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Alcohol misuse

Promoting good health from childhood Reducing the impact of alcohol marketing on children in Scotland.

Wednesday 5th April

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

In a report published 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.

Alcohol Research UK and Alcohol Concern merge

Monday 3rd April

Source: Alcohol Concern:

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

The trustees of Alcohol Research UK and Alcohol Concern are pleased to announce the merger of the two charities following the completion of detailed negotiations over the last six months.

Chronic conditions

Electromagnetic fields link to motor neurone disease 'weak'

Thursday 30th March

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

A Dutch study found a link between occupational exposure to low-frequency magnetic fields and increased risk of dying from the most common type of motor neurone disease – amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Bowel cancer tool to boost diagnosis in under-50s

Tuesday 28th March

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

GPs have been given access to a new risk assessment tool to help diagnose young people at risk of bowel cancer.

Cancer diagnosis: 'Looking for needle in a haystack'

Tuesday 28th March

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

New measures to improve diagnosis of cancer are expected to be published this week as part of NHS England's delivery plan for the next two years.

Right-to-die case: Shrewsbury's Noel Conway loses court bid

Thursday 30th March

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

A man with terminal motor neurone disease has lost a High Court bid to challenge the law on assisted dying.

Virtual reality takes cancer patient back home

Friday 31st March

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

A hospice in south London is using virtual reality (VR) to help patients tick off their bucket lists.

Victoria Derbyshire cancer diary: 'Taking my wig off'

Monday 3rd April

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

Since the diagnosis, she has been filming diaries to try to help demystify the treatment. Here she describes her reaction to taking off the wig.

GPs will make diabetes decisions in best interests of individual patients, says RCGP

Thursday 6th April Source: Royal College of General Practitioners:

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

Dr Stephen Lawrence, Clinical Lead for Diabetes for the Royal College of GP, has responded to a new report by charity Diabetes UK today on the availability of self-monitoring kits for patients from the NHS.

NICE says pancreatic cancer drug is not cost effective for routine NHS use

Tuesday 28th March Source: NICE: <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

NICE says that a drug for metastatic pancreatic cancer is not beneficial enough to justify its high cost for routine NHS use.

Keyhole surgery a 'better approach' for women with early stage womb cancer

Wednesday 29th March Source: Cancer Research UK:

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

Survival in women who have less invasive surgery for early-stage womb cancer is just as good as traditional surgery, an Australian study has found.

Antibiotic use linked to 'pre-cancerous' bowel changes

Thursday 6th April Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news>

"Taking antibiotics for more than two weeks increases your risk of bowel cancer by 73 per cent," reports the Daily Mail.

NHS England sets target of 5,000 more people each year surviving cancer

Friday 31st March Source: Cancer Research UK:

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

NHS England aims for an extra 5,000 people each year to survive cancer by 2019, a new report claims.

Brain cell reprogramming therapy shows promise for Parkinson's

Tuesday 11th April Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>

"New technique in which brain cells are reprogrammed could one day provide a cure for Parkinson's disease," The Independent reports.

Communicable diseases

Meningitis outbreak kills at least 140 in Nigeria

Tuesday 28th March Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

An outbreak of meningitis in several states of Nigeria has killed at least 140 people, officials say.

Measles outbreak across Europe

Tuesday 28th March Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

Measles is spreading across Europe wherever immunisation coverage has dropped, the World Health Organization is warning.

Zika virus: epidemiology and cases diagnosed in the UK

Wednesday 29th April Source: Public Health England: <https://www.gov.uk/>

Historical and current epidemiology of Zika virus infections, including cases in UK travellers.

England world leaders in the use of whole genome sequencing to diagnose TB

Tuesday 28th March

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

Whole genome sequencing (WGS) is now being used to identify different strains of tuberculosis (TB), announced Public Health England today.

Diet & nutrition

Reports that Marmite prevents dementia are laying it on a bit thick

Wednesday 5th April

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

"A daily slice of Marmite on toast may help prevent you getting dementia," the Daily Mail reports, with little justification.

Cut sugar in cakes, chocolate by 20%, industry told

Thursday 30th March

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

Sugar limits for everyday foods such as biscuits, chocolate bars and cereals have been published by public health officials in a bid to make UK children more healthy.

Sugar reduction: Achieving the 20%

Thursday 30th March

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

A technical report outlining progress to date, industry guidelines, 2015 sugar baseline levels in 9 food categories and the next steps.

Salt reduction: targets for 2017

Thursday 30th March

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

This report outlines targets for levels of salt in food products and drinks, part of PHE's sugar reduction and reformulation programme.

Health matters: obesity and the food environment

Friday 31st March

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

This resource outlines how councils and partners can help small food outlets and schools offer healthier food to reduce obesity levels

Encouraging healthier 'out of home' food provision

Friday 31st March

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

This toolkit helps local authorities and businesses to provide and promote healthier options for food eaten away from home.

Tea not proven to 'shield you against dementia'

Friday 7th April

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

The study searched for a potential link between tea consumption and development of dementia.

Disability

Brain implants allow paralysed man to feed himself

Thursday 30th March

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

Implants, designed to replicate the function of the spinal cord, have allowed a man, paralysed from the neck down (tetraplegia), to regain some control of his arm and head.

[What's it like having a disabled sibling?](#)

Friday 7th April

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

In this video, Chris Ulmer, who used to work as a special education teacher in Florida, interviews children with disabilities and their families.

[Patients with learning disabilities missing out on health checks](#)

Saturday 8th April

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

Patients in England with learning disabilities are missing out on vital health checks, NHS data shows.

Drug Misuse

[Microdosing: The people taking LSD with their breakfast](#)

Monday 10th April

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

There is a small community of people in the UK who "microdose" - or take small amounts of psychedelic drugs as part of their daily lives. They say it boosts creativity and can have medicinal benefits, despite a lack of scientific research.

[Uruguay to sell cannabis in pharmacies from July](#)

Friday 7th April

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

Uruguay will begin selling cannabis in pharmacies from July, the final stage in the country's pioneering regularisation of the drug.

Health promotion

['Electronic skin' to monitor your health](#)

Tuesday 4th April

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

Researchers in Japan have developed "electronic skin" with an organic circuit that can be worn on the human body. It is 10 times thinner than a skin cell and lighter than a feather. It has many potential uses including monitoring your health.

Health protection

[Lung probe 'to help cut the unnecessary use of antibiotics'](#)

Thursday 30th March

Source: BBC: http://www.bbc.co.uk

A lung probe that diagnoses bacterial infections could prevent unnecessary use of antibiotics in intensive care units, researchers believe.

[Vaccine credited with HPV virus reduction in Scotland](#)

Wednesday 5th April

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

A campaign to vaccinate girls against a cancer-causing sexually transmitted infection has led to a dramatic drop in reported cases. Researchers have found a 90% fall in levels of the human papilloma virus (HPV) in Scottish women since the vaccine was made available in 2008.

[Antimicrobial Resistance: resource handbook](#)

Monday 3rd April

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

This handbook collates national resources on antimicrobial resistance, antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention and control.

Health services administration

NHS targets suncream prescriptions for cuts

Tuesday 28th March Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

Suncream, cold remedies and gluten-free food may no longer be available on the NHS in England under a crackdown on "low value" medicines.

NHS operations: Waiting times to rise in 'trade-off', boss says

Friday 31st March Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

Patients will face longer waits for operations such as knee and hip replacements in a "trade-off" for improved care in other areas, NHS England boss Simon Stevens says. He said growing pressures meant he could no longer guarantee treatment in the 18-week target time. GPs will also have to cut the number of patients they refer to hospital and use alternatives such as physio instead.

Jump in junior doctors training as GPs in Wales

Tuesday 4th April Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

There has been a 16% increase in the number of junior doctors choosing to come to or stay in Wales to train to become GPs, new figures have shown.

LGA responds to BMJ report about public health budgets

Wednesday 29th March Source: Local Government Association: <http://www.local.gov.uk>

Interventions to tackle teenage pregnancy, excessive alcohol consumption, physical inactivity, sexually transmitted infections and substance misuse cannot be seen as an added extra for health budgets.

LGA responds to NHS delivery plan

Friday 31st March Source: Local Government Association: <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

"Councils fully support the commitment to improve the health of their residents but need to be able to play a full and equal role."

Prescription clampdown must not disadvantage vulnerable patients, says RCGP

Tuesday 28th March Source: Royal College of General Practitioners:

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

"Imposing blanket policies on GPs, that don't take into account demographic differences across the country, or allowing flexibility for a patient's individual circumstances, risks alienating the most vulnerable in society - and we will be seeking assurances from NHS England that this won't be the case".

