026f58d&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 10 May 2023 | UK Health Security Agency new publication **Hot weather and health: supporting vulnerable people** This information aims to assist professionals in protecting vulnerable people from the health impacts of severe heat in England. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hot-weather-and-health-supporting-vulnerable-people?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=13e41e12-3bed-4b0d-8c00-b5b0b2540bda&utm_content=daily>  |
| 10 May 2023 | UK Health Security Agency new publication **Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: social care managers, staff, and carers** | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hot-weather-and-health-supporting-vulnerable-people/supporting-vulnerable-people-before-and-during-hot-weather-social-care-managers-staff-and-carers>  |
| 10 May 2023 | UK Health Security Agency new publication **Hot weather and health: action cards** Heat-Health Alert (HHA) action cards summarise suggested actions to be taken by different professional bodies and organisations in the event of extreme heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hot-weather-and-health-action-cards?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2d0071e1-5a0d-4786-a413-cc8ef6c8a37b&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 10 May 2023 | UK Health Security Agency new publication **Heat-Health Alert action card for providers** | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hot-weather-and-health-action-cards/heat-health-alert-action-card-for-providers>  |
| 10 May 2023 | UK Health Security Agency new publication **Beat the heat: hot weather advice** Information on how to stay safe in hot weather, including how to keep your home cool. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=965d504a-b54d-42d2-ae52-9cf97f8c523f&utm_content=daily>  |
| 11 May 2023 | Government guidance**Medical guidance for DLA decision makers (child cases): staff guide**Medical guidance for DWP staff who make decisions on child cases for Disability Living Allowance (DLA). Updated the ADHD section of the Medical guidance for DLA decision makers (child cases): staff guide. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/medical-guidance-for-dla-decision-makers-child-cases-staff-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=702bdc8a-041c-49f6-8723-bade2930242e&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 16 May 2023 | Department of Health and Social Care guidance**National framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care (easy read)**Easy read version of the national framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-framework-for-nhs-continuing-healthcare-and-nhs-funded-nursing-care-easy-read?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e4c1931f-9886-4823-bc63-7048efd6858f&utm_content=daily>  |
| 17 May 2023 | Government guidance**£2 bus fare cap**A list of bus companies and bus routes included in the £2 bus fare cap scheme.The bus fare cap has been extended to 31 October 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/2-bus-fare-cap?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b4e65705-c6b2-4004-b1ba-3c9146192643&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 17 May 2023 | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Guidance**Assistive technology: definitions, examples and safe use**Helps manufacturers and healthcare professionals understand the definition of assistive technology and the difference between medical devices and aids to daily living.Update: Paragraph added to the introduction section which explains that the government intends to extend acceptance of CE marked devices in Great Britain beyond 30 June 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assistive-technology-definition-and-safe-use?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a9839ed9-98f0-4c09-a0a2-11baa862b5cb&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 17 May 2023 | Department of health & Social Care Guidance**Digital working in adult social care: What Good Looks Like**Guidance for care providers and local authorities on What Good Looks Like (WGLL) for digital working in adult social care. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/digital-working-in-adult-social-care-what-good-looks-like?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=82db218b-4cf4-4779-b4c3-5181188b3492&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 19 May 2023 | 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.1. 18 May 2023 -Added link to report a missing £301 Cost of Living Payment for low income benefits and tax credits.
2. 19 May 2023 - Added the qualifying date and payment dates for the Disability Cost of Living Payment.
 | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6b3942e2-4b72-4703-9455-d656c469a67c&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 22 May 2023 | Government guidance – new publication**Getting disabled students prepared for university or college**Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) could support you while you’re studying – don’t miss out. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/getting-disabled-students-prepared-for-university-or-college?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=77f1f5db-3c45-4a10-8aa0-44d0ca95eacc&utm_content=daily>  |
| 22 May 2023 | UK Health Security Agency Guidance**Respiratory virus circulation: England and Wales**Data showing the seasonality of major respiratory virusesUpdated to provide data from week 17, 2013 to week 16, 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-virus-circulation-england-and-wales?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=740ee070-7057-4f07-8f69-ba028d1d757e&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 23 May 2023 | Department of Health and Social Care Statutory guidance new publication**NHS England’s protection of patient data**Statutory guidance on how NHS England should exercise the statutory functions that are intended to be transferred from NHS Digital. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-englands-protection-of-patient-data?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8760818f-7b13-4c83-9ba4-763153992c6a&utm_content=daily>  |
| 25 May 2023 | UK Health Security Agency 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=a03c6036-c414-45eb-a004-493bb55d6409&utm_content=daily>  |
| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 25 May 2025 | UK Health Security Agency Guidance**Flu vaccines: 2023 to 2024 flu season**Flu vaccines available for the 2023 to 2024 flu season and the clinical risk groups that they apply to.Updated for the 2023 to 2024 flu vaccination season.**National flu immunisation programme plan 2023 to 2024**The annual flu letter describes the national flu immunisation programme and outlines which groups are eligible for flu vaccination. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccines-for-the-current-season?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=81c3f814-60c2-4bf2-b2f4-f5113271cb99&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b360bb8d-e58d-433b-9f1b-796befb986b5&utm_content=daily>  |