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Alcohol misuse

[Cancer Research UK - 135,000 alcohol-related cancer deaths predicted by 2035](#)

Wednesday 23 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Alcohol will cause around 135,000 cancer deaths over the next 20 years and will cost the NHS an estimated £2 billion in treatments, according to estimates from a [new report](#) by Sheffield University, commissioned by Cancer Research UK.

[The problems of cheap, high strength alcohol](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

The Institute of Alcohol Studies has produced a short animation [film](#) to draw attention to the problems associated with cheap, high strength alcohol products such as white cider. This film provides a simple overview of how minimum unit pricing and changes to the taxation system could alleviate this burden.

['So drunk my daughter, 12, made my meals'](#)

Thurs 17 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

"My daughter told me she didn't like the fact that I always smelt of wine. That was probably the point I thought I may have a problem." What started as a few glasses of wine in the evening with her husband quickly developed into full-blown alcoholism for Alice, a mother of one from Birmingham.

[Baby boomers and alcohol](#)

Tuesday 15 Nov 2016

Source: Alcohol Concern <https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/>

Dr Tony Rao, Dual Diagnosis Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist, talks about alcohol and older people as part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

[Academic research finds taking a break from alcohol can benefit mental health](#)

Tuesday 15th Nov 2016

Source: Alcohol Concern <https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/>

As part of Alcohol Awareness Week 2016, new research compiled by the Public Health Institute has identified that that levels of self-harm were down in the areas where Dry January participants were highest.

Chronic conditions

[Thousands 'miss out on stroke treatment'](#)

Tues 29th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

About 9,000 stroke patients a year are missing out on a treatment that can prevent disability following a stroke, say UK experts.

[Lung cancer cells spread like unanchored tents, study says](#)

Fri 25th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Spreading lung cancer cells are like tents which have collapsed and are adrift in the wind, scientists from the University of York have discovered.

[Cancer Research UK - Blood test could predict best treatment for lung cancer](#)

Wednesday 23 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

A blood test could predict how well small-cell lung cancer (SCLC) patients will respond to treatment, according to [new research](#) published in Nature Medicine yesterday.

[Price discount helps give green light for breast cancer drug pertuzumab](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

NICE approves the third breast cancer drug is as many weeks as pertuzumab is recommended to shrink tumours in some people with breast cancer so surgery can take place. The recommendation follows a discount to the price of pertuzumab (also called Perjeta and made by Roche Products) agreed with the company. Approximately 1400 people will now be eligible for treatment with the drug in England and Wales each year.

[Cancer Research UK - Sponge on a string test could replace endoscopies](#)

Wednesday 16 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Cancer Research UK-funded scientists have discovered that a 'sponge on a string' pill test can identify which people with a condition called Barrett's oesophagus have a low risk of developing oesophageal cancer - sparing them uncomfortable endoscopies.

[NICE recommends extra 'triple therapy' drug for treating type 2 diabetes](#)

Wednesday 23 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

NICE has published final guidance recommending dapagliflozin for treating type 2 diabetes in 'triple therapy'.

[Fat storage problems may increase diabetes risk](#)

Thurs 17th Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Inability to store fat safely increases diabetes risk," BBC News reports. Researchers have found links between genetic variations known to affect the storage of fat in the body and type 2 diabetes, as well as heart attacks and strokes.

[GPs take decisions to prescribe medication for patients at high risk of stroke very seriously, says RCGP](#)

Wednesday 16 Nov 2016

Source: RCGP <http://www.rcgp.org.uk>

Professor Maureen Baker, Chair of the RCGP, has responded to a new study by researchers at the University of Birmingham on the number stroke patients who weren't given medicine designed to prevent them.

Communicable diseases

[Not even Brexit will protect the UK from the risk](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

New outbreaks of avian influenza have been reported among wild birds & poultry across Europe since the end of October 2016. The highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 virus has been identified in Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

[UK Zika research awarded share of £120 million vaccine fund](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

UK researchers creating new vaccines for epidemic diseases such as Zika and Ebola are among the winners of £22 million of funding, announced by the Department of Health today (18 November 2016).

[Zika virus 'no longer an emergency' - WHO](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The mosquito-borne Zika virus will no longer be treated as an international medical emergency, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared.

