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| **December 2024 – General Articles** | |
|  | **Shaping the future of AI within NHS Communications**  A taskforce was established in early 2024 to explore the potential use of AI in NHS Communications and to guide communications professionals in how to take advantage of the opportunities offered by AI, while mitigating the risks. |
| <https://www.nhsconfed.org/news/shaping-future-ai-within-nhs-communications?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14781722_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-12-06&dm_i=21A8,8STNE,2NYYES,10LV61,1> | |
|  | **'An ordinary life': The King's Fund's work on services for disabled people**  To mark Disability History Month 2024, The King’s Fund library has delved into its archives to explore how the Fund has worked with, and for, disabled people over the years.  To find out more about Disability History Month visit the event website. |
| <https://features.kingsfund.org.uk/ordinary-life-kings-funds-work-services-disabled-people/index.html?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14775084_NEWSL_WeeklyUpdate_21224%5BMondaySend%5D&utm_content=BUTTON_DHM_Exhibition&dm_i=21A8,8SWR5,2NYYES,10M958,1> | |
|  | **The assisted dying debate has shone a light on the state of palliative and social care - Now there must be action.** Assisted dying has necessarily received increasing coverage in light of this Bill and has also sparked commentary on the state of palliative care in this country. It’s positive to see plans for a commission on palliative care now moving forward. But why has it taken a debate on assisted dying for this to happen? Outside of this debate, is there enough policy attention on people’s ability to live well and independently? |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/blogs/assisted-dying-debate-palliative-social-care?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14786498_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-12-10&dm_i=21A8,8SXC2,2NYYES,10MBJJ,1> | |
| Age UK - Let's change how we age | **Age UK’s new research reveals how lonely Christmas is for millions of older people as part of its new campaign** To support the launch of Age UK’s Christmas campaign, [*Together, we’re not alone*](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/christmasappeal), the Charity has released some heartbreaking new statistics that show just how lonely this Christmas will be for millions of older people. Age UK is calling for urgent donations from the public to change the lives of lonely older people during Christmas and throughout the year |
| <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/latest-press/articles/2024/loneliness-research-christmas-campaign/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14786498_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-12-10&dm_i=21A8,8SXC2,2NYYES,10MCAE,1> | |
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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates** | | |
| 4 December | UK Health Security Agency News story  **New data show a rise in mosquito-borne infections**  UKHSA urges travellers heading abroad to protect against mosquito borne infections | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-data-show-a-rise-in-mosquito-borne-infections?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=7b7a2de1-7266-44ad-9a05-e415e497924d&utm_content=daily> |
| 5 December | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Tuberculosis levels in England increased by 11% in 2023**  Reported notifications of TB in England increased by 11% in 2023 compared to the previous year. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tuberculosis-levels-in-england-increased-by-11-in-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=5be94fa9-2a52-42de-bf96-635f135a2111&utm_content=daily> |
| 5 December | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Flu vaccine deadline looms as hospital admissions double**  Latest UKHSA data indicates more flu is already circulating this winter compared to last year. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/flu-vaccine-deadline-looms-as-hospital-admissions-double?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=abe27caf-49cd-4f53-b3cf-01aba0e3abda&utm_content=daily> |
| 6 December | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Muslim leaders and UKHSA urge communities to get winter vaccines**  UKHSA and BIMA urge Muslims to prioritize flu and COVID-19 vaccines for strong immunity against winter viruses. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/muslim-leaders-and-ukhsa-urge-communities-to-get-winter-vaccines?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=77b4d81c-3b1f-47b5-8de4-f371b9ff7d8a&utm_content=daily> |
| 9 December | Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, UK Health Security Agency Press release  **Health Secretary asks NHS to prioritise patient safety for winter**  Health and Social Care Secretary Wes Streeting held a specially-convened meeting with trust leads this morning as the NHS battles record pressures in winter. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-secretary-asks-nhs-to-prioritise-patient-safety-for-winter?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=209cd8d9-cab3-4742-92d5-dbdf9880e79d&utm_content=daily> |
| 12 December | Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, UK Health Security Agency Press release  **Advice accepted on spring 2025 COVID-19 vaccination programme**  The government has accepted advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) for the spring 2025 COVID-19 vaccination programme. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/advice-accepted-on-spring-2025-covid-19-vaccination-programme?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1ac0cc80-080f-4cb8-ae93-47813dd749bc&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates continued** | | |
| 12 December | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Diagnostic Accelerator launched to speed up pandemic preparedness**  Part of a fresh drive to boost the country’s ability to diagnose and test for new and emerging infectious disease threats. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/diagnostic-accelerator-launched-to-speed-up-pandemic-preparedness?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4015889b-05ca-46b9-be35-b20dc8586339&utm_content=daily> |
| 12 December | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Public urged to get flu vaccine as hospitalisation rates rise steeply**  Flu positivity jumps to 17.1% as vaccine take-up rates lag behind levels needed to protect the NHS and levels of norovirus highest in a decade for the time of year. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-urged-to-get-flu-vaccine-as-hospitalisation-rates-rise-steeply?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6b50ccf6-2fe9-4ed5-b1fe-5373fa3fe248&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 2 December | Disclosure and Barring Service/Home Office Guidance  **Basic DBS check: guidance for applicants**  Guidance for applicants on basic DBS checks, including the cost, how to share and view the result, and what information is disclosed on a basic DBS certificate.  Information about fees for DBS checks has been updated. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/basic-dbs-checks-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1983ae07-aa1d-44f7-a2cd-a1b7f555dfac&utm_content=daily> |
| 2 December | Disclosure and Barring Service/Home Office Guidance **DBS checks: guidance for employers**  Guidance for employers about DBS checks, including how to apply, registering with the DBS and the code of practice.  Information about fees for DBS checks has been updated. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dbs-check-requests-guidance-for-employers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=79447223-4b45-41cb-9265-4f4eec7f6f00&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 3 December | Home Office and Department of Health & Social Care Research and analysis  **Evaluating the implementation of Right Care, Right Person**  A joint Home Office and DHSC report evaluating the implementation of the Right Care, Right Person approach, from a sample of police, fire, health and social care services in England. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evaluating-the-implementation-of-right-care-right-person?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14781722_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202024-12-06&dm_i=21A8,8STNE,2NYYES,10LU1Z,1> |
| 4 December | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Latest data shows rise in lead exposure cases in children**  Children with learning or developmental difficulties are at higher risk of exposure to lead. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/latest-data-shows-rise-in-lead-exposure-cases-in-children?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b7d04b27-b3d5-464a-a7a7-c946e566ea2c&utm_content=daily> |

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| 9 December | Department for Work and Pensions New Publication Guidance  **Independent Review of Carer’s Allowance overpayments: Terms of Reference**  The independent review is commissioned by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to obtain an independent view of the situation and its causes, and to recommend potential solutions. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-carers-allowance-overpayments-terms-of-reference?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c870221f-f012-488b-8f46-c97c8188d572&utm_content=daily> |
| 13 December | 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  Added information about Domestic Abuse Protection Orders. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9ad5d474-1047-4a71-aa87-3debc1b7b53d&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 16 December | NHS England Guidance  **Breast screening for women aged 71 or over**  This information is for women aged 71 or over. These women no longer receive breast screening invitations, but can request breast screening every 3 years. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/breast-screening-for-women-aged-71-or-over?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ec664ae0-42db-469f-b6e7-e267bbddd45d&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency new Guidance  **Adverse Weather and Health Plan**  The Adverse Weather and Health Plan (AWHP) aims to protect individuals and communities from the health effects of adverse weather and to build community resilience. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adverse-weather-and-health-plan> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency new Guidance  **Adverse Weather and Health Plan equity review and impact assessment**  This Adverse Weather and Health Plan (AWHP) equity review and impact assessment reviews existing evidence of the risks posed by adverse weather to different populations. It outlines next steps to improve understanding of these risks. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adverse-weather-and-health-plan-equity-review-and-impact-assessment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8754e188-4c87-44ed-acc4-718c0684dfad&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency new Guidance  **Weather-Health Alerting (WHA) system**  The Weather-Health Alerting (WHA) system provides an early warning when adverse temperatures are likely to impact on the health and wellbeing of the population. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/weather-health-alerting-wha-system?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ea51b295-69b0-4256-8aaf-04552820a7a0&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security Guidance  **Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report**  The 2023 Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report provides an analysis of how climate change makes extreme weather events in the UK, including more intense and frequent heatwaves. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-effects-of-climate-change-hecc-report?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4565e590-c007-4d7a-9dfd-8c65b89ec59c&utm_content=daily> |

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| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security Collection  **Climate-related hazards**  Discover more about heat, cold weather, flooding and other climate-related hazards such as droughts, storms and wildfires. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/climate-related-hazards?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=462f48bb-6199-42fe-bc7b-d9898fb8f240&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security Collection  **All climate-related hazards**  These documents help professionals and the public to understand risks across multiple climate-related hazards. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/all-climate-related-hazards?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1f4b10c4-350c-48c9-892c-da37e149f3e7&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security Collection  **Heat**  Heat presents a number of risks to health. This collection provides information and guidance to help professionals and the public to understand the risks of heat and consider actions to protect health. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/heat?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4b0a8492-a3a5-42a2-9b22-6a1fb92d7e7f&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency new Guidance  **Heat-Health Alerting system: guidance for health and social care providers**  These heat-specific insights and actions are tailored for health and social care providers and have been derived from the Weather-Health Alerting system. This is part of the alerts and warnings section of the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-health-alerting-system-guidance-for-health-and-social-care-providers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=0352b4c7-30bd-43b5-bb58-ffbb2a126100&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security Guidance  **Heat summary - Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) full report**  The 2023 Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report highlights how climate change intensifies and increases the frequency of extreme weather. This page provides key takeaways from the HECC report, specifically on the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-health-effects-of-climate-change-hecc-full-report?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=5f5668a1-1377-49ec-adb8-7f18c14bd4b6&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security Guidance  **Heat summary - State of evidence**  This page summarises the state of the evidence of the Health effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on the state of the evidence. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-state-of-evidence?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=aaaab87b-790b-4ecc-b494-c26b33b1336d&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 1: state of the UK past and future climate**  This page summarises Chapter 1 of the Health effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of how the UK's climate is changing with regards to heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-1-state-of-the-uk-past-and-future-climate?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=0b347f42-8720-42d3-9e2f-c440c8b72dd2&utm_content=daily> |

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| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 4: outdoor air pollution and health**  This page summarises Chapter 4 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on outdoor air pollution and health. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-4-outdoor-air-pollution-and-health?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6b524ec2-1451-4c03-977d-52c90082ab3c&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 5: climate policies and indoor health**  This page summarises Chapter 5 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on climate policies and indoor health. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-5-climate-policies-and-indoor-health?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8ed64962-7994-456c-95c9-68cc04899abf&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 6: outdoor allergens**  This page summarises Chapter 6 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on outdoor allergens. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-6-outdoor-allergens?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f06cb864-2251-406f-aeb7-afe362d20c25&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 7: climate and infectious diseases**  This page summarises Chapter 7 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on climate and infectious diseases. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-7-climate-and-infectious-diseases?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=fc5e8a9f-f901-46e8-b23d-353f3b0feac4&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance **Heat summary - Chapter 8: climate and vector-borne diseases**  This page summarises Chapter 8 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on climate and vector-borne diseases. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-8-climate-and-vector-borne-diseases?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9ea99ec3-7d7c-4f18-a28d-6d71c435ee04&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 9: climate and food supply**  This page summarises Chapter 9 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on climate and food supply. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-9-climate-and-food-supply?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c4f2415d-9f4b-4e5f-a987-6ce4cb30b007&utm_content=daily> |

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| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 10: wildfires and health**  This page summarises Chapter 10 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on wildfires and health. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-10-wildfires-and-health?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=013847d9-6517-4712-99e2-9e15c3c92617&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 11: drought and human health**  This page summarises Chapter 11 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on drought and human health. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-11-drought-and-human-health?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=10e9aa94-746d-4d47-8a66-e3dd43543000&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 12: chemicals and climate exposure**  This page summarises Chapter 12 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on chemicals and climate exposure. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-12-chemicals-and-climate-exposure?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d104e9ce-7c20-4c06-ace9-d03c93f4140f&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 13: solar radiation and public health**  This page summarises Chapter 13 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on solar radiation and public health. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-13-solar-radiation-and-public-health?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=056a0ce7-c3f2-400f-b3a2-a38bfcabf643&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 14: net zero - health impacts**  This page summarises Chapter 14 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on net zero and health impacts. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-14-net-zero-health-impacts?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=027e01fa-66d8-483d-96f2-6b89cddf85eb&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency and Centre for Climate and Health Security new Guidance  **Heat summary - Chapter 15: climate change indicators**  This page summarises Chapter 15 of the Health Effects of Climate Change (HECC) report with a focus on the impact of heat on climate change indicators. This is part of the science and stats section for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-chapter-15-climate-change-indicators?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f181af97-8cf3-4d92-a8f6-ed8fb97621d6&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance  **Heat summary - supporting vulnerable people for all users**  Information for people who regularly come into contact with vulnerable people in their job roles. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-supporting-vulnerable-people-for-all-users?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a870bce6-2e6c-4ece-819e-ff32128a37a5&utm_content=daily> |

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| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance  **Heat summary - supporting vulnerable people: healthcare professionals**  This page advises healthcare professionals working within the community, care homes or hospital environments on how to reduce the risks of hot weather to the health of people they provide care for. This is part of the guidance for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-supporting-vulnerable-people-healthcare-professionals?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=15a05864-8d34-45ce-9189-1c38b353aae2&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance  **Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: social care managers**  This page advises social care managers on how to reduce the risks of hot weather to the health of people they provide care for. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-vulnerable-people-before-and-during-hot-weather-social-care-managers> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance  **Heat summary - for teachers working with vulnerable people and children**  This page advises those working with children on how to reduce the risks of hot weather to the health of people they provide care for. This is part of the guidance for the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-summary-for-teachers-working-with-vulnerable-people-and-children?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=211b0865-63ec-48ff-ac87-490312673f0c&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Heat-Health Alerting system**  The Heat-Health Alerting system is part of the Weather-Health Alerting system, which is operated by UKHSA in partnership with the Met Office. This is part of the alerts and warnings section of the hazard: heat. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-health-alerting-system?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=07fb3017-be76-4dd2-8d71-dcf30af8d482&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **Early warning and weather forecasts**  This page contains resources to help you stay aware of emerging weather risks and help the public to prepare for and respond to weather, and to stay safe and protect their homes. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-warning-and-weather-forecasts?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d58e5826-c268-4b0b-a115-02738b1d5662&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security new Guidance  **Beat the heat: advice for hot weather**  This guidance provides advice for everyone on how to stay safe during hot weather, including how to keep your home cool. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/beat-the-heat-advice-for-hot-weather?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=50086720-c679-45d1-aa18-411989a341b6&utm_content=daily> |

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| 19 December | UK Health Security new Guidance  **Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: healthcare professionals**  This page advises healthcare professionals working within the community, care homes or hospital environments on how to reduce the risks of hot weather to the health of people they provide care for. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-vulnerable-people-before-and-during-hot-weather-healthcare-professionals?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=9f90c932-f0dd-4ce2-abc5-82c71ae5887b&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance  **Supporting vulnerable people**  Information for professionals who regularly come into contact with vulnerable people in their job roles. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-vulnerable-people?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ef705d23-7c4d-469a-b03b-aac399f66630&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 December | Disclosure Barring Service Guidance  **DBS ID checking guidelines**  Guidance to help you validate the identity of a DBS check applicant and a new lead/counter signatory.  Information about paper driving licences has been updated to reflect that these were valid until 2000, not 1998. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-identity-checking-guidelines?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=10b5d47c-eb1e-4979-a1f7-d33848dbf1a7&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |