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| **July 2023 – General Articles** |
|  | **The NHS at 75: a letter to party leaders**Pressures on the NHS in its 75th year are extreme, and public satisfaction is wavering. Alongside the Health Foundation and Nuffield Trust, we have written to political party leaders urging them to provide the NHS with the tools it needs to meet people’s needs and reach its centenary. <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/nhs-75-letter-party-leaders?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14012380_NEWSL_Weekly%20Update%2007-07-23&utm_content=Title_NHS75Letter&dm_i=21A8,8CC0S,2NYYES,YCYH5,1b>  |
| **Anaphylaxis UK | Supporting people with serious allergies | Anaphylaxis UK** | **Bee & Wasp Sting Allergies**For most people, a [bee or wasp sting](https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/fact-sheet/insect-sting-allergy-the-facts/) is not dangerous. But for a small minority, an insect sting can lead to anaphylaxis – a life-threatening allergic reaction. Download a guide here:- <https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/bee-and-wasp-sting-allergies/>  |
|  | **The need for action to improve the nation’s health: Making England a healthier place to live and work.**As a report, [**A covenant for health**](https://kingsfundmail.org.uk/21A8-8COWG-CKEBDC-57HN1W-1/c.aspx), looking at actions needed to make England a healthier place to live is published, Richard Murray, Chief Executive of The King's Fund, considers four myths that have hampered past progress.  |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/07/a-covenant-for-health-actions-needed-for-healthier-england?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14029072_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-07-21&dm_i=21A8,8COWG,2NYYES,YEV0Q,1>  |
|  | **Defining our digital heath destiny – shaping an eco-system, or being shaped by disfunction?** Pritesh Mistry (Fellow, Digital Technologies at The King's Fund) explores the role of an eco-system in enabling health and social care to benefit from technologies. Read the blog.  |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/07/defining-digital-heath-eco-system?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14012058_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-07-11&dm_i=21A8,8CBRU,2NYYES,YCXAV,1>  |
|   | **Vacancies are falling but social care still needs a long-term workforce plan**<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/07/vacancies-falling-but-social-care-still-needs-long-term-workforce-plan?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14033881_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-07-25&dm_i=21A8,8CSM1,2NYYES,YFBDY,1>  |

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| **Image representing news article** | **Fundamental reform of NHS dentistry needed to end a ‘crisis of access’**Health and Social Care Committee describes evidence of pain and distress due to being unable to see an NHS dentist as ‘totally unacceptable in the 21st century’. Urgent and fundamental reform of NHS dentistry is needed if people are to receive the dental care they are entitled to. MPs cite frustration that recommendations for reform made by their predecessor Committee 15 years ago have still not been implemented. They brand the current contract, which pays dentists for NHS ‘units of dental activity’ (UDAs), as not fit for purpose. Read the report here:  |
| <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmhealth/964/summary.html> <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmhealth/964/report.html>  |
| The Care Quality Commission (CQC) are reviewing health and social care for  older people in Sheffield. - Voluntary Action Sheffield | **Driving improvement for autistic people and people with a learning disability**In her first blog as Interim Director of People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People, Rebecca Bauers talks about the importance of listening to the voices of people with lived experience; about how we have been gathering insight to shape our priorities, and how we intend to use our new powers to assess integrated care systems and local authorities.<https://carequalitycomm.medium.com/driving-improvement-for-autistic-people-and-people-with-a-learning-disability-e8717bcfe487>  |
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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 1 July | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Guidance**Bed rails: management and safe use**Guidance on managing and using bed rails safely.This guidance has been updated now that the Government has made regulations that enable CE marked medical devices to continue to be accepted in Great Britain for defined periods beyond 30 June 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bed-rails-management-and-safe-use?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b567429e-0480-48dd-822c-be4341b6269e&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 1 July | Government Guidance**£2 bus fare cap**A list of bus companies and bus routes included in the £2 bus fare cap scheme.Updated to show which bus routes are covered by the £2 bus fare cap from 1 July 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/2-bus-fare-cap?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=423bdf69-50b3-45e0-b761-67a4b6e5fdaf&utm_content=daily>  |

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| 3 July | Government guidance**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.1. The [annual flu vaccination programme letter (“annual flu letter”)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan/national-flu-immunisation-programme-2023-to-2024-letter) of 25 May 2023 is hereby amended to reflect the addition to the programme of secondary school-aged children in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 (including home-schooled and other children not in mainstream education). Providers should ensure they commence vaccinations as early as possible after the flu vaccine becomes available and complete by 15 December 2023 in line with the other school aged cohorts already announced.2. As set out in the annual flu letter, the live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) should be offered to eligible children aged from 2 years to less than 18 years of age unless contraindicated or where parents object to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content. Where LAIV is unsuitable, children should be offered the injectable cell-based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIVc). Children’s vaccines will be available to order through [ImmForm](https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1af5af33-6a2d-4f96-85a2-2ce5f570a757&utm_content=daily>  |
