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| **September 2023 – General Articles** | | |
| **World Sepsis Day – 13th September**  Over 11 million deaths worldwide are due to sepsis: many of these deaths could have been prevented by wider knowledge and education about sepsis and its effects.  Find out more by going to this link: -  [**https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/240673-Care-Booklet-Final.pdf**](https://www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/240673-Care-Booklet-Final.pdf) | | |
| The AA | Breakdown Cover, Insurance, Route PlannerAutumn driving | **Autummn Driving Advice**  Autumn’s not just about blackberries and fiery leaves – it brings changes to the roads, too. Go to the think for useful tips to ensure you drive as safely as possible during this season: -  <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/autumn> | |
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| <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/sites/healthwatch.co.uk/files/20230807%20NHS75%20polling%20findings%20%281%29_0.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14106123_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-09-12&dm_i=21A8,8ECCR,CKEBDC,YO2PR,1> | | |

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| **September 2023 – General Articles continued** | |
|  | **Care England – Care for our future: the roadmap to a sustainable future for adult social care** This document from Care England (a registered charity and a representative body for small, medium and large providers of adult social care in England) sets out the sector’s priorities across three key themes – workforce, funding and integration. The roadmap issues a series of policy recommendations for the next government to implement within 100 days, two years and five years of entering office. The plan is backed by major representative groups from across the sector. |
| <https://www.careengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Care-for-Our-Future-Final.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14124224_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-09-22&dm_i=21A8,8EQBK,2NYYES,YPNR0,1> | |
|  | **The future of community pharmacy: four key ingredients for success**  At a recent roundtable event, supported by Novartis, the future of community pharmacy with pharmacy, policy, voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector and primary care leaders was discussed. As the new arrangements for commissioning community pharmacy services become established, how integrated care boards (ICBs) might develop their planning and commissioning, and transform care pathways to deliver improved community pharmacy services was explored. Four key themes developed. Read more, go to the link. |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2023/08/future-community-pharmacy-four-key-ingredients-success?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14079681_NEWSL_ICSH_2023-09-13&dm_i=21A8,8DRY9,2NYYES,YKJYJ,1> | |
| A red orange and yellow arrows  Description automatically generated | |  | | --- | | Asthma + Lung UK  **Saving your breath: how better lung health benefits us all**  This analysis reveals that despite being the third biggest killer in the UK, simple tests for common lung conditions aren’t widely available to GPs, forcing them to make educated guesses when it comes to diagnosis. The cost of this testing crisis in England alone amounts to an estimated £2.2 billion due to avoidable hospital stays and treatments. The report sets out three steps to improve the care of people with a lung condition. | |
| <https://www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/saving-your-breath-report?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14129121_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202023-09-26&dm_i=21A8,8EU3L,CKEBDC,YQFG1,1> | |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 1 September | Department of Education Statutory guidance  **Keeping children safe in education**  The September 2023 version of the keeping children safe in education guidance is now in force, replacing previous versions. of substantive changes from the September 2022 guidance. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f2d95b1f-b002-4a57-bf54-c755aa264251&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 6 September | Government Guidance  **Flu vaccination: simple text information for adults and children**  An illustrated simple text version of the leaflets for the adult and child flu programme aimed at those with low literacy. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/easy-read-childhood-nasal-flu-leaflet?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c3feeca3-3a57-4ca2-b6b3-56fe8e035202&utm_content=daily> |
| 7 September | Government guidance  **Flu vaccination: easy-read flu vaccination resources**  Updated videos on flu vaccination for people with a learning disability and carer | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-leaflet-for-people-with-learning-disability?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=88f7c06f-c315-4d8f-89f9-817e95282eb4&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 8 September | Government Press release  **Annual children’s flu vaccination programme gets underway.**  Parents will start receiving invites from next week as the annual NHS influenza (flu) vaccination programme for children gets underway. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/annual-childrens-flu-vaccination-programme-gets-underway?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=320ca70a-46e3-42f4-aaf7-340010e1f592&utm_content=daily> |