Diet & nutrition

[Just a small cut in saturated fats 'reduces heart disease risk'](#)

Friday 25 Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Swapping butter and meat for olive oil and fish does cut the risk of heart disease," The Times reports.

[Review questions recent official vitamin D guidance](#)

Thurs 24 Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Vitamin D pills branded 'waste of time' and could even be 'harmful' according to new research," The Sun reports. But, despite the headline, no new research has been done.

[Proposed action to cut sales of sugary drinks](#)

Wednesday 23 Nov 2016

Source: NHS England <https://www.england.nhs.uk>

NHS England's Chief Executive Simon Stevens is calling on patients and the public to have their say in a 10-week consultation on plans to cut the sales of sugary drinks sold in hospitals.

[Teens 'drink enough sugar for cola bath'](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

UK teenagers drink enough sugar every year to fill a bathtub with fizzy cola, a Cancer Research UK study suggests. The figures, calculated from [National Diet and Nutrition Survey](#) data, shed light on the extreme sugar consumption of UK teenagers and children.

[Freezing food can lead to a less wasteful Christmas](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: Food Standards Agency <https://www.food.gov.uk>

In the run-up to Christmas, the Food Standards Agency is promoting a range of messages to help people plan their festive cooking and work out what and when to cook, freeze and defrost in order to have a less stressful and wasteful Christmas. These messages will be delivered by the 'FSA Freezer Fairy' in the form of tips and advice.

Five-a-day fruit and vegetable advice 'unrealistic', says new GPs' head

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

When it comes to fruit and vegetables, two-a-day, rather than five, might be more realistic advice to give families, says one of the UK's leading doctors.

New Food Environment Policy Index for England Launched

Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

England's first Food Environment Policy Index (EPI) has been launched. The Food EPI identified the need to reduce exposure of children to advertising of junk food as a top policy priority. The project was coordinated by the UK Health Forum, the Food Foundation, World Obesity Federation and the Food Research Collaboration.

Disability

'Improving dementia' costs woman benefit

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Thousands of people living with degenerative conditions - like dementia, Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis (MS) - are losing part or all of their disability benefits after being reassessed. One woman, Wendy, rejects the assessors' insinuation that her Alzheimer's is getting better.

Drug Misuse

Born addicts: The babies starting life in rehab

Friday 25 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Hundreds of babies in the UK are born suffering the effects of drug withdrawal because of their mother's addiction, but one unique facility is working to keep the newborns together with their parent while they detox.

Environmental health

Air pollution 'causes 467,000 premature deaths a year in Europe'

Weds 23 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Air pollution is causing around 467,000 premature deaths in Europe every year, the European Environment Agency (EEA) has warned.

Environment Agency warns communities to be prepared for flooding

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Communities in the south west, particularly Devon and Somerset, and parts of the north of England are warned to be prepared for possible flooding and disruption today and tomorrow (Tuesday 22 November).

Health promotion

[Realistic messages are important for patients to be healthier, says new RCGP Chair](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: RGCP <http://www.rcgp.org.uk>

Clarifying comments reported in the media this weekend, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "Five a Day is an excellent initiative; we want our patients to be healthier, and we want them to eat far more fruit and veg. We should certainly be aiming for this - and more - but the fact is that it remains an aspiration for many patients and as GPs we sometimes need to tailor our advice to the patient in front of us, based on their individual circumstances.

[Healthy Policy: Healthy People: Healthy Planet. Impact Report 2015-16 No. 03](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

This is the third impact report of the UK Health Forum (UKHF). It is intended to show members, partners and funders how we make a difference to the prevention policy agenda by highlighting some of our achievements and significant contributions over the last 18 months. Impact evaluation is built into our project plans and funding proposals. It is also important that we monitor the policy developments and reports to understand where we may have influence.

Health protection

[Predatory bacteria can wipe out superbugs, says study](#)

Thursday 24 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Predatory bacteria - that eat others of their kind - could be a new weapon in the fight against superbugs, say UK researchers.

[NHS using Google technology to treat patients](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

A London NHS hospital trust has teamed up with tech giant Google to share patient data so it can save more lives.

Health services administration

[Telephone triage systems are designed to help patients, says RCGP](#)

Monday 28 Nov 2016

Source: RGCP <http://www.rcgp.org.uk>

Responding to an article in the Daily Mail on the use of alternative appointment booking systems in GP practice, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said:

Autumn Statement: Row as care funding omitted from measures

Thursday 24 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Health and social care leaders have condemned the chancellor's Autumn Statement as a missed opportunity to announce new investment.

Extra £3m to support NHS [Scotland] winter plans

Wednesday 23 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

An additional £3 million is being allocated to local NHS boards to help support their preparations for winter, Health Secretary Shona Robison said yesterday.

Proof of ID may be needed for NHS care, says health chief

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Patients may have to show two forms of identification to get some NHS care, the senior civil servant at the Department of Health has said.

The King's Fund responds to the NAO report on the financial sustainability of the NHS

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Richard Murray, Director of Policy at The King's Fund, commented on the [National Audit Office's new report](#) on the financial sustainability of the NHS. 'The National Audit Office (NAO) is right to be concerned about NHS finances. There is already strong evidence that patient care is being affected by financial pressures, and we share the NAO's concerns about capital funding being used to plug short-term financial gaps.'

CQC inspectors highlight outstanding and good care as reports are published on 100 more GP practices

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: CQC <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

In the past week, CQC has published a further 100 reports on the quality of care provided by GP practices that have been inspected by specialist teams of inspectors.

Sustainability and transformation plans in the NHS. How are they being developed in practice?

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

Sustainability and transformation plans (STPs) have been developed by NHS and local government leaders in 44 parts of England. The plans offer a chance for health and social care leaders to work together to improve care and manage limited resources. But will they succeed where other initiatives have failed?

This [report](#) by The King's Fund, looks at how STPs have been developed in four parts of the country.

NHS £8bn budget plan 'not enough', say hospital bosses

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Patients in England will see rising waiting times, rationing and cuts in the number of staff unless the NHS gets more money, health bosses say.

HIV & AIDS

[Theresa May: We have to 'wipe out' HIV stigma](#)

Tues 29th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Theresa May has condemned the continuing stigma against people living with HIV in the UK, calling it an 'unacceptable stain on our society'.

[On trial: The man with HIV who says he had sex with 104 women and girls](#)

Thursday 17 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

A verdict is expected this week in the case of a man arrested in Malawi after he told a BBC reporter he had had sex with pubescent girls as part of a "cleansing" ritual. But some Malawians are asking why only one man is on trial for a practice involving whole communities.

Infant & child health

[The children living with facial disfigurements](#)

Mon 28th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

"I'd kill myself if I had a face like yours." The words used against Marcus, aged 10 at the time, by a fellow pupil.

[Men's attitude towards fatherhood 'affects child behaviour'](#)

Weds 23 Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Children of confident fathers who embrace parenthood are less likely to show behavioural problems before their teenage years," The Guardian reports.

[Cot death: How Anne Diamond helped save thousands of babies](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Twenty-five years ago the TV presenter Anne Diamond lost her baby son Sebastian to cot death. But out of that very public tragedy came a positive outcome. Her resulting campaign urging parents to put their babies to sleep on their backs has been credited with drastically reducing the number of sudden infant deaths in the UK.

[How terminally-ill Heidi is preparing children for her death](#)

Thursday 17 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Heidi Loughlin, the terminally-ill mother of two boys, describes trying to prepare them for her own death.

[Infants' brains attuned to baby talk and nursery rhymes](#)

Weds 16 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Researchers in Cambridge believe that babies learn best when their brain waves are in sync with their parents'. The study has also shown that infants are attuned to baby talk and nursery rhymes.

Mental health

Pregnant women and new mums in mental health funding boost

Sat 26th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Twenty areas across England are to receive funding to provide more support for pregnant women and new mothers with severe mental health problems.

Mental Health Foundation launches 'I'm Fine' campaign

Weds 23 Nov 2016

Source: Mental Health Foundation <http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

THE MHF has launched its 'I'm Fine' campaign to encourage Brits to open up about mental health and 'bring back meaning' to daily conversations.

How to manage and reduce stress

Tues 22 Nov 2016

Source: Mental Health Foundation <http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

[*How to manage and reduce stress*](#), has been published by the Mental Health Foundation. Stress affects us in a number of ways, both physically and emotionally, and in varying intensities.

Can a high-tech treatment help combat some of our oldest fears?

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Scientists have raised hopes for a radical new therapy for phobias," The Guardian reports. Brain scanners were used to identify brain activity pinpointing when people are most receptive to the "rewriting" of fearful memories.

Dementia rates show signs of falling

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

There is growing evidence that the dementia crisis may not be as bad as first feared, say researchers.

Children and young people's mental health: Time to Deliver. The report of the Commission on Children and Young People's Mental Health

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

The Education Policy Institute's Independent Commission on Children and Young People's Mental Health has released a new report, Time to Deliver, which calls for a new 'Prime Minister's Challenge' on children and young people's mental health.

Dementia: care, support and awareness

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

The Government's aim is for England to be the best place in the world for people with dementia, their families and carers to live and the best place to undertake research into dementia. The Department of Health (DH) want to hear first-hand from people with dementia, their families and carers if we are making a difference to your day to day lives.

[Nine ex-health secretaries 'dismayed' at mental health services](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Every former health secretary from the past 20 years has voiced "alarm and dismay" at the government's failure to improve mental health services.

[Dementia game 'shows lifelong navigational decline'](#)

Thursday 17 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The world's largest dementia research experiment, which takes the form of a video game, has indicated the ability to navigate declines throughout life.

Obesity

[Obese patients and smokers face surgery delays in York](#)

Tues 29th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Health bosses have approved plans to delay routine surgery for smokers and obese people.

Older people

[Joining up care for older people with frailty](#)

Thursday 24 Nov 2016

Source: RGCP <http://www.rcgp.org.uk>

A new joint report from the Royal College of GPs and the British Geriatrics Society has been published today, showcasing how GPs and geriatricians are collaborating to design and lead innovative schemes to improve the provision of integrated care for older people with frailty.

[Britain sleepwalking into care crisis, Ros Altmann warns](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Britain is in danger of "sleepwalking into a social care crisis", a former pensions minister has warned.

[Does vitamin D cut lung infection risk in older adults?](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Why you should take vitamin D as you get older: High doses reduce the risk of respiratory illnesses by 40%," the Mail Online reports.

[Elderly failed by 'shameful' care system](#)

Thursday 17 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The way older people are being cared for in England is "shameful" and "scandalous", charities say.

Physical activity

['I struggled to breathe - now I run marathons'](#)

Mon 28th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Being diagnosed with asthma aged 30 changed Ruth Smith's life. She was regularly rushed to hospital with severe attacks - and just going out on a cold winter's day was difficult. But the Leeds-based mother-of-one has gone from feeling "left out" of life to becoming a marathon runner.

Physical activity strategy summary. Transforming activity levels by 2020

Monday 21 Nov 2016 Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

The Public Health Cornwall and Cornwall Sports Partnership, have published their physical activity strategy. Their vision is a future where everybody in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly is active as part of daily life, regardless of age, gender, culture or circumstance.

Prison health

'Record number' of prison suicides in England and Wales

Mon 28th Nov 2016 Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

A record number of inmates have taken their own lives in prisons in England and Wales so far this year, a prison reform charity has said.

Safety & accident prevention

How safe is the cosmetic surgery boom?

Tues 29th Nov 2016 Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

An increasing number of British people are opting for cosmetic procedures. Many are happy with the results - but the £3.6bn UK cosmetic industry is unregulated, leading to concerns about its safety.

CQC's new approach to dental regulation shows positive findings

Monday 28 Nov 2016 Source: CQC <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

After a year of inspections, CQC has found that most dental practices are safe.

Hospital fined after safety failings led to dementia patient's death

Monday 28 Nov 2016 Source: HSE: www.hse.gov.uk

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust has been fined £366,000 after the death of a patient on a specialist dementia ward.

Fire Service signs up to Dry January

Friday 18 Nov 2016 Source: Alcohol Concern <https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/>

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service get behind Dry January for Alcohol Awareness Week 2016

Relentless GP workload is a threat to our patients' safety, says RCGP

Friday 25 Nov 2016 Source: RCGP <http://www.rcgp.org.uk>

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard has responded to a new survey out today from the British Medical Association which highlights the relentless workloads in general practice and the danger this is posing to our patients' safety.

[Road safety seminar to be broadcast live on the internet](#)

Friday 25 Nov 2016

Source: ROSPA <http://www.rospa.com>

An annual road safety seminar addressing the risks faced by organisations' fleets and drivers is to be broadcast live on the internet for the first time.

[90% of food businesses in Northern Ireland expected to be displaying food hygiene ratings](#)

Monday 28 Nov 2016

Source: Food Standards Agency <https://www.food.gov.uk>

Around 90% of food businesses in Northern Ireland should now be displaying their food hygiene rating sticker following the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 coming into force in October.

[FSA publishes review of antimicrobial resistance evidence](#)

Friday 25 Nov 2016

Source: Food Standards Agency <https://www.food.gov.uk>

The FSA has today published a systematic review of the available evidence on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in food. The review looked at research on the presence of AMR in bacteria in a number of different foods sold at retail.

[Bagged salads 'pose salmonella risk,' say researchers](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Bagged salad can fuel the growth of food-poisoning bugs like salmonella and make them more dangerous," BBC News reports.

Screening

[NHS cancer testing service 'at breaking point'](#)

Weds 23 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Tests for cancer diagnosis are under threat as labs struggle to cope with rising demand, a charity says.

Sexual health

[The future of contraception? Four ways it could change for you](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Tuesday night's Radio 1 and 1Xtra Stories explores the future of the pill and what could come next.

[Kenyan vasectomies broadcast live on Facebook](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Vasectomy operations on men in Kenya have been live streamed from a theatre in the capital as part a campaign to promote the sterilisation procedure.

Smoking

[Burnley primary school pupils in e-cigarettes exclusion warning](#)

Mon 28th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

A primary school head teacher has warned parents that children found with e-cigarettes face being excluded.

[Background papers to the WHO report on electronic nicotine delivery systems and electronic non-nicotine delivery systems](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: WHO <http://www.who.int>

WHO commissioned four background papers to enable WHO to prepare the WHO report to the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems.

[Cancer Research UK - Stop smoking services under threat as budgets are cut](#)

Thursday 17 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Stop Smoking Services across England are facing ongoing budget cuts after six in ten local authorities (59 per cent) were forced to reduce their funding in the last year according to a new joint [report](#) by ASH and Cancer Research UK published yesterday.

Social & economic issues

[Reset the Fuel Poverty Target](#)

Weds 23 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

Energy Action Scotland have created this thunderclap, to gain support to influence the Scottish Government to reset the fuel poverty target . The Scottish Government was required to eradicate fuel poverty by November 2016 under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001. The Scottish Government announced in June this year that it wasn't going to meet the target. In fact fuel poverty levels in Scotland are rising.

[Increased priority with the colder weather](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Peter Smith (Head of Partnerships at Homeless Link) looks at how partnership working is enabling a new approach to rough sleeping prevention;

[NHS referred 420 staff and patients over 'radicalisation'](#)

Sunday 20 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The NHS referred 420 patients and staff to police in England and Wales in a year over concerns they were at risk of radicalisation, the BBC has learned.

[Terminally ill teen won historic ruling to preserve body](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

A 14-year-old girl who wanted her body to be preserved, in case she could be cured in the future, won a historic legal fight shortly before her death.

[The GP surgery that treats patients no-one else can cope with](#)

Thursday 17 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The Whitehouse Centre in Huddersfield is a little different from the average GP's surgery. The doctors help fill out forms for bus passes, bring people in from the streets and screen for torture. They treat the patients who cannot, for whatever reason, fit in to mainstream care.

[Housing and health inequalities briefing](#)

Weds 16 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

This [briefing](#) produced by NHS Health Scotland, focuses on the role that good-quality housing can play in improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.

Statistics

['Concern' as study highlights aneurysm death rate](#)

Thursday 24 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The death rate from abdominal aortic aneurysms is more than three times higher in England than in the US, analysis of official data shows.

[Winter deaths 'halve to 24,000'](#)

Weds 23 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

There were 24,300 excess deaths in England and Wales last winter - about half the number of the previous year.

[Is dementia becoming more common or less?](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

A week ago the story that dementia had become the leading cause of death in England and Wales was making headlines. But now we hear that the proportion of people suffering from dementia is actually falling - how can both statements be true, asks Charlotte McDonald?

[World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#)

Monday 21 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Last year, 26 100 people died in road accidents in the European Union (EU). While this represented a small increase compared with 2014 (+0.5%), the trend over the last 20 years has been a fall in the number of road traffic victims in the EU.

[Use of antibiotics decreases across all healthcare settings for the first time](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

A new report from Public Health England (PHE) - the annual [English Surveillance Programme for Antimicrobial Utilisation and Resistance](#) - shows that for the first time fewer antibiotics are being prescribed by GPs and clinicians. A decline in the use of antibiotics has occurred across all healthcare settings, including in the community and hospitals. This is the first time a reduction has been seen in antibiotic use across the whole healthcare system.

[Proportion of teenage mothers at 'lowest in decades'](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The proportion of women having at least one child by the age of 20 has fallen to its lowest level in decades, the Office for National Statistics says.

[Study looks at nursing assistants' effect on patient outcomes](#)

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Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Patients are a fifth more likely to die on wards where nurses have been replaced by untrained staff, a major study has found," the Daily Mail reports.

Women's health

[Healthy women should take breast cancer pill, says NICE](#)

Tues 29th Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Hundreds of thousands of healthy women should take pills to cut their risk of breast cancer, says NHS watchdog NICE.

[Expensive IVF add-ons 'not evidence based'](#)

Mon 28th Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Nearly all costly add-on treatments offered by UK fertility clinics to increase the chance of a birth through IVF are not supported by high-quality evidence," BBC News reports, covering the findings of a review by experts in evidence-based medicine.

[Online calculator that tries to predict IVF success released](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Couples can find out their chances of having a baby over multiple cycles of IVF treatment using a new online calculator," BBC News reports.

[Australian woman gets pregnant twice in 10 days](#)

Weds 16 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

An Australian woman who was told she might never become pregnant says she has given birth to twins conceived 10 days apart.

[Breast cancer 'more often advanced' in black women](#)

Weds 16 Nov 2016

Source: BBC Health: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

Black women in England are almost twice as likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer as white women, according to a new analysis by Cancer Research UK and Public Health England.

Workplace health

[Ejector seat manufacturer fined £800,000 for failing to protect workers' health](#)

Friday 25 Nov 2016

Source: HSE: www.hse.gov.uk

An Uxbridge manufacturer of ejector seats has been fined £800,000 after three workers developed debilitating lung conditions.

[Car component firm fined after multiple back injuries to workers](#)

Wednesday 23 Nov 2016

Source: HSE: www.hse.gov.uk

A car component manufacturer has been sentenced after six workers experienced back injuries from repeatedly lifting heavy car engine parts by hand.

[Disability-related sickness absence is biggest workplace issue for union equality reps](#)

Wednesday 23 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Nearly two-thirds (65%) of the union reps responding to the TUC's 2016 Equality Audit said that disability-related sickness absence was the number one equality issue they dealt with at work.

[Added value: Mental health as a workplace asset 2016](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: UK Health Forum <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk>

The Mental Health Foundation new report, produced with employee benefits specialists Unum, shows that the value added by people with mental health problems in the workforce is greater than the costs arising. Improving and protecting mental health secures that value and should help reduce cost.

[TfL and Terrence Higgins Trust host the UK's largest HIV workplace testing event](#)

Tuesday 22 Nov 2016

Source: Wired-GOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

TfL and Terrence Higgins Trust are marking National HIV Testing Week by hosting the UK's biggest workplace testing event for the second year running. The event helps tackle stigma and encourages earlier diagnosis.

[Council fined £250,000 for not protecting workers' health](#)

Friday 18 Nov 2016

Source: HSE: www.hse.gov.uk

Thanet District Council has been fined after a worker was left with permanent injuries after being diagnosed with hard arm vibration (HAV).

[Four receive suspended jail sentences for health and safety failings](#)

Wednesday 16 Nov 2016

Source: HSE: www.hse.gov.uk

The director of a Port Talbot furniture factory and three of its managers have received suspended prison sentences for ongoing health and safety failings.

Local news: []

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