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| **June 2023 – General Articles** |
| **Care for the Carers East Sussex Logo** | **Carers Week, 5th – 11th June 2023**Recognising and Supporting Carers in the Community<https://www.cftc.org.uk/carers-week-2023/> |
| Volunteers' Week Logo | **Volunteer’s Week, 1st – 7th June 2023**Volunteers Week takes place 1-7 June every year. It's a chance to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities and say thank you.<https://volunteersweek.org/> |
|  | **Social care matters to us all**Covid-19 brought home some stark truisms about just how little central, and to a worrying extent, local government, understood about the social care that they were statutorily responsible for. There appeared a level of carelessness about a cohort of people who either received care and support or worked within the sector that meant as the darkest days of Covid-19 drew closer, the opportunities to make care count were missed. |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/06/social-care-matters-us-all?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13953421_NEWSL_Weekly%20Update%2002-06-23&utm_content=Button_SocialCareVic&dm_i=21A8,8B2J1,CKEBDC,Y6CAZ,1> |
|  | **Struggling to be heard: understanding the experience of disabled people in England**More than ever disabled people are facing barriers to living well, so it is concerning that the census might not be capturing the true picture of disability in England, and that disabled people struggle to be heard. Read more here: - <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/06/understanding-experience-disabled-people-england?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13964365_NEWSL_HMP%202023-06-09&dm_i=21A8,8BAZ1,2NYYES,Y7L7T,1>  |
|  | **Beyond devices and connectivity: the human factors of digital health care**Devices and internet connectivity are essential for effective digital services but so are good design, co-development and trust. The use and beneficial impact of digital technologies and data is much more likely if technology is useable and trusted, while also meeting the needs and expectations of staff and patients. Read more here: - |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/05/human-factors-digital-health-care?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13964365_NEWSL_HMP%202023-06-09&dm_i=21A8,8BAZ1,2NYYES,Y7L7T,1>   |
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|  | **Designing a social care system fit for the 21st century: strengths and weaknesses of the Care Act 2014**The first part of the Care Act 2014 drew heavily on the Law Commission’s review of adult social care. The review began in 2007 and its initial terms of reference did not even refer to carers or the notion of wellbeing but both came to feature heavily in the Act, illustrating that the Commission actively listened, particularly to carers’ voices.  |
| Placing informal carers on an equal footing with people drawing on care and the right to a carer assessment were significant breakthroughs in the Act. Peter's blog is part of a series of blogs reflecting on the 75th anniversary of the National Assistance Act.<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/05/designing-social-care-system-strengths-weaknesses-care-act-2014?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13951336_NEWSL_HMP%202023-06-02&dm_i=21A8,8B0X4,2NYYES,Y63YB,1>  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 1 June | Government Guidance**Weather-Health Alerting System**The alerting system provides an early warning when adverse temperatures are likely to impact on the health and wellbeing of the population. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/weather-health-alerting-system?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4eee5dce-7ec5-4647-ad63-ac14c02bd1d1&utm_content=daily> |
| 2 June  | 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.Updated paragraph 59 of the framework to clarify the description of relevant legislation. Specifically, paragraph 59 now makes clear, with reference to the scope of social care provision by local authority social services, the circumstances in which an individual would be ineligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare for nursing or 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=0065d8a3-857d-475d-818d-657302f62342&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 5 June  | Government guidance**My safety: electric vehicles**OPSS has produced assets featuring advice on charging electric vehicles such as e-bikes and e-scooters. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/my-safety-electric-vehicles?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=33dd88ad-745c-4c6e-b8e8-4fbcd48df144&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 7 June | Met Office guidance.**Tips for keeping cool in hot weather.**Most of us welcome hot weather, but when it's too hot for too long, there are health risks. | <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/health-wellbeing/tips-for-keeping-older-people-cool> |
| 8 June  | UK Health Security Agency/NHS England/Dept. of Health & Social Care Guidance**National flu immunisation programme 2023 to 2024 letter**Added further details on eligibility to the annual national programme letter for 2023 to 2024.The below groups will be eligible for a flu vaccine from 1 September 2023:* those aged 65 years and over
* those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (as defined by the [Green Book, chapter 19 (Influenza)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19))
* pregnant women
* all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
* primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
* those in long-stay residential care homes [[footnote 1]](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan/national-flu-immunisation-programme-2023-to-2024-letter#fn:1)
* carers in receipt of carer’s allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
