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Alcohol misuse

Promoting good health from childhood. Reducing the impact of alcohol marketing on children in Scotland. A report by the virtual expert network on alcohol marketing

28 February 2017 Source: UK Health Forum
<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

In a report published today by Alcohol Focus Scotland, leading academics and health experts outline how the Scottish Government can reduce the unacceptably high levels of alcohol marketing that children and young people are exposed to.

Drink drive limit should be lowered, urge councils and fire authorities

2 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

The legal drink drive limit should be lowered in England and Wales to help cut alcohol-related accidents, which new provisional figures show have risen, urged councils and fire and rescue authorities.

Alcohol licensing: a guide for public health teams

8 March 2017 Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

Public Health England (PHE), have published guidance for public health teams, to make sure that licensing policy and applications consider the health and wellbeing of local communities.

Chronic conditions

Intensive follow-up following curative bowel cancer surgery may detect recurrent cancers sooner but does not improve survival

28 February 2017 Source: NIHR <https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk>

Intensive follow-up of patients who have been successfully treated for bowel cancer does not improve survival outcomes compared to less intensive follow-up. This systematic review included 15 randomised controlled trials comparing different intensities of follow-up

Early warning signs of some cases of heart attacks 'being missed'

1 March 2017 Source: NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Early warning signs may have been missed in up to one in six people who died of a heart attack in English hospitals," BBC News reports. A review of hospital records found 16% of people who died of a heart attack were admitted in the previous 28 days with another condition

'Tackling High Blood Pressure through Community Pharmacy': new report published

27 February 2017 Source: Pharmacyvoice <http://pharmacyvoice.com>

Pharmacy Voice, with the support of Public Health England, has today released 'Tackling High Blood Pressure through Community Pharmacy', a new report on how the community pharmacy sector can expand and enhance its contribution to the national agenda around preventing, detecting and managing hypertension

Providing physical activity interventions for people with musculoskeletal conditions

9 March 2017 Source: Arthritis Research UK
<http://www.arthritisresearchuk.org/>

Produced in partnership with the Department of Health, Public Health England and NHS England this report highlights the importance of providing physical activity interventions for people with musculoskeletal conditions. It details the resources that local authorities and commissioners can use to enable and support people with musculoskeletal conditions to be physically active.

Resuscitation to recovery

9 March 2017 Source: Royal College of Anaesthetists
<https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/>

The Royal College of Emergency medicine and Royal College of Nursing together with other key stakeholders including Resuscitation Council (UK) have all endorsed the publication of Resuscitation to recovery: A National Framework to improve care of people with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) in England This guide outlines actions to be taken by the general public, emergency services, and hospital services to improve the survival rate of people suffering cardiac arrest. These include improving public awareness of how to perform CPR, establishing an effective pathway of care and a commitment to research to improve understanding of resuscitation.

National Diabetes Foot Care Audit - 2014-2016

8 March 2017 Source: NHS Digital <http://www.content.digital.nhs.uk/>

This is the second annual report and includes data on 11,073 patients who underwent first expert assessments between 14 July 2014 and 8 April 2016 for 13,034 new ulcer episodes, at 173 specialist foot care services.

Low back pain : Quality Standard consultation

10 March 2017 Source: NICE <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

This draft quality standard covers the assessment and management of non-specific low back pain and sciatica in young people and adults aged 16 years and over. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. The closing date for submissions is 5pm Friday 7 April 2017 and the final quality standard is expected to be published in July 2017.

what self management after stroke means to stroke survivors and physiotherapists

March 2017 Source: BMJ Open <http://bmjopen.bmj.com/>

This study explores what self-management after stroke means to stroke survivors and physiotherapists.

