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| **October 2024 – General Articles** | |
| Untitled | **Fire safety in the winter** Fire safety tips related to keeping warm in the winter.  This leaflet will help you keep safe throughout the winter period, as this can be a particularly risky time for fires due to the need to keep warm.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-in-the-winter> |
|  | **Prostate cancer is killing more Black men**  This report unveils disparities in health care experiences among Black individuals in the UK, particularly concerning prostate cancer. According to the poll of 2,000 Black adults, nearly 25% believe discrimination has prevented them from being tested for prostate cancer, while 1 in 3 believe discrimination has stopped them being tested or treated for any medical problem. Less than half (47%) think they would receive the same level of care from the NHS as their white counterparts. |
| <https://www.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk/black-community-facing-stark-disparities-in-healthcare-new-research-shows/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14679124_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-10-01&dm_i=21A8,8QMHG,2NYYES,10BHD5,1> | |
| Care Quality Commission (CQC)? • Caremark | **The state of health care and adult social care in England 2023/24** This annual assessment of the state of health and social care in England looks at the quality of care over the past year. It draws on inspection activity, findings from the CQC’s national NHS patient survey programme and statutory reports, bespoke research into people’s experiences, insights from key stakeholders, and evidence collected by the regulator throughout the year about the quality and safety of services in all areas of health and care. |
| <https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/major-report/state-care/2023-2024> | |
|  | **Pharmacy closures in England** Healthwatch England sent a Freedom of Information (FoI) request to all 42 integrated care boards (ICBs) in England to investigate the issue of pharmacy closures. |
| This briefing provides a geographical breakdown of pharmacy closures in England and finds that the closures are hitting older people and rural communities the hardest. Healthwatch England makes recommendations to reduce the impact of pharmacy closures on pharmacy users. <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/news/2024-09-26/temporary-closures-add-crisis-community-pharmacies?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14679124_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-10-01&dm_i=21A8,8QMHG,2NYYES,10BV1L,1> | |
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| **October 2024 – General Articles continued** | |
| Thomas Pocklington Trust - Sight ... | **Testing the nation’s Eye Q: how smart are we when it comes to looking after our vision and eye health?**  One in three people will experience sight loss in their lifetime and half of this could be avoided, but this report has found that just one in four people consider routine eye tests as important for maintaining good eye health. The report also uncovered a shocking lack of awareness of ‘red flag’ symptoms linked to sight-threatening eye conditions.  <https://www.pocklington.org.uk/news/new-report-finds-nations-eye-q-is-missing-the-mark/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14684156_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-10-04&dm_i=21A8,8QQD8,2NYYES,10BYRX,1> |
| Age UK - Wikipedia | **The state of health and care of older people in England 2024**  This analysis finds that 2 million older people in England are now living with some unmet need for social care. Drawing on the latest available data, the report concludes that England’s health and care services continue to be under enormous pressure so that, despite the best efforts of many dedicated staff, they are currently unable to meet the needs of all the older people presenting who require treatment, care and support.  <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/latest-press/articles/2-million-older-people-now-have-some-unmet-need-for-social-care/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14684156_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-10-04&dm_i=21A8,8QQD8,2NYYES,10C6K4,1> |
|  | **The climate crisis: a critical threat to mental health**  Emma Wills considers the impact of the climate crisis on mental health, and calls for a holistic response that brings together mental health, environmental sustainability, economic security and societal resilience.  Read more here: - |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/blogs/climate-crisis-critical-threat-mental-health?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14704816_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-10-18&dm_i=21A8,8R6B4,2NYYES,10E1X4,1> | |
|  | **The government’s first 100 days and what it means for health and care**  A podcast about big ideas in health and care. We talk with experts from The King’s Fund and beyond about the NHS, social care, and all things health policy and leadership.  <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/podcast/governments-first-100-days-health-and-care-2024?utm_source=solus&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=14709530_MKPUB_Oct_100Days_17102024&amp;utm_content=title> |