| 4 July | UK Health Security Agency Collection**Shingles: guidance and vaccination programme**The characteristics, management and surveillance of shingles (herpes zoster).Added 'Shingles vaccination programme: changes from September 2023 letter'. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/shingles-vaccination-programme?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2bec9b14-4dad-4bbd-bf19-999db3c85d4f&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 5 July | Government Guidance**Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024**Added guidance on how to report a missing £150 Disability Cost of Living Payment. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=0d94f1a7-b268-491f-9e2b-e395b4536eee&utm_content=daily#:~:text=Guidance,to%20certain%20benefits%20or%20tax%20credits>  |
| 7 July | UK Health Security Agency Guidance**Adolescent vaccination programme in secondary schools for 2023 to 2024**Information on the adolescent vaccination programme delivered in secondary schools and the role that schools play.Updated for 2023 to 2024 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adolescent-vaccination-programme-in-secondary-schools?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3d7ab032-06c2-4828-8413-edc04e0075ad&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history:~:text=Updated%20for%202023%20to%202024>.  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 7 July | UK Health Security Agency Guidance – new publication**Immunisation inequalities: information sources**Data and information sources to measure inequalities in immunisation, developed to the support the national strategy addressing inequalities in immunisation. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisation-inequalities-information-sources?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b545514a-4292-45a8-aedd-37e8e7e4992b&utm_content=daily>  |
| 11 July | UK Health Security Agency guidance**HPV universal vaccination: leaflet**A guide to the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme, which became universal in September 2019.Added links to translated and accessible versions of the programme leaflets from September 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e7c170f7-427d-4922-bb6f-ef7ec18bb861&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 11 July | Department for Work & Pensions Guidance – new publication**Access to Work Plus referrals**How to refer someone you are supporting for Access to Work Plus if they have high in-work support needs. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-to-work-plus-referrals?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d6d9e311-015e-499c-954c-091a65ce7334&utm_content=daily>  |
| 13 July | Government Official Statistics**Excess mortality in England and English regions**Analysis estimating excess mortality during the COVID-19 pandemic by factors including age, sex, ethnicity, cause of death, deprivation and place of death.Analysis refresh with latest available data | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/excess-mortality-in-england-and-english-regions?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=24eacb1e-4246-44ee-af9a-113071ed095c&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 14 July | Government Guidance**National framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care**This guidance sets out the principles and processes of the national framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care.A further update to paragraph 59 of the framework, making reference to the key aspects of the wording of the relevant legislation. Paragraph 59 now provides further clarity, with reference to the scope of social care provision by local authority social services, to the circumstances in which an individual would be eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare for nursing, or for other health services required by that individual. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-framework-for-nhs-continuing-healthcare-and-nhs-funded-nursing-care?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=36a1a8d4-777c-46c9-8b21-1c71cbc52eea&utm_content=daily>  |
| 14 July | UK Health Security Guidance new publication**Measles: risk assessment for resurgence in the UK**Risk assessment estimates for measles resurgence in the UK | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-risk-assessment-for-resurgence-in-the-uk?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2d3d1be2-1696-4798-97e6-5b92edbe07be&utm_content=daily>  |
| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 18 July | Government Open consultation**Disability Action Plan 2023 to 2024****Summary**We are seeking views on the proposed Disability Action Plan and the new areas for action it includes. We want to hear from as many people as possible.This consultation closes at**11:59pm on 6 October 2023** | <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/disability-action-plan-2023-to-2024?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14026581_NEWSL_HWB_2023-07-24&dm_i=21A8,8CMZ9,2NYYES,YFB9S,1>  |
| 20 July  | Government Press release**Essential summer health tips for travellers going abroad**.The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding summer travellers of simple steps to reduce their risk of common infections when travelling abroad. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/essential-summer-health-tips-for-travellers-going-abroad>  |
| 26 July | Government Guidance**Smart meters: radio waves and health** Guidelines on exposure to radio signals from smart meters. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/smart-meters-radio-waves-and-health/smart-meters-radio-waves-and-health>  |
| 26 July | Government Guidance**Immunisations at one year of age**A leaflet to remind you to get your child immunised at one year of age. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-between-12-and-13-months-of-age>  |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates**  |
| 1 July | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Guidance**Regulatory status of equipment being used to help prevent coronavirus (COVID-19)**There are different regulations which apply to devices and equipment including hand gels and PPE (personal protective equipment)This guidance has been updated now that the Government has made regulations that enable CE marked medical devices to continue to be accepted in Great Britain for defined periods beyond 30 June 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regulatory-status-of-equipment-being-used-to-help-prevent-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2806ca37-3bd0-4f1d-a78a-64d05f703d04&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 6 July | Government Research and analysis – new publication**Our changing travel – how people’s travel choices are changing**Study of the travel behaviour of people in England following the COVID-19 pandemic and during a period of rising cost of living. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-changing-travel-how-peoples-travel-choices-are-changing?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=31a32cc9-deac-42d1-b00f-f94460d35776&utm_content=daily>  |