Communicable diseases

Measles in older children and adults

16 February 2017

Source: TheBMJ <http://www.bmj.com>

Review advises that when a case is suspected, contact local public health authorities and test for measles. Opportunistic immunisation should be offered for children older than 1 year and adults who are unvaccinated or have only received 1 dose of MMR vaccine

Diet & nutrition

Evidence Brief 13 – DASH diet in the UK and Ireland. Addressing barriers to healthy and sustainable diets – February 2017

8 March 2017

Source: UK Health Forum

<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan has proven health benefits and is more environmentally sustainable than typical UK diets. However, barriers to its widespread adoption remain. Researchers from Centre for Diet and Activity Research (CEDAR) and the HRB Centre for Health and Diet Research in Ireland are studying the health effects of the DASH diet and how it can be more widely applied to improve population health.

'Avoid fads and stick to diet guidelines,' say US heart experts

28 February 2017

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

"Avoid celebrity fad diets and just eat your greens to stay healthy," the Daily Mirror reports. A review carried out by US cardiologists found little evidence fads like juicing and coconut oil prevent heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases.

NOURISHING framework

28 February 2017

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

The World Cancer Research Fund International have developed the NOURISHING framework, to highlight where governments need to take action to promote healthy diets and reduce overweight and obesity. The framework brings together ten policy areas across three domains: food environment, food system and behavior change communication.

Healthier and more sustainable catering

1 March 2017

Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

Public Health England, have produced catering guidance that offers practical advice on how to make catering affordable, healthier and more sustainable

The Eatwell Guide

1 March 2017

Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

The Eatwell Guide is a policy tool used to define government recommendations on eating healthily and achieving a balanced diet. Public Health England encourages organisations and individuals to use the Eatwell Guide to make sure everyone receives consistent messages about the balance of foods in a healthy diet.

Healthy food cheaper than 'junk food', finds new IEA research

2 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Contrary to the claims of some health campaigners, it is cheaper to buy healthy and nutritious food than it is to buy processed 'junk food'. A new report from the Institute of Economic Affairs uses data from two leading supermarkets to compare the prices of 78 common food and drink products, finding that healthier options are mostly cheaper than less healthy alternatives.

Food safety: simpler rules proposed for small retailers

6 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

EFSA has proposed a simplified approach to food safety management in small retail businesses such as grocery shops, butchers, and bakeries. The approach includes guidelines on how to identify the most relevant biological, chemical and physical hazards at each stage of the food production process, the activities or practices that make hazards more likely to occur and appropriate control measures.

Mediterranean diet linked to lower risk of one type of breast cancer

7 March 2017 Source: NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Eating a Mediterranean diet 'cuts deadly breast cancer risk by 40%' in postmenopausal women," says the Mail Online of a widely reported study carried out by researchers in the Netherlands. The researchers looked at data from a study involving more than 60,000 women aged 55-69 over a 20-year period.

Patients Association - Nutrition and Hydration week 13th-19th March

14 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Food and water are essential for health. Good nutrition can help the body to maintain or improve strength, stay mobile and keep up independence; however illness and old age can put a strain on the body. Many people, when living with a medical condition, recovering from an illness or operation, or even as they get older, may find they cannot eat as much as usual and sometimes lose weight.

Disability

Local support for people with a learning disability

1 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Good progress has been made by the Department of Health and NHS England in setting up a programme to close hospital beds for people with a learning disability, but the programme is not yet on track to achieve value for money. The report examines how the NHS in England and local

authorities seek to improve the lives of the 129,000 people aged 18 to 64 who use local authority learning disability support services.

Drug Misuse

Health matters: preventing drug misuse deaths

1 March 2017 Source: HM Government <https://www.gov.uk/>

This guidance document outlines how providers and commissioners can prevent deaths from drug abuse. It sets out the scale of the problem, factors causing the rise in drug misuse deaths, preventing drug misuse deaths and a call for action for local authorities and the NHS

Highways and buyways: A snapshot of UK drug scenes 2016

28 February 2017 Source: Drugwise <http://www.drugwise.org.uk>

This survey of representatives from 32 organisations and officers from 13 constabularies provides a snapshot in time (October-November 2016) of what is happening with UK street drug markets

Minister welcomes report on substance misuse among older adults

8 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

A new Report into substance misuse among adults over 50 years old has been welcomed by Minister for Social Services and Public Health, Rebecca Evans. The independent Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse (APoSM) was asked by the Welsh Government to provide advice on the additional actions needed to tackle the problem of substance misuse in an ageing population.

Environmental health

Air quality: a briefing for directors of public health

1 March 2017 Source: Local Government Assoc. <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

This report has been published by the Local Government Association (LGA), Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and Public Health England (PHE). This briefing provides the information to help Directors of Public Health consider the appropriate public health response to air pollution in their area. There is extensive evidence about the health impacts of air pollution, growing media and public interest and an indicator on mortality attributed to particulate matter air pollution in the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

Avian flu near Redgrave, Suffolk

6 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Avian Influenza H5N8 virus has been identified on a premises near Redgrave during investigations following a recent nearby case.

Health promotion

[Health and wellbeing in rural areas](#)

1 March 2017 Source: Local Government Assoc. <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

Nearly 10 million of our fellow citizens live in areas of England defined as rural. This number is increasing and the population is growing older. Their health is as important to us as the health of the 45 million who live in our cities and large conurbations.

[Webinar: Practical learning and tips to put people and communities at the heart of health and wellbeing](#)

28 February 2017 Source: UK Health Forum
<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

The Realising the Value programme conducted analysis of the evidence for person-centred and community-centred approaches for health and wellbeing, working with five frontline sites across England, and published tools, recommendations and economic modelling to show how they can be successfully implemented. It concluded that that person and community-centred approaches are pivotal to improving health and wellbeing outcomes. The programme was commissioned by NHS England to help deliver the NHS Five Year Forward View, and led by The Health Foundation and Nesta.

[Healthy lives for people in the UK](#)

28 February 2017 Source: UK Health Forum
<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

The Health Foundation has published their "Healthy lives for people in the UK" strategy. During 2017 the Health Foundation will begin implementing a long-term strategy to improve people's health in the UK.

[LGA Annual Public Health report – four years on](#)

9 March 2017 Source: Local Government Assoc. <http://www.local.gov.uk/>
This year's compilation of case studies shows how local authorities continue to make progress on improving health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities since public health was formally transferred from the NHS in April 2013. Public health teams, working with a 'Health in All Policies' approach across councils, are tackling persistent problems like adult and childhood obesity, mental illness, alcohol abuse, sexually transmitted infections and the health impact of isolation and loneliness in old age, as well as addressing some of the serious health inequalities that still exist within and between communities

Health protection

[Care Quality Commission advises people to take care when using online primary care services](#)

3 March 2017 Source: Quality Care Commission <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

The Care Quality Commission is calling on people to act with caution when considering buying medicines on the internet. CQC's inspections of some companies that provide online primary care have found significant concerns about patient safety

Changing people's behaviour to reduce antimicrobial resistance and the spread of resistant microbes

1 March 2017 Source: NICE Bites <http://www.elmmb.nhs.uk>

The aim of this publication is to provide healthcare professionals with a summary of key prescribing points taken from the NICE guidance NG63. This guideline aims to change people's behaviour to reduce antimicrobial resistance and the spread of resistant microbes

Health services administration

Shifting the balance of care: Great expectations

1 March 2017 Source: Nuffield Trust <https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk>

This research draws on an extensive literature review to assess the realism of the narrative that moving care out of hospital will save money. It explores five key areas: elective care, urgent and emergency care, admission avoidance and easier discharge, at risk populations, and self-care.

The ageing workforce - a resource for managers

1 March 2017 Source: NHS Employers <http://www.nhsemployers.org>

This resource will enable managers to find information on the challenges and opportunities an ageing workforce might present. It follows on from the Working Longer Group (WLG) [age awareness toolkit](#).

The ageing workforce - a resource for staff and their representatives

1 March 2017 Source: NHS Employers <http://www.nhsemployers.org>

This resource has been developed for NHS staff and their representatives to provide information about the changes to the pension scheme retirement age; and on the anxieties, challenges and opportunities that working to a raised retirement age might present. It also provides signposts to further information and resources.

Chief Medical Officer for Scotland Annual Report 2015/16 Realising Realistic Medicine

1 March 2017 Source: UK Health Forum
<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

The Chief Medical Officer for Scotland's Annual Report 2015/16: Realising Realistic Medicine, this sets out the multi-professional, national and international support which has to be adopted in Scotland and outlines the plans, in collaboration with the Scottish Health Council and the ALLIANCE for engagement with the public during 2017. It includes practical examples and shared learning from around Scotland showcasing the exciting work underway.

Ombudsman comments on new end of life care research

2 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

The BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care journal has yesterday published a new research paper on commissioning palliative care services, which found significant variation in end of life care across the country. Commenting on the paper, Alex Robertson, Executive Director of External Affairs and Strategy at the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, said.....

TUC analysis details risk to NHS and social care in England from loss of EU workers

2 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

The TUC has published analysis that provides a regional breakdown of where NHS and adult social care services are most reliant on workers from the EU

The state of care in NHS acute hospitals

2 March 2017 Source: Quality Care Commission <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

The state of care in NHS acute hospitals 2014 to 2016 presents findings from our programme of NHS acute comprehensive inspections. The report captures what we have learned from three years' worth of inspections.

CQC report shows NHS not learning lessons from mistakes

1 March 2017 Source: Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman <https://www.ombudsman.org.uk>

Commenting on the Care Quality Commission's The state care in NHS acute hospitals: 2014 to 2016: Findings from the end of CQC's programme of NHS acute comprehensive inspections, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Executive Director of External Affairs and Insight Alex Robertson said: This report shows that the NHS must do more to learn from mistakes.....

Quality support for busy GPs

1 March 2017 Source: Royal College of General Practitioners <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/>

QI Ready, an innovative new online tool to prepare and support hard-pressed GPs and practice staff to carry out Quality Improvement activities in practice, has been launched by the Royal College of GPs.

Best place for GPs is treating patients in their local communities

8 March 2017 Source: Royal College of General Practitioners <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/>

Responding to today's Budget, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "We feel that the best place for GPs is working with patients in their communities to provide high quality general practice and the money just announced for new triage systems in Emergency Departments would achieve more if most was

spent shoring up general practice so we can deliver more care and services, and in doing so alleviate pressures right across the NHS.

Data on waiting times should not be used as a measure of performance, says RCGP

9 March 2017 Source: Royal College of General Practitioners

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

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, has responded to NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens' comments to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee today. She said: "GPs and our teams will today see more than 1.3m patients – we are working flat out, delivering the vast majority of NHS patient care, for a fraction of the overall budget. We want to do more for our patients, we want to offer more services that our patients will find useful and will be of benefit to their health, but with the intense resource and workforce pressures we are facing, this will simply not be possible.

Understanding NHS financial pressures. How are they affecting patient care?

14 March 2017 Source: The Kings Fund <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk>

NHS financial pressures are increasingly affecting patient care, often in ways that go unseen. Understanding NHS financial pressures finds that access to and quality of care are both being affected in different ways across the NHS. While public attention tends to focus on high-profile examples of rationing such as restricting access to some types of treatment, the report authors warn that financial and other pressures are also affecting patient care in ways that often go 'under the radar'.

Infant & child health

New funding to boost schools facilities and healthy lifestyles

1 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Schools are to receive £415 million to help pupils benefit from healthier, more active lifestyles, Education Secretary Justine Greening announced yesterday. Primary, secondary and sixth-form colleges will be able to use the funding to pay for facilities to support physical education (PE), after-school activities and healthy eating.