* close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
* frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants
 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9611d289-9266-442e-abad-0f16d08418ca&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 13 June | 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.Removed the 'Access to Work during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak' section. Updated 'How can it help me?' section to include flexible working arrangements. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-work-factsheet?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bdb84b01-3e73-4a9c-a59a-2ccf9550de12&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 15 June  | Government Press release **Free prescription age frozen at 60** Everyone aged 60 and over will continue to receive free prescriptions, the government has confirmed today. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-prescription-age-frozen-at-60>  |
| 19 June 2023 | Government guidance **Access to Work: staff guide** A Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) staff guide about the Access to Work schemeNumerous updates to Access to Work staff including: Clarification of change to eligibility of civil servants and public servants, Change to Travel to Work and Travel in Work where customers provide the expected full cost of the journey by taxi, Process for Special aids and equipment clarified. Recalculated examples of Cost Share as customers can have a Personal Wheelchair Budget (PWB) rather than an NHS voucher. Changes to the process when reporting a change of circumstances, Review of claims in payment including proforma invoices, Support Worker instructions including evidence required and also updated Ceiling Caps. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-work-staff-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6eab805d-b1b8-48dc-a44b-8cbfcf384434&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 21 June | Government guidance **Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024 G**uidance on getting extra payments to help with the cost of living if you’re entitled to certain benefits or tax credits. Added easy read guidance about 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=c4084d15-410f-4039-b418-e62d9616635f&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 26 June 2023 | Government Promotional material **Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters** Added 'Protect your child against flu – information for parents and carers' for 2023 to 2024. Removed resources for last year's programme. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1971ed07-a1b7-4408-b16e-5a89a31439df&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 26 June 2023 | Government Promotional material **HPV universal vaccination: poster** Updated to include new resources for the programme from September 2023 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccination-programme-from-september-2014-poster?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=83860611-20c4-4f93-9067-8c137fb0c9e1&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 28 June  | Government guidance **Universal Credit childcare costs** Updated the maximum amounts you can get towards childcare costs to £950.92 a month for one child and £1,630.15 a month for 2 or more children. Updated guidance on getting help with upfront childcare costs through the Flexible Support Fund. You can now get any payment for childcare costs you’re eligible for with your Universal Credit payment for the same month you get help from the Flexible Support FundGovernment guidance **Universal Credit: further information for families** Updated the maximum childcare payment you could receive with Universal Credit from £646.35 to £950.92 a month for one child and from £1,108.04 to £1,630.15 a month for 2 or more children. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8120cfee-6c0a-402a-a6ac-9db8285585c2&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-and-your-family-quick-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ef71ecd9-0a9d-40a2-9414-030fed6de29a&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 28 June | Government guidance **Breast screening: programme overview** Read an overview of the NHS breast screening programme (BSP), and learn how to contact the programme. Stat on breast cancer updated from 1 in 8 women are diagnosed with breast cancer to 1 in 7 | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/breast-screening-programme-overview?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=05e31b09-af80-4332-bc02-f6c0f5b0a1b2&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 29 June | Government Guidance**999 and 112: the UK's national emergency numbers**999 and 112 is the national emergency response service in the UK. 112 is the pan-European equivalent to 999 and can be used in the UK. | [999 and 112: the UK's national emergency numbers - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/999-and-112-the-uks-national-emergency-numbers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b104d1ff-b0a7-450f-beb1-958712d1e44a&utm_content=daily) |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |
| 29 June  | Government guidance new publication**Apply for a special payment if you claimed Income Support because of a disability or health condition**How to apply for a special payment if you claimed Income Support because of a disability or health condition instead of Employment and Support Allowance. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-special-payment-if-you-claimed-income-support-because-of-a-disability-or-health-condition?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=56f0d7a0-2322-413d-a626-bdc72378386b&utm_content=daily>  |