| 11 September | Government Guidance  **Flu vaccination: who should have it this winter and why**  This explains the importance of the influenza (flu) vaccination this winter: 2023 to 2024. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4ebfc4f4-3fda-44a9-8366-ed371b14b366&utm_content=daily> |
| 11 September | Government Guidance  **Keeping warm and well: staying safe in cold weather**  Advice on staying well in cold weather, covering issues such as financial help, healthy lifestyle, flu vaccinations and heating. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keep-warm-keep-well-leaflet-gives-advice-on-staying-healthy-in-cold-weather?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b029ea6a-0075-4fe6-8891-b1e77773a79c&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 September | Department for Work & Pensions Guidance  **Personal Independence Payment statistics**Published version 4.2 of the background quality and methodology report. The latest release of PIP statistics was published today (19 September 2023). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-independence-payment-statistics-background-and-methodology?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b26ba5f8-6a3d-4530-a674-40507c57cd06&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |

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| **Other Topics – updates continued** | | |
| 20 September | Government Guidance  **Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024**  Added the qualifying dates and payment dates for the £300 Cost of Living Payment for low income benefits and tax credits. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f1ddbd21-71a7-403b-8d4d-58dfa3f8d7ce&utm_content=daily> |
| 20 September | UK Health Security Agency Guidance new publication  **Shingles vaccination: why you are being asked to wait**  Information about the shingles vaccine eligibility. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-vaccination-why-you-are-being-asked-to-wait?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=66ffd5cc-3fdb-4d85-a544-c88811c10248&utm_content=daily> |
| 25 September | Home Office Guidance  **Domestic abuse: how to get help**  Find out how to get help if you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse.  Updated the information under the headings Ask for Ani and Safe Spaces in the translated versions. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=eaae71a2-3fd9-40f3-aa46-83f76825179f&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 26 September | UK Health Security Agency Guidance -New publication **Brucella canis: information for the public and dog owners** Information on Brucella canis (B. canis) for the general public, owners of imported dogs, and dog breeders. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/brucella-canis-information-for-the-public-and-dog-owners?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3478d4ef-74ce-4843-94ad-1a91dc6887a0&utm_content=daily> |
| 26 September | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **UKHSA launches new infectious disease data dashboard**  New tool will include data on a range of infections this winter. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-launches-new-infectious-disease-data-dashboard?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=280f906e-9681-4944-a96b-076dd9967680&utm_content=daily> |
| 26 September | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **UKHSA announces new UK-based vaccine deal**  The deal is set to boost pandemic preparedness against influenza. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-announces-new-uk-based-vaccine-deal?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=205a70fd-96f4-45f3-bd90-ab60dcdce6c2&utm_content=daily> |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates** | | |
| 1 September | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Decision  **Regulatory approval of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for COVID-19**  Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) and Patient Information Leaflets (PIL) updated to reflect: 1. A variation to update the SmPC and PIL to reflect new posology for primary immunisation. The updates affect all the Comirnaty Original Products and Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.4-5 products i.e., 5 products in total. 2. A variation to update the SmPC and PIL to extend the shelf-life. The updates affect the Comirnaty Original 10 microgram/dose and 3 microgram/dose products and both Original/Omicron BA.4-5 products i.e., 4 products in total. Updates applicable from 24 August 2023 | <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=94443fbe-55e4-4ac4-ba51-712cd54498ad&utm_content=daily> |
| 1 September | UK Health Security Agency News story  **COVID-19 variants identified in the UK – latest updates**  Latest updates on SARS-CoV-2 variants detected in the UK.  Added latest update. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-variants-identified-in-the-uk-latest-updates?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c0503f50-8762-4c90-87cf-66c0dbc7b308&utm_content=daily> |
| 5 September | UK Health Security Agency News story Guidance  **A guide to the COVID-19 autumn programme**  Updated 5 September 2023 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-autumn-booster-resources/a-guide-to-the-covid-19-autumn-programme> |
| 5 September | News story  **MHRA approves Pfizer/BioNTech’s adapted COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty) that targets Omicron XBB.1.5**  The vaccine was approved after it was found to meet the UK regulator's standards of safety, quality and effectiveness | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-pfizerbiontechs-adapted-covid-19-vaccine-comirnaty-that-targets-omicron-xbb15?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a12b9ffb-a87c-450a-b559-f5fc855d97a1&utm_content=daily> |
