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| **November 2024 – General Articles** | |
|  | **AA – How to stay safe and avoid a breakdown this winter**  Breakdowns and accidents are more common in the winter when road conditions are challenging. Here are our links to AA’s top tips for driving in winter and staying safe on snowy and icy roads.  <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/winter>  <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/winter-checklist>  <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/how-to-drive-in-snow>  <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/defrosting-car-windscreen>  <https://www.theaa.com/breakdown-cover/advice/winter-breakdown-causes> |
| British Safety Council - Wikipedia | **Lithium-ion batteries: a growing fire risk**  With the number of lithium battery-related fires in residential buildings and workplaces rising, this episode provides timely and vitally important advice and information on how to minimise the risk and keep people safe. Lithium-ion batteries are used in various applications, including:  pacemakers, digital cameras, personal digital assistants, smartphones, and laptops, watches, portable power packs, personal mobility devices, solar energy storage, and uninterrupted power supply (UPS) or emergency power backup. Listen to the podcast here: |
| <https://open.spotify.com/show/19ZT9Cb03WmVNaVIU77HIM?mkt_tok=NjM4LVhFSC00ODcAAAGWlvFIcEdDMrfILPw9xFB07jvKgc0iXhgkLNLU4sR8BiJotgmdO_O6MPNK4xegl_hYpO-hFX5JPH6Y0urW4XgaGErwKdtKG7aGYhHDZxEbads> | |
|  | **Taking care of yourself this Christmas 🎄**  With the festive season just round the corner, we wanted to let you know – it's okay to not be okay at Christmas. |
| Sometimes it can be tough to feel merry if you’re living with a mental health problem or supporting someone who’s struggling. But talking about mental health can be a great first step – by letting each other know how we feel, we can better understand how to be there for each other.  Mind online information can guide you through those conversations and help you find tips for navigating the festive season in the best way for you. So we can all have ourselves a mindful little Christmas this year.  <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-coping-tips/?utm_source=Dotdigital&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=GSE+Nov+24&utm_content=Christmas+coping+tips&dm_i=CZC,8SAGT,1XDR1O,10J9Z3,1> | |

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| **November 2024 – General Articles continued** | |
|  | **Children’s health risks becoming an afterthought, warn charities and Royal Colleges** Despite the government’s manifesto commitments to ‘the healthiest generation ever’ and ‘prevention first’ approach to health, a coalition of charities and Royal Colleges is warning that children risk becoming an afterthought in action to tackle waiting lists, with no clarity on how major new |
| investment in the NHS will be spent on children’s health services. Children's hospital waitlists have grown to a record high, at times growing at double the rate of the adult waiting times. In their Roadmap for the Healthiest Generation of Children Ever (published 04/11/24), the Health Policy Influencing Group (HPIG) is calling for all NHS funding announcements to be explicit about the proportion of spend allocated to children. Last week’s Budget failed to deliver on this front, and now the coalition are calling for the government to urgently set out how much of this new investment will directly support children’s health services. <https://www.ncb.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/news-opinion/childrens-health-risks-becoming-afterthought-warn-charities-and?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14737536_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024_11_08&dm_i=21A8,8RVK0,2NYYES,10HEUU,1> | |
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|  | **Data for people: Principles and priorities for the collection, storage, sharing and use of data around care and support**  The government has made improving data in care a core part of its programme for reform. This report draws on the experiences of those who draw on care and support, as well as family and friend carers |
| It contains 15 key principles and 6 actions relating to the collection, storage, sharing and use of data in care in England. It covers themes such as commitment to co-production, equity and inclusion, and trust and transparency. The report will be used to inform the Department of Health and Social Care’s approach to data.  <https://thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/resources/data-for-people/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14744077_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-11-12&dm_i=21A8,8S0LP,2NYYES,10I8RH,1> | |
|  | **Press release: Spending watchdog warns system for preventing cardiovascular disease isn’t working effectively**  Health Checks1 were introduced in 2009 with the aim of saving lives and money by helping people to tackle cardiovascular disease, where it is not identified through primary care. Everyone aged 40-74 who does not have a pre-existing heart condition is eligible for a Health Check once every five years. |