| 29 June | Government guidance new publication**Apply for a special payment if you claimed Income Support because of a disability or health condition**How to apply for a special payment if you claimed Income Support because of a disability or health condition instead of Employment and Support Allowance. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-special-payment-if-you-claimed-income-support-because-of-a-disability-or-health-condition?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=56f0d7a0-2322-413d-a626-bdc72378386b&utm_content=daily>  |
| 30 June  | Government guidance**Apply for healthcare cover in the EU, European Economic Area or Switzerland (CA8454)**Information about applying for healthcare certificate (including a Portable Document S1, E106 or E109) in the EU, European Economic Area, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland has been added. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-health-care-cover-in-the-european-economic-area-ca8454?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=493ddd40-b46d-42b9-8eca-1ebedf0516d6&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates**  |
| 1 June 2023 | Department of Health & Social Security 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 'Adult social care in England, monthly statistics: June 2023'. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monthly-statistics-for-adult-social-care-england?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6d92f068-c950-4f54-b3f3-8b3204af5222&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 1 June | Government response**A witness statement from the Cabinet Office to the Covid-19 Inquiry**A witness statement from the Cabinet Office to the Covid-19 InquiryGovernment response**A Statement of Facts and Grounds**A Statement of Facts and Grounds | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-witness-statement-from-the-cabinet-office-to-the-covid-19-inquiry?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3f40f4c4-cd02-487a-a82b-19ceba4d7fd5&utm_content=daily> <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-statement-of-facts-and-grounds?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=82840f41-d63f-4e6f-adde-57744e78592f&utm_content=daily>  |
| 5 June  | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Decision**Regulatory approval of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for COVID-19**Safety and immunogenicity information in the SmPC has been updated, based on six months post-booster dose follow-up data in recipients aged 16 year and older from studies C4591001 and C4591031. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulatory-approval-of-pfizer-biontech-vaccine-for-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1beb9f8d-646c-453b-a06a-e32061010375&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 9 June | Cabinet Office Government response**A letter from the Cabinet Office to the Covid-19 Inquiry**A letter from the Cabinet Office to the Covid-19 Inquiry | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-letter-from-the-cabinet-office-to-the-covid-19-inquiry--2?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4c5a096c-3247-404c-a2a7-3d02cda5cf5b&utm_content=daily>  |
| 19 June | Government Official Statistics – new publication**Risk of COVID-19 death in adults who received booster COVID-19 vaccinations, September 2022 to April 2023, England**An analysis of the sociodemographic factors and health conditions associated with the risk of COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 deaths in boosted individuals in England. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/risk-of-covid-19-death-in-adults-who-received-booster-covid-19-vaccinations-september-2022-to-april-2023-england?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=49364b02-9c88-462c-ab5a-db5b4c20d191&utm_content=daily>  |
| 21 June | UK Health Security Guidance**COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children aged 5 to 11 years**Information for parents of eligible children aged 5 to 11 years on COVID-19 vaccination.Added link to 'COVID-19 vaccination: at-risk children aged 6 months to 11 years' and removed 'A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years at high risk'.UK Health Security Guidance – new publication**COVID-19 vaccination: at-risk children aged 6 months to 11 years**Information for parents of eligible at-risk children aged 6 months to 11 years on COVID-19 vaccination | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d297ff54-ddaa-4f8b-b065-accd8b3b764e&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-at-risk-children-aged-6-months-to-11-years?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e584e23f-b1fc-4b29-a9c2-a23ee23cffc2&utm_content=daily> |
| 22 June  | Government News story**National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports published**Fortnightly national influenza and COVID-19 report, COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses.Added latest update. In week 24, from most indicators, influenza activity remained stable and COVID-19 activity decreased or remained stable. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-flu-and-covid-19-surveillance-reports-published?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b217eec4-381e-4a2a-ad70-b11480d52630&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1164791/Weekly_Flu_and_COVID-19_report_w25.pdf>  |
| 27 June | Government guidance**COVID-19 PCR home test kit instructions**Updated guidance | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/testing-for-coronavirus-at-home?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c49e29a9-b1bd-42fe-9a9f-f24d34a0c4ce&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 29 June  | National statistics – new publication**Historical Weekly Deaths Data, 2011 to 2021**A summary table of the number of deaths by week of registration and age, including data on deaths linked with a respiratory illness | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/historical-weekly-deaths-data-2011-to-2021?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6ca097b5-1f63-4df8-b4bb-8b9dd92b1288&utm_content=daily>  |