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| Autumn driving | **AA Autumn Advice – Stay one step ahead of the seasonal switch in driving conditions.**  Autumn is not just about blackberries and fiery leaves – it brings changes to roads too.  Read some useful advice to follow on this site:  <https://www.theaa.com/~/media/the-aa/article-summaries/driving-advice/autumn-driving.jpg?hash=2E3507EFC0B6D0DFB8F47CB66F67ACD560A81BDB&h=400&w=640&rev=76e6af6250634ed8809a52d4f32e468b> |
|  | **Marie Curie Press Release - Voices of bereaved highlight harrowing end of life care**  Time to care: findings from a nationally representative survey of experiences at the end of life in England and Wales. This report sets out the findings from a national post-bereavement survey, the QUALYCARE survey, conducted in 2023 across England and Wales. The aim was to describe the outcomes, experiences, and use of care services by people affected by dying, death and bereavement in England and Wales.  The report funded by the end-of-life charity Marie Curie reveals that, in England and Wales, one in three dying people were severely or overwhelmingly affected by pain in the last week of life, with bereaved people reporting how difficult it was to get joined-up support from health and care professionals at home. |
| Read more here: - <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/media/press-releases/voices-of-bereaved-highlight-harrowing-end-of-life-care/382982?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14641570_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-09-06&dm_i=21A8,8PTIA,2NYYES,107PU2,1> | |
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| Centre for Mental Health logo | **Centre for Mental Health - Just living and coping: the cost-of-living crisis and the nation’s mental health**  The cost-of-living crisis has had a profound impact on people with mental health problems, with many struggling to get by day-to-day at the expense of their health. This report draws together research commissioned by Mind to explore the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. The Centre’s researchers heard from 500 people across England and Wales, many of whom already had mental health problems. The research found that 84% of people said the crisis had made their mental health worse, with the biggest impacts among those living in the deepest poverty. The report makes recommendations for the NHS and central government.  Read more here: - |
| <https://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/CentreforMH_JustLivingAndCoping.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14641570_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-09-06&dm_i=21A8,8PTIA,2NYYES,107WHF,1> | |

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|  | | **Community Pharmacy England - Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2024: funding and profitability report**  This report confirms the severe financial pressures putting community pharmacies at risk of closure, threatening patient care and access to services across England. Spiralling costs and workload, coupled with a 30% funding cut in real terms since 2015, mean that too many pharmacies are struggling to stay afloat. Read the press release here: - |
| <https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/nearly-a-sixth-of-pharmacies-could-close-within-a-year-pressures-survey-indicates/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14641570_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-09-06&dm_i=21A8,8PTIA,2NYYES,107W1D,1> | | |
|  | | Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - From left behind to leading the way: a blueprint for transforming child health services  This report finds that children are waiting longer than adults to access health care, paediatric services are not recovering at the same rates as adult services, and there is a growing gap between demand and capacity. This has coincided with an unprecedented increased demand for children’s health services, which is forecast to grow further due to both preventable and non-preventable increases in childhood illness. |
| <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/transforming-child-health-services-england-blueprint?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14644284_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-09-10&dm_i=21A8,8PVLO,2NYYES,108AGG,1> | | |
|  | **Lilli - From passive to proactive: unlocking the digital dividend from lifestyle monitoring technology for health and social care**  This report highlights the potential of lifestyle monitoring technology to address the current health and social care crisis. By detecting illnesses early and enabling people to remain at home, the technology could prevent hospital admissions, accelerate discharge, and save money for the NHS and councils by 2035. It is projected that more than £1.2 billion and 2.3 million hospital bed days could be saved, creating capacity for 10,000 extra care workers. Read more here: - <https://www.intelligentlilli.com/> | |
|  | **The King’s Fund - What are unpaid carers, who are they and how often do they provide care?**  Unpaid carers or informal carers – anyone who provides care, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without their support – play a key role in the health and care system. Here we unpack who is likely to be an unpaid carer, how often care is provided, who people care for and how care is funded. | |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/data-and-charts/unpaid-carers-nutshell?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14656610_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-09-17&dm_i=21A8,8Q542,2NYYES,1092MR,1> | | |
|  | **NHS Confederation - Achieving the 18-week standard for elective care**  This analysis (produced together with the consultancy Carnall Farrar) reveals why extra appointments alone will not meet the Labour government's waiting-time pledge to ensure that 92% of patients wait no longer than 18 weeks from referral to treatment**.**  Read more here <https://www.nhsconfed.org/> | |
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|  | **Women in England want at home cervical screening tests on the NHS**  Our new research calls for a more personalised approach to cervical screening to help the NHS meet its ambition to eliminate cervical cancer by 2040. Our new research calls for a more personalised approach to cervical screening to help the NHS meet its ambition to eliminate cervical cancer by 2040. | |
| <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/news/2024-09-16/women-england-want-home-cervical-screening-tests-nhs?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14663144_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-09-20&dm_i=21A8,8QA5K,2NYYES,109WOG,1> | | |
|  | **The science of stress**  Despite an employer’s best efforts, challenges, stresses and adversity at work are sometimes unavoidable, but suitable lifestyle choices can help us build our resilience capacity and sustain our energy. Read more here: - | |
| <https://www.britsafe.org/safety-management/2024/the-science-of-stress?mkt_tok=NjM4LVhFSC00ODcAAAGV4TK5gg-dUdEEnjJejfqxxaAtdn9PqDVIxfRfFmoYLjJmEW1wEspsd6GamptIedFxQT9pThqsv77pPfF51hVA0q-xuCJnYwHevBaKz7CUe3g> | | |
|  | **The government's 10-year plan for health and care**  The government intends to develop a 10-year plan for health and care. In a speech at The King’s Fund, Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer reiterated three 'big shifts' his government want to see in health and care. We pull together our resources on the case for reform, approach to reform, and those three shifts. | |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/projects/governments-long-term-plan-health-and-care?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14664254_MKEVT_J1922_MovingCareCloser_190924&utm_content=Button_FindOutMore&dm_i=21A8,8QB0E,2NYYES,109WAN,1> | | |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates** | | |
| 4 September | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV): vaccination for older adults**  Information on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and the benefits of vaccination for adults and resources to promote the vaccination to older adults  Added NHS England older adult letter and SMS invitation templates. These are intended for local use to support call and recall of eligible patients by GP surgeries. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-for-older-adults?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e7e5c089-230c-427c-a6be-47926cdc5af3&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 12 September | UK Health Security Agency Guidance - new publication **Easy read guide to the shingles vaccine** Easy read leaflet providing information on the shingles vaccine. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/easy-read-guide-to-the-shingles-vaccine?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=72a70b51-bc02-4b01-bf45-d8901c1146a8&utm_content=daily> |
| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates** | | |
| 16 September | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **UK secures more vaccines to help boost resilience against mpox**  Additional vaccines will help ensure the UK can protect those that may be at high risk from mpox | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-secures-more-vaccines-to-help-boost-resilience-against-mpox?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=051e5bf5-f409-4191-840a-34d6e9d89f39&utm_content=daily> |
| 18 September | UK Health & Security Guidance  **National protocol for COVID-19 vaccine (5 years and over)**  Protocol for the administration of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to individuals aged 5 years and over in accordance with the national COVID-19 vaccination programme.  Added National protocol for COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (5 years and over) version 1.00. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-protocol-for-covid-19-mrna-vaccine-5-to-17-years-of-age?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=82dc6ef1-bd60-4d26-ad92-53169b2aaf7a&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 12 September | UK Health & Security Guidance  **Easy read guide to the shingles vaccine**  Easy read leaflet providing information on the shingles vaccine.  Added the word, first to page 5, paragraph 2. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/easy-read-guide-to-the-shingles-vaccine?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=cd3d32fa-5f9a-48c7-a04d-73d63ef2fb91&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 September | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **UKHSA Presents**  UKHSA Presents is a new webinar series profiling the science behind how we prevent, prepare for and respond to infectious diseases and environmental hazards to keep all our communities safe. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ukhsa-presents?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=5d4c437f-7e9b-4c4f-afcc-341cada3c22a&utm_content=daily> |
| 30 September | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **18,000 flu-related deaths in past 2 winters as jab uptake falls**  UKHSA with DHSC and NHS launch Get Winter Strong campaign to remind those at risk to get their vaccinations to fight off the onslaught of winter viruses. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/18000-flu-related-deaths-in-past-2-winters-as-jab-uptake-falls?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f792adf7-789b-47cb-938e-9ac947923b9f&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 10 September | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Radiation emergencies: information for the public**  Information on protecting yourself from radiation, including how to remove radioactive contamination from yourself.  Updated links to 2024 handbook. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/radiation-emergencies-information-for-the-public?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bc7a1d15-8637-47b8-a6a3-9b29765be06e&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 18 September | Department for Work & Pensions Press release  **Lockdown generation consigned to the ‘scrapheap’ will get life-changing support into work, vows Minister**  The ‘lockdown generation’ who’ve been consigned to the ‘scrapheap’ will get life-changing support through major reforms to get Britain working again, the Minister for Employment has vowed in her first speech since taking office. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lockdown-generation-consigned-to-the-scrapheap-will-get-life-changing-support-into-work-vows-minister--2?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8bd3719f-aa0a-4457-a086-59941ab28b58&utm_content=daily> |
| 23 September | Government Guidance  **Personal Independence Payment (PIP) handbook**  Detailed guidance about PIP – the benefit for people with a health condition or disability. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-independence-payment-fact-sheets?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=eea44653-2653-40f0-b5fe-e05156f29764&utm_content=daily> |
| 23 September | UK Visas & Immigration and Immigration Enforcement Guidance  **Right to work checks: an employer's guide**  How to carry out right to work checks, why you need to do them, and which documents you can use.  Employer's guide to right to work checks has been updated. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/right-to-work-checks-employers-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f7da50ea-641e-4fa8-b753-f6549f7e1ee0&utm_content=daily> |
| 27 September | Department of Health & Social Care Statutory guidance  **Care Act 2014: supporting implementation**  Support for local authorities to carry out the implementation for part 1 of the Care Act 2014.  Amended 'List of changes made to the Care Act guidance' to note that, following an announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the planned adult social care charging reforms, which were inherited from the previous government, will not be taken forward in October 2025. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=029d92ac-278b-4297-b3c9-aa7dcc7dd3c7&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |