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Healthwatch England - One year on: how is Pharmacy First working for patients?

A year after the launch of Pharmacy First, the NHS scheme designed to speed up treatment for common conditions, this report sets out the results of a new poll of over 7,000 adults' experience of using pharmacies. It shows the scheme is working well for many but to reach its full potential, key barriers must be addressed. [One year on: How is Pharmacy First working for patients? | Healthwatch](#)

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Key facts and figures about the NHS

What's the NHS annual budget? How many doctors and nurses are there? What's the cost of an operation? Our press and public affairs team, library service and policy experts deal with hundreds of enquiries every year. Read the answers to some key questions that have frequently or recently posed been to us [NHS: Key Facts And Figures | The King's Fund](#)



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Department of Health and Social Care: Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England

The UK government's 10 Year Health Plan for England aims to transform the NHS through three key shifts: moving care from hospitals to communities, transitioning from analogue to digital systems, and focusing on prevention rather than sickness. The plan includes a new operating model, increased transparency, a reformed workforce, and a reshaped innovation strategy. Developed with public and stakeholder input, it seeks to create a future-ready health service. [10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future - GOV.UK](#)

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Truly fit for the future? The 10 Year Health Plan explained

What impact will Fit for the Future: The 10 Year Health Plan for England have for people, patients, staff and the health and care system? In our new explainer, we analyse the key areas of the government's plans.

[Truly Fit For The Future? The 10 Year Health Plan Explained | The King's Fund](#)

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Evidence for
better health care

Shifting care from hospital to communities: what are the challenges to achieving this for children & young people?

The 10 Year Health Plan aims to move more care into the community and away from hospitals. In this long read, Liz Fisher examines whether this can help improve children and young people's health, and the main barriers to bettering community services for those under 25.

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UCS Staff & Client Monthly 'Nice to Know' updates

Infection Prevention guidance and updates		
08/07/25	<p>Department of Health & Social Care New Guidance Pandemic preparedness, prevention and response: health and care research and development framework UK government's approach to research funding for new, emerging and escalating infectious disease threats.</p>	Pandemic preparedness, prevention and response: health and care research and development framework - GOV.UK
10/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency News story Survey reveals high parental confidence in children's vaccines UKHSA data shows 85% of parents are confident childhood vaccines are safe, effective and trustworthy.</p> <p>UK Health Security Agency Research and analysis Childhood vaccines: parental attitudes survey 2025 Findings of the 2025 survey of parental attitudes to childhood vaccines.</p>	Survey reveals high parental confidence in children's vaccines - GOV.UK Childhood vaccines: parental attitudes survey 2025 - GOV.UK
10/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency Guidance Flu vaccination: who should have it this winter and why This explains the importance of the influenza (flu) vaccination this winter: 2025 to 2026.</p>	Flu vaccination: who should have it this winter and why - GOV.UK
16/07/25	<p>Department of Health & Social Care Independent report COVID-19 vaccination in autumn 2026 and spring 2027: JCVI advice, 16 July 2025 Statement setting out advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the COVID-19 vaccination programmes for autumn 2026 and spring 2027. JCVI advises that vaccination should be offered to the following groups in autumn 2026 and spring 2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adults aged 75 years and over residents in a care home for older adults individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed (as defined in the 'immunosuppression' sections of tables 3 or 4 in the COVID-19 chapter of the green book) 	COVID-19 vaccination in autumn 2026 and spring 2027: JCVI advice, 16 July 2025 - GOV.UK
Infection Prevention guidance and updates continued.....		

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17/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency Research and analysis</p> <p>Doxycycline: serious or severe adverse effects</p> <p>Evidence from systematic reviews of serious or severe adverse effects experienced by people taking doxycycline.</p>	Doxycycline: serious or severe adverse effects - GOV.UK
17/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency Press release</p> <p>Huge biosecurity centre investment to boost pandemic protection</p> <p>A new world-leading biosecurity centre in Essex will protect the UK from emerging public health threats and boost economic growth.</p>	Huge biosecurity centre investment to boost pandemic protection - GOV.UK
31/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency News story</p> <p>RSV vaccine highly effective in preventing hospitalisation</p> <p>RSV vaccines are 82% effective for older people and 72% for newborns when mothers are vaccinated at least 14 days before birth.</p>	RSV vaccine highly effective in preventing hospitalisation - GOV.UK
31/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency News story</p> <p>Latest data shows measles cases remain high</p> <p>Measles activity has increased since April 2025 and the UKHSA is continuing to oversee the public health risk assessment.</p>	Latest data shows measles cases remain high - GOV.UK

Other Topics - updates

07/07/25	<p>Department of Health & Social Care Independent report</p> <p>Review of patient safety across the health and care landscape</p> <p>Dr Penny Dash's review of patient safety across the health and care landscape in England, which was commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care.</p>	Review of patient safety across the health and care landscape - GOV.UK
09/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency guidance update</p> <p>Beat the heat: hot weather advice</p> <p>Information on how to stay safe in hot weather, including how to keep your home cool.</p> <p>Change made:</p> <p>Added pregnant women to those at higher risk.</p>	Beat the heat: hot weather advice - GOV.UK

Other Topics – updates continued...

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09/07/25	<p>Disclosure and Barring Service Guidance</p> <p>Basic DBS check: guidance for applicants</p> <p>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 contacting ACRO to request a police certificate as part of a visa application has been added.</p>	Basic DBS check: guidance for applicants - GOV.UK
14/07/25	<p>Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Guidance</p> <p>Climate change explained</p> <p>Climate change is happening and is due to human activities; along with warming, many other changes are occurring such as melting polar ice, rising sea levels and more frequent floods, droughts and heatwaves. Updated to reflect the latest in climate science</p>	Climate change explained - GOV.UK
15/07/25	<p>UK Health Security Agency News story</p> <p>UTIs cost NHS hospitals over £600m last year</p> <p>New data from UKHSA reveals that treating urinary tract infections (UTIs) cost NHS hospitals in England an estimated £604 million in 2023 to 2024.</p> <p>UK Health Security Agency New Research and analysis</p> <p>Understanding the burden of UTI hospitalisations in England</p> <p>An overview of the number of hospitalisations from urinary tract infections (UTIs), patient profiles and the total cost.</p>	UTIs cost NHS hospitals over £600m last year - GOV.UK Understanding the burden of UTI hospitalisations in England - GOV.UK
24/07/25	<p>Department for Work and Pensions Guidance</p> <p>Access to Work guide for employers</p> <p>Employers' guide to Access to Work: money to help disabled people do their jobs. Clarified that Access to Work will not pay for reasonable adjustments that employers must legally make.</p>	Access to Work guide for employers - GOV.UK