FPA welcomes government announcement on relationships and sex education

1 March 2017 Source: Family Planning Assoc. <http://www.fpa.org.uk/>

FPA is delighted that the Secretary of State, Justine Greening, has announced today (Wednesday 1 March) that, in England, every child from the age of four will be taught about safe and healthy relationships and, later, about sex

New funding boost for pupils with SEND

6 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

A £215 million funding boost to transform the lives of thousands of children with special educational needs and disabilities, by increasing school capacity and making it easier for them to access good school places, has ... been announced by Edward Timpson, Minister for Vulnerable Children and Families

[A whole school approach to supporting mental health & well-being](#)

8 March 2017 Source: UK Health Forum

<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

Taunton Teaching Alliance were delighted to welcome Lorraine Peterson OBE with her informative and insightful presentation outlining A Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing.

[Parents told to use pram covers to protect babies from air pollution](#)

10 March 2017 Source: NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Parents warned to use pram covers to protect babies from air pollution," reports The Daily Telegraph. The advice is prompted by a UK study where researchers simulated a normal walk to school in Guildford, involving parents pushing a pram or carrying a younger child in their arms while accompanying an older child to school. The route went through both low traffic and high traffic zones, across four traffic intersections and past a bus stop.

[Government funds school resource for drug and alcohol prevention](#)

13 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Public Health England announces new funding to expand Mentor UK's ADEPIS resource into more schools and community settings. The programme helps equip young people with the life skills and resilience to deal with the challenges they face with alcohol and drugs.

Men's health

[MRI scan before biopsy could detect more prostate cancer](#)

7 March 2017 Source: NIHR <https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk>

In men with a raised prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test, which can be a sign of prostate cancer, MRI scanning before standard biopsy could allow more targeted biopsies and increase diagnosis of medium and high-risk prostate cancer.

[Hair loss drugs linked with erectile dysfunction](#)

13 March 2017 Source: NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Men who take this drug [finasteride] to combat baldness are 'five times more likely to suffer erectile dysfunction'," The Sun reports. While this may sound hair-raising, the actual evidence the paper is reporting on is not a major cause for concern

Mental health

[IoD calls for 'a little more conversation' around mental health in the workplace](#)

1 March 2017 Source: Institute of Directors <https://www.iod.com/>

Businesses increasingly recognise that their employee's mental wellbeing is just as important as their physical health, but more support is needed. Today the IoD launches a mental health in the workplace campaign, with the publication of the report [A little more conversation](#). A new survey shows that 54% of IoD members have been approached by staff suffering mental ill health. Yet just 14% have a formal mental health policy in place and fewer than one in five offer line management training.

Obesity

[Wide range of cancers now linked to being overweight](#)

1 March 2017 Source: NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"Increased risk of 11 types of cancer linked to being overweight," The Guardian reports. A new review in the BMJ found strong evidence of a link between body weight and 11 types of cancer, most of them either digestive (such as bowel cancer) or hormonal (such as breast cancer).

[Childhood obesity plan case studies](#)

1 March 2017 Source: HM Government <https://www.gov.uk/>

The Department of Health, have produced a collection of case studies, which describes the progress being made across the country to improve children's nutrition, health and wellbeing.

[Regular activity may help some people stay 'fat and fit'](#)

2 March 2017 Source: NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"You can be fat and healthy," is the misleading headline from the Daily Mail. While a Dutch study did find that activity could help avoid the increased risk of cardiovascular disease associated with obesity, it didn't look at the risks of other obesity-related conditions such as type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer.

Older people

[CQC prosecute Liverpool care home](#)

6 March 2017 Source: Quality Care Commission <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

A care provider that failed in its duty to provide safe care and treatment has been ordered to pay £82,429.72 in fines and costs by Liverpool Magistrates' Court.

[Care for older people campaign launches](#)

3 March 2017 Source: Quality Care Commission <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

QCC want more older people, and their friends and families, to share their experiences of health and social care with them.

Oral health

['Tooth loss link to increased risk of dementia'](#)

9 March 2017

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

"Dementia breakthrough: Brushing your teeth 'can help ward off devastating condition'," reads the Daily Express. The news is based on a study that found tooth loss was associated with an increased risk of dementia. The study involved more than 1,500 elderly people in Japan who had their health monitored between 2007 and 2012.

Physical activity

[150 easy ways to sit less every day](#)

1 March 2017

Source: UK Health Forum

<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

ParticipAction have published a get active list, for less sitting and more moving.

[Evidence Brief special – England's Cycling Potential](#)

8 March 2017

Source: UK Health Forum

<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

Results from the Department for Transport-funded Propensity to Cycle Tool project. Centre for Diet and Activity Research (CEDAR), has used data produced for a Department for Transport funded tool highlights just how much more cycling people in England could do, given the right policies and investments.

[National Walking Month 2017](#)

8 March 2017

Source: UK Health Forum

<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

This year Living Streets is challenging you to #Try20 – that is walk for 20 minutes every day. The charity for everyday walking would like you to think about how walkable your local streets are too.

[Everybody active, every day: 2 year update](#)

13 March 2017

Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

The document reviews the progress of the framework's four areas for action: active society: creating a social movement; moving professionals: activating networks of expertise; active environments: creating the right spaces and moving at scale: scaling up interventions that make us active.

Safety & accident prevention

[Southern Health prosecution](#)

6 March 2017

Source: Quality Care Commission <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has informed Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust that it will be prosecuted over an alleged failure to provide safe care and treatment resulting in avoidable harm to a patient and other patients being exposed to a significant risk of avoidable harm

Care home fined after boy drowned in disused quarry

10 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

A Kettering based care home company has been fined after a 16-year-old boy drowned at a disused quarry on a day trip. The Old Bailey heard how two 16-year-old boys who were residents at Castle Lodge Home near Ely, Cambridgeshire, were taken on a day trip to Bawsey Country Park near Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Smoking

Respiratory care improving and smoking rates are falling – Vaughan Gething

6 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Smoking rates are falling and GPs across Wales have been offered new equipment to improve diagnosis and support for those with respiratory conditions, according to the first Annual Statement of Progress for Respiratory Conditions published recently.

Social & economic issues

Public health working with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector: new opportunities and sustainable change

28 Feb 2017 Source: Local Government Assoc. <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

The case studies in this report show how public health and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE) are working together to make a real difference to people's health and wellbeing.

Social care not just about elderly people - councils

2 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

Social care is not just about looking after elderly people, with councils today warning that care and support for other groups are also "seriously under threat" due to a lack of funding. The Local Government Association, which represents more than 370 councils in England and Wales, says one of the bigger financial pressures on councils is providing care for people with learning disabilities

You're not alone: the quality of the UK's social relationships

2 March 2017 Source: Relate <https://www.relate.org.uk>

This research report is the fourth in a series presenting findings from our landmark The Way We Are Now survey of more than 5,000 people across the UK, which provides a unique window into the state of the country's relationships. In it, we examine the quality of our social relationships with friends and neighbours, and how they impact on our happiness and wellbeing.

Performance: How do you know your council is performing well in adult social care?

1 March 2017 Source: Local Government Assoc. <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

Councils are responsible for their own performance and for leading the delivery of improved outcomes for local people in their area. Lead members will want to enable their councils to perform well in adult social care and to manage any risk.

The social care funding gap: implications for local health care reform

March 2017 Source: Health Foundation <http://www.health.org.uk>

This briefing analyses information from STPs on the position of social care funding and estimates that the size of the funding gap will be at least £2bn in 2017/18. It draws on interviews from a range of STP leaders and argues that the social care funding gap has significant implications for STPs. The briefing warns that insufficient funding risks their ability to improve care and put services on a more sustainable footing

LGA responds to Health Foundation research on STPs

3 March 2017 Source: Local Government Ombudsman <http://www.lgo.org.uk/>

Responding to new analysis by the Health Foundation of the social care funding pressures on Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs), Chairman of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board, Cllr Izzi Seccombe, said:

With social care on the brink of collapse, we fully support the findings of the Health Foundation and the call for government to announce new, long-term sustainable funding in next week's Budget.

