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| **January 2024 – General Articles** |
|  | **The Health Foundation \_ Social Care funding reform in England: choices for the next government.**As the next general election approaches, political parties are developing manifestos for government. Neither Labour nor the Conservatives have yet set out detailed plans on social care. This long read sets out the main options for reforming the funding system for social care in England, including those often proposed by political parties. It also outlines the basic features of each policy approach and estimates their potential costs. It starts with a summary of the rationale for funding reform. Read more here. |
| <https://www.health.org.uk/publications/long-reads/social-care-funding-reform-in-england?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14312218_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-01-26&dm_i=21A8,8IRDM,2NYYES,Z95PT,1>  |
|  | **The health policy year in 12 charts 2023**Covid-19 has dominated the previous three years of health policy. But in 2023 new themes of industrial action, the cost-of-living crisis and sustained performance pressures took its place. Here is our recap of some of the key health policy events of the year. <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2024/01/health-policy-year-review-2023?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14275868_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-01-05&dm_i=21A8,8HZBW,2NYYES,Z511D,1> |
|  | **Putting the care back into health care means treating children as people not statistics**Children growing up in disadvantage are increasingly more likely to experience ill health. Rukshana Kapasi, Director of Health at Barnardo's, explains how three integrated care systems are trialling different ways of doing things to improve outcomes for children and young people. Read the blog here: <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2024/01/putting-care-back-into-health-care-means-treating-children-as-people-not-statistics?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14268431_NEWSL_ICSH_2024-01-24&dm_i=21A8,8HTLB,2NYYES,Z470A,1>  |
|  | **Age UK: We have to take it one day at a time: results of Age UK’s research into the health and care of people aged 50 and over**This report contains the results of Age UK's polling and survey work on the following topics: caring for others; physical and mental health; access to NHS and social care services; community life and social contact; cost-of-living increases; and concern about winter. For each of these topics, the report includes data from both Age UK's national polling and its internally managed survey of people across the UK aged 50 years and over.  |
| The data paints a worrying picture for many older people, underlining the case for urgent investment and reform of the services and support people rely on as they age to sustain their health, wellbeing and independence. <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/latest-press/articles/2024/new-report-from-age-uk-reveals-the-enormous-challenges-millions-of-older-people-face-this-winter/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14312218_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-01-26&dm_i=21A8,8IRDM,2NYYES,Z947D,1>  |

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|  | **House of Lords Integration of Primary and Community Care Committee** Patients at the centre: integrating primary and community care.A lack of co-ordination between the everyday primary and community services relied on by people using the NHS is leading to sub-standard care, missed opportunities for home or community-based treatments, and undue strain on hospitals that are already overstretched. |
| This report highlights the need for a seamlessly integrated, patient-centric health care sector where patients are given the type of care they need, when, where, and how they need it. The report states that the government should focus more on preventive rather than reactive care to tackle the needs of an ageing population, many of whom are coping with complex health issues requiring intricate and continuous care. Read the report here: -<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/649/integration-of-primary-and-community-care-committee/news/198938/integration-is-key-to-health-service-improvement-says-lords-committee?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14268431_NEWSL_ICSH_2024-01-24&dm_i=21A8,8HTLB,2NYYES,Z50RJ,1>  |
|  | **NHS Confederation**Primary care provider collaboratives: what you need to know. In response to the changing health and care system, primary care providers are coming together within systems to form collaboratives. These collaboratives are supporting integrated care systems’ strategic objectives and creating a voice for primary care at system level. This briefing explores the role of primary care provider collaboratives in detail.<https://www.nhsconfed.org/publications/primary-care-provider-collaboratives-what-you-need-know?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14275868_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-01-05&dm_i=21A8,8HZBW,2NYYES,Z59DE,1>  |
|  | **Putting the care back into health care means treating children as people not statistics**As health care specialists, we spend a huge amount of time considering, empathising with, and addressing the needs of the people we want to help.We intimately understand the challenges children and young people face, and how these may impact their health and development long term.Exposed daily to this kind of emotional and physical distress, it can be easy for compassion fatigue to creep in. Our brains work automatically to protect our own mental health, almost desensitising us to the trauma experienced by others. |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2024/01/putting-care-back-into-health-care-means-treating-children-as-people-not-statistics?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14302006_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-01-19&dm_i=21A8,8IJHY,2NYYES,Z7U6M,1>  |

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|  | **RNID Supporting people who are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus - New report reveals postcode lottery of ear wax removal services in England**.A new report from RNID has exposed the postcode lottery of NHS ear wax removal services in England. Our new research revealed that less than half of Integrated Care Boards (ICB), the commissioners of most NHS services, are providing wax removal services in line with public health guidelines. Some parts of England don’t commission the service at all, leaving 9.8 million people totally without access on the NHS if they need it.  We’re demanding for change in [our ear wax removal campaign](https://rnid.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/ear-wax-removal-campaign/). |
| <https://rnid.org.uk/2024/01/new-report-reveals-postcode-lottery-of-ear-wax-removal-services-in-england/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14312218_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-01-26&dm_i=21A8,8IRDM,2NYYES,Z99MW,1> |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates**  |
| 5 January 2024 | UK Health Security Agency Press release**Eligible groups urged to get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19**The UK Health Security Agency is encouraging those at higher risk of flu and COVID-19 to make a new year’s resolution to get winter strong. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eligible-groups-urged-to-get-vaccinated-against-flu-and-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1e82f0f1-c699-42d8-b01d-cd2734e36762&utm_content=daily> |
| 5 January | UK Health Security Agency News story**Flu and COVID-19 surveillance report published**Weekly national influenza and COVID-19 report, COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/flu-and-covid-19-surveillance-report-published?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=82b6b80d-95d0-42c1-87f2-391e15ed1f04&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 11 January | UK Health Security Agency News story**UKHSA and ONS release latest Winter COVID-19 Infection Study Data**UKHSA and ONS have today published the latest data from the Winter Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Study, known as the Winter CIS.Office for National Statistics new publication**Winter Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Study, England and Scotland: 11 January 2024** | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-and-ons-release-latest-winter-covid-19-infection-study-data?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4ab8009f-8617-48e8-978f-db1890622774&utm_content=daily> <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/winter-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-study-england-and-scotland-11-january-2024?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=33f68bbb-4fc6-4e76-a68a-0daed715a5a4&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates**  |
| 16 January | UK Health Security Agency Guidance**Malaria prevention guidelines for travellers from the UK**The UKHSA Advisory Committee on Malaria Prevention updates and reissues these guidelines every year for UK travellers.Updated guidance. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/malaria-prevention-guidelines-for-travellers-from-the-uk?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b2fd3e8a-2775-49ee-b7e5-25276e7c8505&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 16 January | Department of Health & Social Care New Guidance**Pressure ulcers: how to safeguard adults**How to respond to individuals at risk of developing pressure ulcers, prevent harm where they occur and raise a safeguarding concern. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pressure-ulcers-how-to-safeguard-adults?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=58cb7d92-71b9-489f-8ffd-543005764ea2&utm_content=daily>  |
| 17 January  | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance**Human Animal Infections and Risk Surveillance group (HAIRS) risk statement: sporotrichosis**Risk review and statement on the risk sporotrichosis in cats presents to the UK human population. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hairs-risk-statement-sporotrichosis/hairs-risk-statement-sporotrichosis>  |
| 17 January | UK Health Security Agency Guidance**National measles guidelines**How to manage cases of suspected measles: what patient details to take, who to notify and assessing risk of disease spreading in close contacts.Updated guidance, including additional section on defining the time window for receiving post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-measles-guidelines?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d6bdb04b-6b87-4a3c-b52f-c84d84744393&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 19 January | Press release**Measles outbreak could spread warns UKHSA Chief Executive**Measles can spread very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/measles-outbreak-could-spread-warns-ukhsa-chief-executive?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f7a927bd-e60c-448a-bf56-14fae0a8eac5&utm_content=daily>  |
