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| **March 2025** | |
|  | **NHS Confederation** Abolishing NHS England: what you need to know. This briefing sets out the key points from developments confirming the abolishment of NHS England. Read the briefing: <https://www.nhsconfed.org/publications/abolishing-nhs-england-what-you-need-know?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14924329_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202025-03-18&dm_i=21A8,8VVOP,2NYYES,1113OM,1> |
|  | **The King’s Fund responds to the Spring Statement** Sarah Woolnough, Chief Executive of The King’s Fund, said: ‘While today’s statement was not a definitive moment for NHS spending, the Chancellor’s announcements, and the economic headwinds that drive them, will have consequences for people’s health. ‘The Office for Budget Responsibility's accompanying assessment of today's Spring Statement reveals that 'unprotected' departments outside of health, education and |
| defence will have their budgets cut from next year. Such cuts could have knock-on effects on people's health and increase demand for health and care services ‘The NHS is not an island. There are a range of public services that impact our health, such as the quality of housing, access to green space, and availability of transport. Similarly, the extent to which the NHS can prevent, diagnose and treat illnesses earlier can reduce pressures on other areas of public spending. ‘To this point, the disability benefit reforms announced last week are in part reliant on health and care services being in place to support people back to good health. Currently, many of those NHS services, such as mental health services or services to address early musculoskeletal issues, are not routinely and reliably available across the country. The upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review will provide more detail in June. When the inevitable difficult choices are made, we hope that the plan to improve the nation’s health does not get knocked back by fiscal decisions in other areas.’  <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/press-releases/response-spring-statement-2025?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14942224_NEWSL_WeeklyUpdate_310325%5BMondaySend%5D&utm_content=Button_SpringStatement&dm_i=21A8,8W9HS,2NYYES,112M3L,1> | |
|  | **Social Care 360**  Social care 360 shows government measures may lead to fewer people getting social care support. In the past couple of years we’ve seen an upturn in the number of people being supported, but there is a risk that this will slide backwards, due to increased costs, including the National Insurance contribution, being passed onto providers. |
| With a Royal Commission on social care and a high level of change and uncertainty in the health and care sector, now is the time for those working within social care to learn from the previous mistakes and failed attempts to reform social care. Social care 360 is a dashboard of the long-term trends in social care and can help you to understand the big challenges facing the sector.<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/social-care-360?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14905466_MKEVT_What%27s_in_store_post_event_email_2_040325&utm_content=IntextLink_CTAButton_FindOutMore&dm_i=21A8,8VH4Q,2NYYES,10YQ1A,1> | |
| Carers UK | **Identifying and supporting unpaid carers in England to improve integrated system working**  This resource aims to support health and care systems in England to improve the inclusion, support and involvement of unpaid carers. |
| It brings together statutory duties and best practice resources developed by the Carers Partnership (Carers UK and Carers Trust), to help health and care professionals reduce the health inequalities carers face, better identify unpaid carers, and drive transformative change. Read the guidance here: <https://www.carersuk.org/> | |
| Image result for Care england | **New landmark report on the worrying increase in social care pension opt-out rates amid growing workforce concerns** |
| Care England, the leading voice for adult social care providers, and business insurance broker Caunce O’Hara Insurance Brokers Ltd (COHIBL) have launched a new report highlighting the alarming rate of pension opt-outs in the care sector and the urgent further need for action to safeguard the financial future of care workers. Read the full paper, Reducing Pension Opt-Out Rates in the Care Sector [here](https://www.careengland.org.uk/?p=149074&preview=true) <https://www.careengland.org.uk/care-england-and-caunce-ohara-insurance-brokers-ltd-launch-landmark-report-on-the-worrying-increase-in-social-care-pension-opt-out-rates-amid-growing-workforce-concerns/> | |
| Image result for joseph rowntree foundation | **Factsheet: Health-related benefit cuts**  After months of speculation on the nature of a range of potential cuts to health-related benefits, the publication of the Government’s green paper is expected soon. Liz Kendall is expected to set out the detail of these spending cuts in a speech in the coming days.  New analysis from NEF and JRF examines the consequences of potential cuts and reveals the elevated levels of hardship that those receiving health-related benefits face compared with those who do not. Read more here: |
| <https://www.jrf.org.uk/news/factsheet-health-related-benefit-cuts?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14911494_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202025-03-11&dm_i=21A8,8VLS6,2NYYES,1101B9,1> | |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates** | | |
| 6 March | UK Health Security Agency Collection New Guidance  **Health impacts**  Discover more about vector borne disease, antimicrobial resistant infections, mental health, co-morbidities and other health impacts such as food-borne and fungal illness. This section covers information about arthropod vectors, which are living organisms that can transmit infectious pathogens to humans, and how they are being impacted by a changing environment and climate. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/health-impacts?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=464e7d0c-88da-4303-8b00-f4a2357ad4ea&utm_content=daily> |
| 6 March | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance  **Information on native ticks**  Understand more about ticks that are native to the UK | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/information-on-native-ticks?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=62f0877c-6256-42d0-be3c-3d18bc893820&utm_content=daily> |
| 6 March | UK Health Security Agency New Guidance **Information on invasive mosquitoes**  This page contains information about species of mosquito which are imported to the UK through international travel and climate change. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/information-on-invasive-mosquitoes?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ec4849ff-d8aa-4c60-a099-48a62207a701&utm_content=daily> |
| 19 March | UK Health Security Agency Guidance  **COVID-19 vaccination: spring 2025 campaign resources**  Information on the spring 2025 campaign for eligible individuals.  New leaflet for the Spring 2025 programme added. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-spring-booster-resources?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=06086d4e-9dba-4f6a-a122-4c38b963e445&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 25 March | UK Health Security Agency News story  **UKHSA publishes first annual report summarising latest infectious disease trends**  The UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA) first annual report summarising the latest infectious disease trends, bringing together all the key data from 2023 to early 2025 and outlining steps the organisation is taking to tackle these threats. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-publishes-first-annual-report-summarising-latest-infectious-disease-trends?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=254198f4-4b9c-44d5-8a8e-8eca20b11037&utm_content=daily> |
| 25 March | UK Health Security Agency Press release  **UK's first RSV vaccination programme protects older people**  New UKHSA study shows the RSV vaccination programme already achieving a 30% reduction in hospital admissions in older people in England as roll-out continues. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uks-first-rsv-vaccination-programme-protects-older-people?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=586c03d2-6109-49bf-9021-d8f185276bb9&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 4 March | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Over a quarter of pupils missing out on HPV vaccine**  On HPV Awareness Day, parents are reminded HPV vaccine gives protection against cervical cancer and protects both girls and boys from several other types of cancer. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-a-quarter-of-pupils-missing-out-on-hpv-vaccine?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f9cb3432-4ce6-44e6-bb75-d95991819967&utm_content=daily> |
| 4 March | HM Revenue & Customs Promotional material  **Tax Facts – teach the facts about tax**  Help children and young people understand the tax system with free learning resources.  Added 'Tax Facts quick answers guide' PDF. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tax-facts-for-children-and-young-people?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bfcf3431-055e-4837-814e-6d97dfef4b71&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 4 March | Ministry of Justice Guidance  **Domestic Abuse Protection Notices (DAPNs) and Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs)**  Find out how DAPNs and DAPOs can help protect you if you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse.  Where can I apply for a DAPO? section updated. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-protection-notices-dapns-and-domestic-abuse-protection-orders-dapos?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3a3928d3-b682-433a-bf6d-91db813c3157&utm_content=daily> |
| 17 March | Department for Science, Innovation and Technology Guidance  **Online Safety Act: explainer**  Explainer on what the Online Safety Act 2023 does and how it protects people from harmful content online.  Updated to reflect progress in the Implementation of the Online Safety Act and recent announcements related to the online safety regime. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6050cb21-27f1-450c-8c01-c4e730d0a1d7&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 17 March | UK Visas and Immigration Guidance  **Right to work checklist**  A list for employers to check if their staff have the right to work in the UK.  Updated the employers' right to work checklist to reflect the use of eVisas rather than physical immigration documents. | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/right-to-work-checklist?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=58669198-9de7-4946-a5bd-ada6630aa737&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 18 March | Office for Product Safety and Standards Guidance  **Child safety: baby sleep products**  OPSS is leading a fresh campaign to raise awareness about potential hazards to babies associated with sleep products. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/child-safety-baby-sleep-products?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b8ecbba6-977a-42a3-99b7-cb4298b3fd37&utm_content=daily> |

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| **Other Topics – updates continued** |

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| 20 March | 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 new version of Adverse Weather and Health Plan | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adverse-weather-and-health-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3a9d1a7d-d0a8-4164-b69a-ce7ceb27c3e6&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 20 March | Department for Work and Pensions Press release  **New Report reveals young people nearly five time more likely to be put out of work**  New Keep Britain Working Review report reveals an increase of 1.2 million young people with work limiting health conditions | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-report-reveals-young-people-nearly-fives-time-more-likely-to-be-put-out-of-work?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14935831_NEWSL_HWB_2025-03-31&dm_i=21A8,8W4K7,2NYYES,112MZ6,1> |
| 21 March | 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  Updated information about areas where you can apply for a domestic abuse protection order. | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4daf8c41-c243-4d0e-98b5-16d864969828&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history> |
| 27 March 2025 | Department of Health & Social Care Corporate report  **Performance of the health service in England: Secretary of State for Health and Social Care annual report 2022 to 2023**  Under the National Health Service Act 2006, there is a legal requirement for the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to publish an annual report on the performance of the health and care service in England. This report includes an assessment of: how the Secretary of State has secured the improvement in the quality of services within the NHS; and the progress made to reduce health inequalities for people in England | [Performance of the health service in England: Secretary of State for Health and Social Care annual report 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/performance-of-the-health-service-in-england-secretary-of-state-for-health-and-social-care-annual-report-2022-to-2023/performance-of-the-health-service-in-england-secretary-of-state-for-health-and-social-care-annual-report-2022-to-2023?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14951682_NEWSL_HWB_2025-04-14&dm_i=21A8,8WGSI,2NYYES,113NK3,1) |