|  | **Prolonged standing no better for health than long periods of sitting, study finds** Standing for long periods of time is no better for your health than sitting at a desk and may even increase the risk of circulatory issues, according to a new study which emphasises the importance of regular movement throughout the day.  <https://www.britsafe.org/safety-management/2024/prolonged-standing-no-better-for-health-than-long-periods-of-sitting-study-finds?mkt_tok=NjM4LVhFSC00ODcAAAGWgiZ5AnUYxed-aUDHJv2_T71FjOTxNmIS7W5n5zCnPVpGuTprNrSXd65wSB3eqfZHrBx8le_Fzz5-65rflFO98c-SRhR9qistgACpcKMd0yU> |
| **October 2024 – General Articles continued** | |
|  | **A new royal commission on social care must tackle the fundamental problem: the means test** Even if the government’s rumoured royal commission on adult social care goes ahead, it would not be the first attempt to crack the issue of social care through royal warrant. Read more here:  <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/blogs/new-royal-commission-social-care-tackle-fundamental-problem-means-test?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14726566_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-11-01&dm_i=21A8,8RN3A,2NYYES,10G7V8,1> |
|  | **Five things the ‘biggest ever conversation about the future of the NHS’ needs to succeed**  The government has just launched [Change NHS](https://change.nhs.uk/en-GB/), ‘the biggest ever conversation about the future of the NHS’. Open to the public, staff and wider health and care organisations it is focused both on hearing from people on what could be improved and on hearing views on the three key shifts that the government wants to make to how the NHS operates (from treatment to prevention, from analogue to digital and moving care closer to home). |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/blogs/five-things-biggest-ever-conversation-future-nhs-needs-succeed?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14721690_NEWSL_WeeklyUpdate_281024%5BMondaySend%5D&utm_content=Button_DanBlog&dm_i=21A8,8RJBU,2NYYES,10FPMK,1> | |
|  | **How technology and AI is reshaping public health**  New technologies like AI are developing rapidly. They could be useful for the wider public health workforce, but we need to ensure that they are used appropriately. |
| <https://www.rsph.org.uk/about-us/news/how-technology-and-ai-is-reshaping-public-health.html?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14672794_NEWSL_DHD%202024-10-09&utm_content=Report4&dm_i=21A8,8QHLM,2NYYES,10CJEU,1> | |
| Image result for ada lovelace Institute | **AI-powered genomic health prediction should not be widely rolled out across the NHS yet, says new report**  The Ada Lovelace Institute and the Nuffield Council on Bioethics (NCOB) have published a new report on AI-powered genomic health prediction (AIGHP). The report finds that while AIGHP could have some benefits within healthcare, there are significant risks concerning privacy and discrimination, as well as structural and societal problems that could emerge from its widespread roll-out for prevention at the population-level. |
| <https://www.adalovelaceinstitute.org/press-release/ai-powered-genomic-health-prediction/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14672794_NEWSL_DHD%202024-10-09&utm_content=Report1&dm_i=21A8,8QHLM,2NYYES,10B23X,1> | |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates** | | |
| 23 October | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **A guide to the COVID-19 autumn vaccination**  Change made:  Added in links to translations for the COVID-19 autumn leaflet. Updated references to the availability of vaccination appointments | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-autumn-booster-resources/a-guide-to-the-covid-19-autumn-vaccination> |
| 25 October | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **Latest data shows twice as much flu among school children**  The latest weekly flu surveillance data published by UKHSA today shows flu case numbers are twice as high among school children, aged 5 to 14 years. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/latest-data-shows-twice-as-much-flu-among-school-children?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a87a1989-9e04-4daa-82ed-0192870249da&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 1 October | Disclosure and Barring Service Guidance  **Making barring referrals to the DBS**  Disclosure and Barring service (DBS) guidance about making referrals. Also includes information about relevant offences.  Information to clarify who can make a referral has been added in, and sections have been reordered as per the Policy team's clarification | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-barring-referrals-to-the-dbs?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=553aec9b-025b-4fa1-8a7b-bbbad23ff6bf&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 4 October 2024 | NHS England Guidance  **Bowel cancer screening: an easy guide to having a colonoscopy**  A leaflet on the colonoscopy procedure, developed by and for people with learning disabilities.  Added clarification that publication was previously published by Public Health England. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bowel-cancer-screening-colonoscopy-easy-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2aa0f362-dc07-43b7-8c01-369bb3934bfb&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 4 October | NHS England Guidance **Bowel cancer screening: an easy guide to having a CTC scan** An easy read guide to explain what happens during a CTC scan, developed by and for people with learning disabilities. Added clarification that publication was previously published by Public Health England. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bowel-cancer-screening-an-easy-guide-to-having-a-ctc-scan?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bf0e58b5-3aa4-4607-b23c-8fa32ad5c824&utm_content=daily> |
| **Other Topics – updates continued** | | |
| 8 October | UK Health Security Agency New Publication Guidance  **Lead poisoning: advice for the public and healthcare professionals**  Advice and guidance on lead and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of lead poisoning. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lead-poisoning-advice-for-the-public-and-healthcare-professionals?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e1aade74-b09c-40b8-8463-a1fe02fdfff7&utm_content=daily> |
| 8 October | Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency new publication guidance  **Report safety concerns with insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring equipment**  Guidance on how to report suspected adverse incidents and safety concerns with diabetes management equipment to the Yellow Card scheme. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/report-safety-concerns-with-insulin-pumps-and-continuous-glucose-monitoring-equipment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=dcfdd547-d5fe-479b-9c8e-41691d7e616b&utm_content=daily> |
| 11 October | Department for Education Guidance  **Improving practice with children, young people and families**  Guidance for local areas to embed working together to safeguard children and the children’s social care national framework in practice. Updated with links to the children's social care dashboard and evidence-based practice guides. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-practice-with-children-young-people-and-families?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2dfe7058-1f95-419e-91be-99555fb0f578&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 15 October | Office for Product Safety and Standards Guidance **My safety: fireworks** OPSS is leading a fresh campaign to support fireworks safety, with content for use by local authorities, community groups and the public.  Fresh campaign launched to support fireworks safety, with content for use by local authorities, community groups and the public, including a video, poster, leaflet and social media materials. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/my-safety-fireworks?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=09126d69-cd2c-4aa9-bdcd-0b8a9496fd15&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
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| 23 October | Department of Health and Social Care Guidance  **NHS Choice Framework - what choices are available to you in your NHS care**  Sets out patients’ rights to choice in healthcare, where to find information to help choose, and how to complain if choice is not offered.  Changes made:  In sections 3 and 4 of the main publication we have removed reference to the 2-week waiting time standard and included the 28-day waiting time standard to reflect legislative changes in the cancer waiting time standards that came into force 1 April 2024. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-choice-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c008a4df-a9b9-48e9-820f-8433809e2685&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 23 October | Office for Product Safety and Standards Guidance new publication  **Buy Safe, Be Safe: avoid e-bike and e-scooter fires**  Safety information for consumers. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/buy-safe-be-safe-avoid-e-bike-and-e-scooter-fires?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=626a7af8-5b28-4919-b378-7387beff0c8d&utm_content=daily> |
| 23 October | Office for Product Safety and Standards Guidance new publication **My safety: e-bikes and e-scooters**  The UK Government has produced information for consumers to raise awareness around the safe purchasing, use and charging of e-bikes and e-scooters. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/my-safety-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-battery-charging?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b849392e-73b5-484d-ac6c-714d72abc783&utm_content=daily> |
| 24 October | UK Health Security Agency Correspondence  **UKHSA priorities in 2024 to 2025**  Letter from Health Minister Andrew Gwynne MP confirming the UK Health Security Agency’s role and priorities for the financial year 2024 to 2025. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukhsa-priorities-in-2024-to-2025?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b292e94a-738c-4e97-8106-66fc699860c1&utm_content=daily> |