| The NAO has found that the current system to make sure that eligible people in England are offered and attend Health Checks isn’t working effectively. Read more here: <https://www.nao.org.uk/press-releases/spending-watchdog-warns-system-for-preventing-cardiovascular-disease-isnt-working-effectively/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14749017_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-11-15&dm_i=21A8,8S4EX,2NYYES,10IW40,1> | |

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|  | **Protect people with lung conditions: Lung conditions are the leading cause of NHS winter pressures.**  Chronic under-prioritisation of lung health is putting people with lung conditions in unnecessary danger and the NHS under immense pressure.  But there are things that the government can do to protect people with lung conditions and alleviate pressure on the NHS. And we’re calling on the government to make these changes as part of the NHS 10-year plan. Are you with us? Make your voice heard. <https://action.asthmaandlung.org.uk/page/160614/petition/1?utm_source=homepage&utm_medium=website_aluk&utm_campaign=mission_for_lung_health_report%20&utm_id=handraiser> |
|  | **Social care providers at risk of collapse as analysis reveals cost to sector of employer national insurance hike**  Changes to Employer National Insurance Contributions announced last month look set to cost the adult social care sector over £900m next year, more than wiping out the extra funds allocated to social care at the recent Budget, new analysis reveals today. Taken together with the planned increases to National Minimum Wage rates, the Nuffield Trust says that the 18,000 independent organisations providing adult social care in England will be faced with increased costs of an estimated £2.8bn in the next financial year. |
| This will mean that many businesses - especially smaller ones - are at risk of going bust, disrupting or ending vital care for thousands of older and disabled people. Read more here: -  <https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/news-item/social-care-providers-at-risk-of-collapse-as-analysis-reveals-cost-to-sector-of-employer-national-insurance-hike?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14767029_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-11-26&dm_i=21A8,8SIB9,2NYYES,10KBKT,1> | |
| Patient Information Forum | **Knowledge is Power report**  Research by PIF and Ipsos reveals inequalities in access to health information and the impact of misinformation.  The Patient Information Forum (PIF) and Ipsos have published new research into health information access across the UK. Knowledge is Power offers new insights on information access, trusted sources, communication with healthcare professionals and the impact of misinformation. |
| Read the report here: - <https://pifonline.org.uk/resources/knowledge-is-power/> | |
| RPS brandmark | **RPS calls for Government action to tackle medicines shortages**  A new report from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), backed by charities and patient groups, calls on the Government to create a national strategy to manage medicine shortages and to change legislation to allow community pharmacists to amend prescriptions when medicines are in short supply. Find out more here: - |
| <https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/news/details/rps-calls-for-government-action-to-tackle-medicines-shortages?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14770241_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-11-29&dm_i=21A8,8SKSH,2NYYES,10KYUC,1> | |

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|  | **If prevention is better than cure then we need to prioritise children’s health**  It has long been known that a focus on early intervention and prevention in the early years can prevent ill health in the future. With the mental and physical health outcomes of children in England on a downward spiral, the new government’s commitment to raising ‘the healthiest generation of children ever’ has been warmly welcomed by the children’s sector. |
| Will this sentiment be met with the action needed to address the scale of the challenge? Read more here: -  <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/blogs/prevention-better-cure-need-prioritise-childrens-health?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14759639_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-11-22&dm_i=21A8,8SCLZ,2NYYES,10JK3X,1> | |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates** | | |
| 4 November | UK Health Security Agency News story  **UKHSA issues health advice following the half-term break**  The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of the simple steps they can take to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-issues-health-advice-following-the-half-term-break?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=333bf642-f3ba-45c4-a348-0a6f8fdab321&utm_content=daily> |
| 4 November | Department of Health & Social Care Press release  **UK to create world-first 'early warning system' for pandemics**  The government is set to partner with Oxford Nanopore, which uses technology to rapidly diagnose a range of cancers, along with rare and infectious diseases | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-create-world-first-early-warning-system-for-pandemics?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=86549e73-2e4a-492d-9cc5-4bb5e4d9097d&utm_content=daily> |
| 5 November | UK Health Security Agency News story  **RSV vaccine could reduce antibiotic prescribing**  RSV infections lead to 640,000 antibiotic prescriptions a year, new analysis from UKHSA, Imperial College London and Oxford Population Health has found. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rsv-vaccine-could-reduce-antibiotic-prescribing?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3c0a1a8f-34d0-4c7b-8823-24f420978f0f&utm_content=daily> |
| 6 November | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Shingles vaccination guide**  Information on shingles and the benefits of vaccination for adults and a postcard to invite eligible patients  Updated the current guidance to remove references to Zostavax which is no longer in use. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-vaccination-for-adults-aged-70-or-79-years-of-age-a5-leaflet?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ebb870a9-a605-4f9d-abc9-f4c0c93a9dd1&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates continued** | | |
| 7 November | Department for health & Social Security policy paper introduced  **Mental Health Bill 2025: fact sheet**  This document provides more information on the Mental Health Bill, which was introduced in the House of Lords on 6 November 2024. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-bill-2025-fact-sheet> |
| 13 November | Department of Health and Social Care Independent report new  **COVID-19 vaccination in 2025 and spring 2026: JCVI advice**  Statement setting out advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the COVID-19 vaccination programmes for 2025 and spring 2026. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-in-2025-and-spring-2026-jcvi-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=eeeb3e8c-030e-4aef-95bf-28b919f77b2b&utm_content=daily> |
| 14 November | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Antibiotic resistant infections continue to rise**  There were an estimated 66,730 serious antibiotic-resistant infections in 2023. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/antibiotic-resistant-infections-continue-to-rise?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=47cb44e7-bfcf-471b-a41e-dbf97beb5f85&utm_content=daily> |
| 20 November | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Shingles vaccination guide**  Information on shingles and the benefits of vaccination for adults and a postcard to invite eligible patients.  Change made:  Corrected links to the product pages of health publications. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-vaccination-for-adults-aged-70-or-79-years-of-age-a5-leaflet?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a6df8fd6-e763-4d13-8799-d3c68dfee158&utm_content=daily> |
| 28 November | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **UK on brink of defeating meningococcal C**  The fight against meningococcal B continues. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-on-brink-of-defeating-meningococcal-c?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6f18b7d7-bdbb-43c9-8c0a-fb07c79d53aa&utm_content=daily> |
| 28 November | UK Health Security Agency Official Statistics  **Seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccine uptake in frontline healthcare workers: monthly data 2024 to 2025**  Data showing the number and proportion of frontline healthcare workers (HCWs) in England having seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seasonal-influenza-and-covid-19-vaccine-uptake-in-frontline-healthcare-workers-monthly-data-2024-to-2025?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c4bf682d-89f7-4fe6-b7bd-8bfe2d28cf05&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates continued** | | |
| 28 November | UK Health Security Agency Official Statistics  **Seasonal influenza vaccine uptake in children of school age: monthly data, 2024 to 2025**  Cumulative vaccine uptake data for the childhood seasonal influenza programme in England, 2024 to 2025 data. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seasonal-influenza-vaccine-uptake-in-children-of-school-age-monthly-data-2024-to-2025?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e5d8e307-b599-4436-883f-23f17d6f716a&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 4 November | UK Health Security Agency Open call for evidence  **Mental health and climate change in the UK: call for evidence**  Summary  We are inviting submissions of case studies which demonstrate provision of mental health intervention in relation to climate change and extreme weather events.  This call for evidence is being held on another website.  This call for evidence closes at  11:59pm on 17 January 2025 | <https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/mental-health-and-climate-change-in-the-uk-call-for-evidence?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=5f884711-2bc3-4190-b549-e268e4974b7b&utm_content=daily> |
| 5 November | Department for Work and Pensions Guidance  **The employment of disabled people: background information and methodology**  Information about the employment of disabled people statistics, including purpose and status of the statistics and methodology.  Published a revised version of the background information and methodology. The latest release of employment of disabled people statistics was published today (5 November 2024). | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-employment-of-disabled-people-background-information-and-methodology?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d32a2918-ff6c-4466-b80f-4303215a415e&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 5 November | Department for Work and Pensions Guidance  **Easy read: Cold Weather Payments**  This easy read guide explains what Cold Weather Payments are and how you can apply for them.  Updated 'An introduction to Cold Weather Payments' easy read guides, English and Welsh versions. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/easy-read-cold-weather-payments?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ec5cfa76-ba25-4415-bf0c-282819c25a96&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |

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| **Other Topics – updates continued** |

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| 6 November | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Pregnancy: how to help protect you and your baby**  This leaflet describes the vaccinations that help protect you and your baby during and after pregnancy. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pregnancy-how-to-help-protect-you-and-your-baby?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e47f0ed0-4c95-4cf9-8265-6a27cae1a93a&utm_content=daily> |
| 7 November | Department of Health and Social Care Policy paper  **Mental Health Bill 2025: fact sheet**  Published 7 November 2024  The Mental Health Act 1983 (MHA) is the main piece of legislation that covers the assessment, treatment and rights of people with a mental health disorder. It provides a legal framework to authorise the detention and compulsory treatment of people who have a mental health disorder and are considered at risk of harm to themselves or others | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-bill-2025-fact-sheet/mental-health-bill-2025-fact-sheet?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14744077_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-11-12&dm_i=21A8,8S0LP,2NYYES,10HXYF,1> |
| 12 November | Office for Product Safety and Standards Guidance  **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.  Two videos added to page. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/my-safety-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-battery-charging?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=24e2c6ff-ea2d-4454-bad2-5a882f972aca&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 13 November | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Adverse Weather and Health Plan**  The Adverse Weather and Health Plan aims to protect individuals and communities from the health effects of adverse weather and to build community resilience.  Added the 'Stay well this winter leaflet 2024'. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adverse-weather-and-health-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=082ff106-9b76-479d-be31-f1780aecb034&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 19 November | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **UKHSA issues Cold Weather Alert as low temperatures forecast**  Amber Cold Weather Health Alerts are in place for parts of England starting 18 November, with yellow alerts for London and the South from 19 November.  The amber alert will be in place from 10:00 on Monday 18 November with all alerts currently in place until Saturday 23 November at 18:00. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-issues-cold-weather-alert-as-low-temperatures-forecast?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=249c7f60-a251-40d2-aa6d-c7c92b7b1d58&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics – updates continued** |

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| 19 November | Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Notice  **Warm Homes: Local Grant**  Funding will be available for local authorities to deliver energy performance and low carbon heating upgrades to low-income homes in England. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/warm-homes-local-grant?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3566d0bd-0837-40d2-a3b9-b6531e480cb6&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 21 November | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Pregnancy: how to help protect you and your baby**  This leaflet describes the vaccinations that help protect you and your baby during and after pregnancy.  This leaflet has been updated to include information on the maternal RSV vaccination programme. Links to the updated translations and accessibles will be added in due course. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pregnancy-how-to-help-protect-you-and-your-baby?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=5f736898-f47c-4384-b824-623c663e2228&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 26 November | Department for Work and Pensions Guidance  **Personal Independence Payment (PIP) handbook**  Detailed guidance about PIP – the benefit for people with a health condition or disability.  Updated the names of the activities. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-independence-payment-fact-sheets?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=941a4c24-4449-4ee7-bfbe-6d6d4d545a06&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 26 November | Department for Work and Pensions New Publication Guidance  **Connect to Work**  This is a work programme in England and Wales to help disabled people, those with health conditions and people with complex barriers to employment, to find sustainable work. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/connect-to-work?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a7c5af30-cc55-408e-99c0-bf457eb7bd3c&utm_content=daily> |