LGA responds to Care and Support Alliance polling on social care

3 March 2017 Source: Local Government Ombudsman <http://www.lgo.org.uk/>

Responding to polling by the Care and Support Alliance which has found that a lack of social care is piling pressure on GP surgeries and A&Es, Chairman of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board, Cllr Izzi Seccombe, said:

The case for new funding for social care is now overwhelming. The services that provide care and support for elderly and disabled people are on the brink of collapse.

Majority of MPs say more money should go to councils' social care budgets

6 March 2017 Source: Local Government Ombudsman <http://www.lgo.org.uk/>

More than three quarters of MPs (78 per cent) say that additional funding should go to councils' social care budgets, according to new polling by the Local Government Association.

Maintaining our momentum essays on four years of public health

8 March 2017 Source: Local Government Assoc. <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

Public health made the formal transfer to local government in April 2013, and in the last four years great strides have been made to tackle the wider social and economic determinants of poor health. This publication was commissioned by the LGA to capture the thoughts of those working hard to make the new system work with contributions from councillors, directors of public health, providers, commissioners, academics and other key decision makers.

Domestic abuse: a resource for health professionals

8 March 2017 Source: HM Government <https://www.gov.uk/>

This resource looks at how health professionals can support adults and young people over 16 who are experiencing domestic abuse, and dependent children in their households.

Statistics

Wider determinants of health

7 March 2017 Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

This tool brings together local indicators and resources about the wider determinants of health. It is designed to draw attention to the broad range of individual, social and environmental factors that influence our health. It will provide the public health system with intelligence regarding the wider determinants of health to help improve population health and reduce health inequalities. The tool presents data for available indicators at England and local authority levels, with links to further resources.

2017 Child Health Profiles

8 March 2017 Source: UK Health Forum
<http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/>

The profiles draw together information to present a picture of child health and wellbeing in each local area in a user-friendly format. They are a valuable tool for local government and health services in helping them to understand their communities' needs, so that they can work to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people and reduce health inequalities.

Local Alcohol Profiles for England

7 March 2017 Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

The Local Alcohol Profiles for England (LAPE) are part of a series of products by Public Health England that provide local data alongside national comparisons to support local health improvement. The aim of these profiles is to provide information for local government, health organisations, commissioners and other agencies to monitor the impact of alcohol on local communities, and to monitor the services and initiatives that have been put in place to prevent and reduce the harmful impact of alcohol.

Alcohol licensing: data for public health teams

8 March 2017 Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

This resource provided by Public Health England (PHE), details of datasets or sources of information available to examine the impact of alcohol licensing.

Alcohol licensing: understanding and applying public health data

8 March 2017 Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

This toolkit, published by Public Health England (PHE), is not an exhaustive list of resources. There may be other tools or resources available at the regional or local levels that are not listed. It is important that local teams find the right tool that fits with the local area and work. It is aimed at public health teams but has been developed so that it can be used by licensing colleagues. The data and resources included within the tools can also be used by other teams, or for other areas of work and supplemented with locally collected data and local mapping information.

Alcohol licensing: information databases

8 March 2017 Source: Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/>

This guidance published by Public Health England (PHE), provides information about a number of information databases that hold useful data about mortality, drug use and other relevant topics for public health teams who are involved in licensing decisions.

Total of 137 million working days lost to sickness and injury in 2016

10 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

An estimated 137 million working days were lost due to sickness or injury in the UK in 2016, according to a new report from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This was equivalent to 4.3 days per worker, the lowest recorded rate since the series began in 1993, when the number was 7.2 days per worker.

Women's health

Private health firm fined £200,000 after IVF patients' confidential conversations revealed online

1 March 2017 Source: WIREDGOV <http://www.wired-gov.net>

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has fined a private health company, HCA International Ltd, for failing to keep fertility patients' personal information secure. The £200,000 monetary penalty has been issued as a result of an ICO investigation into the way the Lister Hospital was transferring, transcribing and storing records of IVF appointments.

FPA response to Nuffield Council on Bioethics report on non-invasive prenatal testing

1 March 2017 Source: Family Planning Assoc. <http://www.fpa.org.uk/>

FPA believes that all pregnant people and their partners have the right to high-quality information about pregnancy in order to support them in their decision-making. We welcome the recommendation in the [Nuffield Council on Bioethics Report on non-invasive prenatal testing \(NIPT\)](#) that NIPT should be used in NHS screening for Down's, Edwards and Patau's syndromes and that people should be given "accurate, balanced and non-directive information and support". However, we have serious concerns about other recommendations within the report

Women and Alcohol

7 March 2017 Source: Alcohol Concern

<https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk>

Our recent partnership with Breast Cancer Now for Dry January 2017 allowed us to raise awareness of the link between alcohol consumption and breast cancer. Currently, the guidelines advise that women do not exceed an intake of 14 units a week. That's about the equivalent of 7 standard glasses of wine or 7 pints of beer.

Screening tests for you and your baby: description in brief

10 March 2017 Source: HM Government <https://www.gov.uk/>

Public Health England has updated and rebranded its leaflets on screening tests and pregnancy scans: Screening tests for you and your baby: This booklet gives information on the screening tests offered during pregnancy and after the baby is born.

Workplace health

Contractor fined for poor asbestos assessment

1 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

A Bedfordshire based contractor has been fined after failing to carry out suitable assessment of asbestos removal work.

HSE issues MOD with Crown Censure over driver death

3 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has been issued with a Crown Censure by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) after an agency driver, working for the MoD, was fatally injured by a reversing vehicle.

Balfour Beatty fined for safety failings

1 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

A construction company has been fined after flooring at a house-building development gave way, injuring a worker.

Company and self employed contractor sentenced for lift shaft death

6 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

A company and a self employed contractor have been fined for safety failings after one man died and another was left seriously injured falling six storeys through a lift shaft.

Construction company fined after worker fell from height

7 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

Construction firm Structural Metal Decks Limited (SMDL) has been fined after a worker was left paralysed following an accident at a building site in Kilsyth. The worker suffered injuries to his spinal cord and is now paralysed from the neck down following the incident

£600,000 fine for Council contractor after major burns to employer

8 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

Gloucester Crown Court heard the 61-year-old man was working at the site on Eastgate Street on 29 May 2015. While trying to replace the traffic light pole he came into contact with a live underground cable which immediately gave him the electric shock and set him on fire.

Norfolk farming company fined after death of worker

10 March 2017 Source: Health & Safety Executive <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

A family owned Norfolk farming company has been fined after an employee died at its grain storage facility.

Local news: []

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Other Bulletins

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This is a weekly Bulletin that details original articles in the BMJ, JAMA, New England Journal of Medicine and The Lancet, Annals of Internal Medicine and Annals of Emergency Medicine
<http://cash.libraryservices.nhs.uk/cash-service/rss-newsfeed-menu/medicine/big-four-bulletin/>

Daily Health Bulletin

The Daily Health Bulletin is produced by the Knowledge Service of the West and South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Commissioning Support Unit.
<http://cash.libraryservices.nhs.uk/cash-service/daily-health-bulletin/>

Healthcare Public Health

Monthly bulletin containing news and information about key public health issues including health service commissioning, updates from Public Health England, local authorities, Faculty of Public Health and others agencies, resources and good practice.
<http://www.healthcarepublichealth.net/newsletters.php>

PHE Bulletin (Public Health England)

The PHE Bulletin is issued monthly and contains public health news and information.
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