| 6 September | UK Health Security Agency Research and analysis new publication  **Air pollution: link with COVID-19 infection and adverse outcomes**  COMEAP summary of the science linking long-term air pollution exposure with SARS-CoV-2 infection and adverse COVID-19 outcomes. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-pollution-link-with-covid-19-infection-and-adverse-outcomes?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=db6112c4-4886-4e29-bef7-37e551e0880a&utm_content=daily> |
| 8 September | UK Health Security Agency News Story  **COVID-19 variants identified in the UK – latest updates**  Latest updates on SARS-CoV-2 variants detected in the U | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-variants-identified-in-the-uk-latest-update?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2b23f4ec-baf9-49df-a5fa-6850f551f4bd&utm_content=daily> |

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| **COVID-19 guidance and updates** | | |
| 8 September | UK Health Security Agency Research Collection  **COVID-19 vaccination programme**  Documents relating to the new coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme.  Removed link to vaccination in pregnancy surveillance programme.  Added 'National protocol for COVID-19 vaccine (adults)' and link to the PGD | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e37679ad-1c85-4a24-8b6c-036899db0d5b&utm_content=daily> |
| 12 September | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children 6 months to 11 years**  Removed guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years of age, due to programme change | <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=65770d74-3dfe-47de-a44f-ccb1eb95cfec&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 13 September  21 September | Government Guidance  **COVID-19: guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk**  Guidance for people aged 12 and over whose immune system means they are at higher risk of serious illness if they become infected with COVID-19.  Added link to national booking system for vaccinations | <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=e7a08bdf-8b49-4948-819a-b19c17ae5beb&utm_content=daily> |
| 15 September | Government News story  **MHRA approves Moderna’s adapted COVID-19 vaccine (Spikevax) that targets Omicron XBB.1.5**  The vaccine was approved after it was found to meet the MHRA’s standards of safety, quality and effectiveness. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-modernas-adapted-covid-19-vaccine-spikevax-that-targets-omicron-xbb15?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=331229b1-15f7-4b61-b4f5-3069d7f9bc8a&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 September | Government Independent report  **The UK Commission on Covid Commemoration's Final Report**  The UK Commission on Covid Commemoration's final report was published on 18 September 2023 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-commission-on-covid-commemorations-final-report?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3d2e90b7-0e0c-4db5-8736-21fd45e5346b&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 September | Government Press release  **Commission recommends how Covid pandemic should be remembered across the UK**  THE UK Commission on Covid Commemoration’s final report on how the Covid pandemic should be remembered across the UK has been published | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/commission-recommends-how-covid-pandemic-should-be-remembered-across-the-uk?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=31752f2a-600a-4a3f-b6b6-fea5aede259c&utm_content=daily> |
| **COVID-19 guidance and updates** | | |
| 19 September | UK Health Security Agency Collection  **COVID-19 vaccination programme**  Added 'National protocol for COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (5 to 17 years of age)' and link to the PGD. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ba1b302a-b157-4724-abb4-f153687a7130&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 21 September | Ofsted Guidance – new publication  **Childcare on domestic premises**  Guidance for applicants and registered providers of childcare on domestic premises. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childcare-on-domestic-premises?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=98769189-ecfa-4f85-bf7f-654572b40983&utm_content=daily#:~:text=Guidance,on%20domestic%20premises>. |
| 22 September | UK Health Security Agency Collection  **Annual flu programme**  Added 'Flu vaccine for children: best practice guide for GPs' for 2023 to 2024. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=40a4c1d7-9665-4a94-8183-94b8776e5c91&utm_content=daily> |
| 22 September | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **Tuberculosis (TB) cases continue to rise in England in 2023**  Tuberculosis (TB) cases in England increased by 7% in the first half of 2023 compared to the same timeframe in 2022. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tuberculosis-tb-cases-continue-to-rise-in-england-in-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f4994541-696d-4f49-916e-a9cb59e33e22&utm_content=daily> |
| 28 September | UK Health Security Agency Official Statistics  **National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports: 2023 to 2024 season**  National influenza and COVID-19 report, monitoring COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-flu-and-covid-19-surveillance-reports-2023-to-2024-season?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bac10560-06aa-486f-a094-8c771a94195b&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |