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| **May 2025** | |
|  | **When more isn't more: how process shapes access to primary care** More GP appointments isn't making it easier to access primary care - what's going on? Access to primary care continues to be a source of frustration for people. Sam Scott, GP registrar, argues that we should focus on patient experience not just the numbers being seen. |
| Find out more here: - [When More Isn't More: How Process Shapes Access To Primary Care | The King's Fund](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/blogs/process-shapes-access-to-primary-care?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14987036_NEWSL_WeeklyUpdate_060525%5BTuesdaySend%5D&utm_content=Button_GPBlog&dm_i=21A8,8X82K,2NYYES,117DS3,1) | |
| The Health Foundation Logo | **Estimated £21 billion required over next 5 years to digitise NHS and adult social care across UK**  Read more here: - [Estimated £21 billion required over next 5 years to digitise NHS and adult social care across UK](https://www.health.org.uk/press-office/press-releases/estimated-21-billion-required-over-next-5-years-to-digitise-nhs-and-adult-social-care-across-uk?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14996887_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202025-05-13&dm_i=21A8,8XFO7,2NYYES,118JKN,1) |
|  | **Improving clinical co-ordination of care for people with multiple long-term conditions - The art of the possible** This long read focuses on the clinical co-ordination of care for people with multiple long-term conditions as part of a wider holistic approach. It outlines a set of principles on clinical co-ordination for commissioners and clinicians (by which we mean any health care professional) that we believe should underline a new approach to care for people with multiple long-term conditions. Read here: |
| [**Improving Clinical Coordination Of Multiple Long-Term Conditions | The King's Fund**](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/improving-clinical-coordination-multiple-long-term-conditions?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15012397_MKPUB_MLTC_220525&utm_content=Title_MLTC&dm_i=21A8,8XRN1,2NYYES,11A0NR,1) | |
|  | **NHS Providers: Model ICB Blueprint** NHS England has shared the first version of the Model ICB Blueprint with integrated care board leaders. The document is intended to help ICBs produce plans by the end of May to reduce their running costs by 50%. It sets out an initial vision for ICBs as strategic commissioners, and the role they will play in realising the ambitions of the 10 Year Health Plan. This briefing provides a summary of the blueprint document, highlighting the aspects most relevant to trusts, and includes NHS Providers’ view. |
| Read the briefing: <https://nhs-providers.uksouth01.umbraco.io/media/3ipkkroi/model-icb-blueprint-may-2025.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15002855_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202025-05-16&dm_i=21A8,8XK9Z,2NYYES,1197CS,1> | |

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|  | **Health Management and Policy Alert: Will the ‘model ICB’ strengthen or undermine system working?** Is the commitment to partnership and collaboration in health and care alive and well or under threat? Chris Naylor and Anna Charles discuss the implications of recent developments. |
| Read the blog: <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/blogs/model-icb-strengthen-undermine-system-working?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15002855_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202025-05-16&dm_i=21A8,8XK9Z,2NYYES,1190H1,1> | |
|  | **Artificial intelligence - More than just hype: how emerging AI use is assisting health and social care** Pritesh Mistry explores how artificial intelligence is currently being developed, tested and used within health and care. Read more here: <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/emerging-ai-use-health-and-social-care> |
|  | **Improving clinical co-ordination of care for people with multiple long-term conditions** More people have multiple long-term conditions, but care pathways focus on single conditions. What do clinicians and commissioners need to do to improve the care of people with multiple long-term conditions? Read more here : |
| <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/improving-clinical-coordination-multiple-long-term-conditions?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15006156_NEWSL_HWB_2025-05-26&dm_i=21A8,8XMTO,2NYYES,119D1K,1> | |
|  | **House of Commons Public Accounts Committee: DHSC annual report and accounts 2023–24** Forthcoming staff cuts and NHS England’s abolition have caused great uncertainty for all involved with the health system. This report on the Department of Health and Social Care’s accounts 2023–24 underlines concerns about the impact this uncertainty may have on patients and staff. |
| It also finds that £58.2 billion has been set aside to cover the potential cost of clinical negligence events. The report concludes that improvements still need to be made to better protect both patients and public money. Read the report: <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/47801/documents/249699/default/?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15002855_NEWSL_HMP_Library%202025-05-16&dm_i=21A8,8XK9Z,2NYYES,119DGP,1> | |

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| **Infection Prevention guidance and updates** | | |
| 2 May 2025 | UK Health Security Agency News story  **UKHSA publishes new analysis of health inequalities in England**  Data shows current state of health inequalities caused by infectious diseases, as well as environmental health hazards | [UKHSA publishes new analysis of health inequalities in England - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-publishes-new-analysis-of-health-inequalities-in-england?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4b1c8cb4-eee3-415e-a408-43260bcac883&utm_content=daily) |
| 21 May | UK Health Security Agency News story  **First detection of West Nile virus in UK mosquitoes**  UKHSA says there is no evidence to suggest ongoing circulation of the virus in birds or mosquitos in the UK and the risk to the general public is very low | [First detection of West Nile virus in UK mosquitoes - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/first-detection-of-west-nile-virus-in-uk-mosquitoes?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f9997cbc-042e-4b52-9767-baa45b114134&utm_content=daily) |
| 21 May | UK Health Security Agency Promotional material  **Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters**  Information and promotional resources to support the 2025 to 2026 annual flu vaccination programme. | [Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f8533bc6-b222-4257-8124-47c374db36bc&utm_content=daily) |
| 22 May | UK Health Security Agency News story  **Flu vaccine prevented around 100,000 hospital admissions**  UKHSA data shows the flu vaccine prevented 96,000 to 120,200 hospitalisations in England during last winter. | [Flu vaccine prevented around 100,000 hospital admissions - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/flu-vaccine-prevented-around-100000-hospital-admissions?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1b8f3a8e-97c9-4c1e-b85a-a282235b88b6&utm_content=daily) |
| 22 May | UK Health Security Agency Official Statistics  **Seasonal influenza vaccine uptake in healthcare workers: winter season 2024 to 2025**  Uptake of the seasonal influenza vaccine in frontline healthcare workers during the 2024 to 2025 influenza vaccination programme in England. | [Seasonal influenza vaccine uptake in healthcare workers: winter season 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seasonal-influenza-vaccine-uptake-in-healthcare-workers-winter-season-2024-to-2025?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b576393e-ad4c-4cf7-9c6f-ebfcf4c14da5&utm_content=daily) |

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| **Other Topics - updates** |

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| 2 May 2025 | NHS England Guidance  **Cervical screening: supporting people with learning disabilities**  Information to support people with learning disabilities to access cervical screening.  Minor updates to terminology and removed references to PHE. Added easy read cervical screening invitation letter template. | [Cervical screening: supporting people with learning disabilities - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cervical-screening-supporting-women-with-learning-disabilities?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=7f73b27b-9e1d-4519-84d9-b2748a45a27d&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history) |
| 8 May 2025 | Department for Education Statutory guidance u  **Working together to safeguard children**  Statutory guidance on multi-agency working to help, support and protect children.  Added an illustrated guide, an animated video and details of a toolkit for children, young people and their families, and practitioners working with them. | [Working together to safeguard children - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=31c87fc6-9fe5-4056-ae0d-af069efd946c&utm_content=daily#full-publication-update-history) |
| 14 May 2025 | Department of health & Social Care New Guidance  **Care workforce pathway for adult social care (easy read)**  Information about the 8 groups of jobs in adult social care in England. | [Care workforce pathway for adult social care (easy read) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-workforce-pathway-for-adult-social-care-easy-read?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e0947c3c-f71a-4555-bc33-5aac6c13fb21&utm_content=daily) |
| 15 May 2025 | **DBS update service: guide for applicants**  Guidance for applicants regarding the DBS update service, including how to join and how to renew your subscription.  Change made: Information about manual and automatic renewals has been clarified to make it easier for users to understand | <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-update-service-applicant-guide?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=69331889-3603-46c9-bf93-fdb4ccf40477&utm_content=daily> |