| 23 January | UK Health Security Agency Guidance new publication**Information for individuals diagnosed with whooping cough** | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whooping-cough-diagnosis-information/information-for-individuals-diagnosed-with-whooping-cough>  |
| 24 January | UK Health Security Agency Press release**UKHSA publishes new 5 year Pathogen Genomics Strategy**UKHSA's 5 year Pathogen Genomics Strategy sets out a programme to improve our ability to detect and understand pathogens that pose the greatest risks to the UK. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-publishes-new-5-year-pathogen-genomics-strategy?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=006fbbd3-06de-4d70-842c-6ef521c1e922&utm_content=daily>  |
| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates**  |
| 25 January | 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=0af92c36-d8c9-4cf9-921c-06bba92f85dd&utm_content=daily>  |
| 29 January | 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 This page has been updated to remove the following documents:* the ‘COVID-19 testing: terms and conditions’ is now published on the [COVID-19: testing in the workplace and eligible high-risk settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/workplace-testing-terms-and-conditions) page
* the ‘COVID-19 self-test for staff, service users and visitors in adult social care settings: privacy notice’ is now published on the [Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing: privacy information](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-privacy-information) page
 | <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=00841ea5-3f44-422b-a25d-914ac5bc81f0&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 30 January | UK Health Security Agency Press release **Chronic hepatitis C cases in England fall by half since 2015** New data from UKHSA show deaths due to the hepatitis C virus are at lowest level in 10 years. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chronic-hepatitis-c-cases-in-england-fall-by-half-since-2015?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=95f63415-0b5a-45f1-a4d5-19de08c4571c&utm_content=daily>  |
| 30 January | UK Health Security Agency News story **Latest measles statistics published** Regular measles statistics updates issued by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/latest-measles-statistics-published?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3ccb710b-d0b1-4ba2-9844-9494e23bd521&utm_content=daily>  |
| 31 January | UK Health Security Agency Guidance New publication**Infection prevention and control in adult social care: acute respiratory infection**Infection prevention and control measures to reduce the spread of viral acute respiratory infections (ARIs), including COVID-19, in adult social care settings. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-prevention-and-control-in-adult-social-care-acute-respiratory-infection?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f1036d46-6d18-444d-8470-907472772b3e&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 1 January 2024 | Department for Education Statutory guidance**Early education and childcare**Statutory guidance for local authorities on the provision of early education and childcare. Updated with new statutory guidance which applies from 1 April 2024. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-education-and-childcare--2?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6f3ffc44-5591-45b1-92bb-cc45f88029aa&utm_content=daily>  |
| 5 January  | HMRC Guidance**HMRC tools and calculators**Find and use tools and calculators that will help you work out your tax.A link has been added to guidance explaining how to download and access the HMRC app on a mobile device to get information about your tax, National Insurance, tax credits and benefits. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hmrc-tools-and-calculators?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8dea9f7c-400e-4012-b324-4fcfe115045d&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 8 January  | Government Press release**UKHSA reminds parents of back-to-school advice**UK Health Security Agency reminds parents of back-to-school advice amid rising levels of winter illness in the new year. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily> |
| 10 January | Department for Health and Social Care New Publication**Care workforce pathway for adult social care: overview**This publication, the first phase of the care workforce pathway, meets our commitment to work with the sector and people who draw on care and support, to co-develop a universal pathway setting out the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours needed to work in adult social care, as well as a clear career structure for the workforce. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-workforce-pathway-for-adult-social-care/care-workforce-pathway-for-adult-social-care-overview?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14297583_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-01-16&dm_i=21A8,8IG33,2NYYES,Z7EHF,1>  |
| 11 January | Department for Transport Guidance**Disability, accessibility and blue badge statistics information**Guide to disability, accessibility and blue badge statistics, their source documents, accompanying notes and definitions and supporting technical documents.Updated to reflect publication of the 2022 to 2023 statistics. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disabled-parking-badges-statistics-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6e82f9fb-1d98-4504-b52d-081cc9400d9b&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 11 January  | Department of Health & Social Guidance**Adult social care client level data: privacy notice**This notice is designed to help you understand how and why we process adult social care client level data. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-client-level-data-privacy-notice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ae0a8506-2726-4999-9563-44bd6bc1ab60&utm_content=daily>  |

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| **Other Topics – updates continued** |

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| 11 January | Promotional material**Breast screening: helping women decide**Information on the NHS breast screening programme to help eligible women make a personal informed choice about whether to take part.Updating confidentiality section, replacing mention of Public Health England with NHS England. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/breast-screening-helping-women-decide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9bfdf7a1-3221-40e9-941b-a218532146a7&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 12 January | UK Health Security Agency Press release**UK’s largest survey of people living with HIV published**Positive Voices 2022 survey reveals high satisfaction with treatment and care, but stigma and mental health conditions remain prevalent.UK Health Security Agency Research and analysis**HIV: positive voices survey**Report presenting data from Positive Voices, the national survey of people living with HIV.Updated with Positive Voices 2022 survey report, appendices, data tables and a link to previous report. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uks-largest-survey-of-people-living-with-hiv-published?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=da60b090-f3d7-40e8-91d6-c5d3063d1d6b&utm_content=daily> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hiv-positive-voices-survey?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=fed7c54f-e080-4935-b853-3b7f22dc55c4&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 19 January | Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency Guidance**Information for drivers with diabetes** Further information on what drivers with different types of diabetes need to tell DVLA by law. Updated INF188/2 pdf.  | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/information-for-drivers-with-diabetes?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=37c01218-21a5-476e-b990-9d3ed84155c5&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 22 January | UK Heath Security Agency Research and analysis new publication**Hot weather and health: exploring extreme heat in adult social care**Older adults and those with health conditions are at risk of mortality during heatwaves. The research explores the experience of those who care for them. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hot-weather-and-health-exploring-extreme-heat-in-adult-social-care?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6bfc0e25-9a94-47b6-9060-c30993c0c383&utm_content=daily>  |
| 24 January | Office for Product Safety and Standards Guidance**Child safety: blind cords**Resources to support blind cord safety and raise awareness.New resources published | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/child-safety-blind-cords?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=dca3d5ec-07f5-4a5f-b5ea-a5c2b78fbfe2&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |

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| **Other Topics – updates continued** |

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| 25 January  | Department for Education Statutory guidance**Children's social care: national framework**Statutory guidance on the principles behind children’s social care, its purpose, factors enabling good practice and what it should achieve.Added a link to an animated guide to the framework. The animated guide is on YouTube. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-national-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=17bfa8b4-4bd0-410f-97ce-5feb1b7165b8&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 26 January | Department of Health and Social Care Statutory guidance**Hospital discharge and community support guidance**Sets out how health and care systems should support the safe and timely discharge of people who no longer need to stay in hospital.Updated 'Hospital discharge and community support guidance' to reflect new duties introduced by the Health and Care Act 2022 for NHS bodies and local authorities and to provide additional detail on good practice in care transfer hubs. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hospital-discharge-and-community-support-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=05427b60-c4d9-4324-9e38-70be5ba7933b&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 30 January | [Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency) Guidance**Valproate use by women and girls**Information about the risks of taking valproate medicines during pregnancy.Updated the 'Materials and resources' and 'Clinical resources' sections | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/valproate-use-by-women-and-girls?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bb73bb3e-3589-4ff2-a2e3-8a062a5182bd&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |
| 31 January | UK Health Security Agency Research and analysis**SARS-CoV-2: genome sequence prevalence and growth rate**These documents provide regular updates on SARS-CoV-2 lineage prevalence and growth rates. Added 31 January 2024 update. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sars-cov-2-genome-sequence-prevalence-and-growth-rate?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ee8887f8-6577-48b0-b6c0-0c8d8e686cd5&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history>  |