Next steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View: NHS England takes next steps towards the future of primary care

Friday 31st March Source: NHS England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

NHS England is today reaffirming its commitment to transforming primary care and general practice by setting out practical measures that will ensure high quality GP services for patients and staff in the next two years.

Protest in York tomorrow over proposed axe to health visitors and school nurses

Wednesday 29th March Source: Unite: <http://www.unitetheunion.org/>

The health visitor and school nurse workforce was transferred from the NHS to the council in August 2015 – and now the city council wants to reduce the number of community nurses by about 16 per cent.

GP practices close in record numbers

Friday 7th April

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

Record numbers of GP practices closed last year, forcing around 265,000 patients to move, data suggests.

University of Essex & partners developing digital health innovation

Sunday 9th April

Source: Economic and Social Research Council:

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/>

[Essex, UK] Researchers from the University of Essex, Orbital Media and Innovate UK are working on developing new technology to reduce NHS pressures.

Social care still needs a sustainable funding settlement

Friday 31st March

Source: The King's Fund: <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/>

The Communities and Local Government Select Committee has today published a report calling for major reform of social care funding and provision.

HIV & AIDS

How Princess Diana changed attitudes to Aids

Wednesday 5th April

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

In April 1987, Princess Diana opened the UK's first purpose built HIV/Aids unit that exclusively cared for patients infected with the virus, at London Middlesex Hospital.

NHS Scotland to fund 'game-changer' Prep HIV drug

Monday 10th April

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

A "game-changing" drug which dramatically reduces the chances of being infected with HIV is to be made available on the NHS in Scotland.

Infant & child health

Breastfeeding 'doesn't boost children's intelligence'

Tuesday 28th March

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

A new study followed about 8,000 babies in Ireland for five years to look at whether breastfeeding had an impact on problem solving and vocabulary (cognitive abilities), and problem behaviours.

British babies 'among the world's biggest criers' claim unproven

Tuesday 4th April

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

"Babies in Britain, Canada and Italy cry more than elsewhere," The Guardian reports. But the review the newspaper is reporting on only found reliable data from a handful of nations so the accuracy of the claim is unclear.

Peterborough family's year of autism and Down's syndrome selfies

Thursday 30th March

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

A year of selfies of a nine-year-old girl with autism and Down's Syndrome has been turned into a video by her parents.

Actor Richard Mylan and son, Jaco, on life and autism

Tuesday 4th April

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

Welsh actor Richard Mylan and his son, Jaco, 11, have visited Cardiff Market at closing time more than 500 times.

Newborn hearing screening programme (NHSP) operational guidance

Wednesday 29th March

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

This guidance supports healthcare professionals and stakeholders delivering and managing newborn hearing screening programmes in England.

Newborn outcomes project: process outline

Friday 31st March

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

This document sets out the sickle cell and thalassaemia (SCT) screening programme's newborn outcomes project.

Children with special needs at risk of being turned away by schools – warn councils

Thursday 30th March Source: Local Government Association: <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

Pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are at risk of being turned away by mainstream schools due to a lack of funding and rising demand, councils warn today.

Hundreds of 'restraint injuries' at special schools

Sunday 9th April

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

Hundreds of children have been injured while being physically restrained in special schools, according to figures obtained by 5 live Investigates.

Autism: The children who find haircuts painful

Saturday 8th April

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

Sitting in a hairdresser's chair may sound simple, but for a child with autism having a haircut can be painful. One barber has developed a unique technique where he will cut a child's hair during long periods while sitting on the floor, on window sills or even in the car.

Growing up with a pet may boost a baby's bacterial health

Monday 10th April

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

Researchers did find a link between pet ownership and an increased diversity of "healthy bacteria" in infants, but didn't look at long-term outcomes such as the development of allergies or obesity.

Mental health

Can playing Tetris help prevent PTSD?

Wednesday 29th March

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

"Tetris can prevent post-traumatic stress disorder," reports The Daily Telegraph. An

early stage study found that people who'd been in traffic accidents who played the popular computer game while waiting in A&E for treatment had fewer intrusive memories during the following week.

Loneliness may make cold symptoms feel worse

Friday 31st March Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/>
"Colds feel worse to lonely people," The Guardian reports. A US study, where participants were infected with the cold virus, found people who said they felt lonely also reported more severe symptoms – even though an objective measure of how bad their cold was didn't find the same association.

The 999 call-out that changed a paramedic's life

Thursday 30th March Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
A national campaign, led by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry, has released a film featuring celebrities talking about how they faced their own mental health problems.

The financial reality of leaving care

Monday 3rd April Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
Eleven councils in England are now offering council tax relief to adults under the age of 25 if they lived in care as children.

Actor with OCD 'fears injury when sitting down'

Monday 3rd April Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
Former Coronation Street actor Ian Puleston-Davies, who has Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, has returned to his home town in Wales to look into the condition he says is much misunderstood.

Ketamine depression treatment 'should be rolled out'

Thursday 6th April Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
Doctors trialling the use of ketamine to treat depression are calling for the treatment to be rolled out.

Anorexia at 38: how my friends helped me through it

Thursday 6th April Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
New figures from the NHS show more than half of hospital admissions for eating disorders in England are for adults over 20.

Food for thought: mental health and nutrition briefing

Tuesday 28th March Source: The Mental Health Foundation:
<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>
What we eat and drink affects how we feel, think and behave. With a recent study finding more than 1 in 6 people experience a mental health problem each week, the need for effective approaches to understanding and improving mental health has never been greater.

Mental Health Awareness Week resources

Wednesday 29th March Source: The Mental Health Foundation:
<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>
To help you celebrate and promote the week we have created a series of Surviving or

Thriving posters. They are available in lots of different colours and can be used to raise awareness in your workplaces, schools and communities.

Next steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View: NHS acts to cut inappropriate out of area placements for children and young people in mental health crisis

Friday 31st March Source: NHS England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>
NHS England will today announce the next steps in the drive to ensure children and young people don't have to travel far from home for mental health care, funding between 150-180 new beds.

Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027

Thursday 30th March Source: Scottish Government: <http://www.gov.scot/>
Mental Health Strategy 2017-27 - a 10 year vision

What can the UK learn from Finland's approach to mental health?

Wednesday 5th April Source: The Guardian:
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>
While online therapy is viewed with some scepticism in the UK, in Finland the service, Mental Health Hub, is used by every hospital district in the country.

Rules of memory 'beautifully' rewritten

Friday 7th April Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
What really happens when we make and store memories has been unravelled in a discovery that surprised even the scientists who made it.

Children born to single mothers benefit when biological father joins family

Sunday 9th April Source: Economic and Social Research Council:
<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/>
Some of the negative consequences on the wellbeing of a child born to a single mother can be reduced if their biological father joins and stays with the family according to new research from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Obesity

Government is missing important opportunities to tackle childhood obesity

28th March Source: Commons Select Committee:
<https://www.parliament.uk/>
The Government needs to take more robust action to tackle the impact of deep discounting and price promotions on the sales of unhealthy food and drink, says the Health Committee in its [follow up report into childhood obesity](#).

'Poor children are overweight' - Emily Thornberry defends free school meal plan

Sunday 9th April Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
Poor children are overweight, and Labour's plans to extend free school meals to all primary pupils in England will help tackle the issue, the shadow foreign secretary has said.

Physical activity

Rescue dog's journey from stray to saviour

Tuesday 28th March Source: BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
But now Katie is making a huge difference to people recovering from injuries in hospital.

GP-led keep fit classes for those with chronic illness

Friday 31st March

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

A new GP-led scheme in Leeds is offering keep fit classes and advice to those with chronic illnesses such as obesity, type 2 diabetes and arthritis, who want to live a healthier lifestyle.

More than 20 million Britons 'physically inactive'

Monday 3rd April

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

More than 20 million people in the UK are physically inactive, according to a report by the British Heart Foundation.

Should exercise be compulsory at work?

Wednesday 5th April

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

The news this week that more than 20 million people in the UK are physically inactive has led to a lot of discussion over how to tackle the problem.

Active Design by Sport England

Wednesday 5th April

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

Active Design by Sport England, is about encouraging physical activity through the way we design and build our towns and cities. It's a combination of 10 principles that promote activity, health and stronger communities.

Safety & accident prevention

Website gave prescription in 17 seconds

Thursday 6th April

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

Websites selling prescription medicines have been reprimanded by inspectors for compromising patient safety. The Care Quality Commission highlighted lax standards at four online services in its latest batch of inspections.

Screening

Diabetic eye screening programme: pathway standards

Monday 3rd April

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

National pathway standards for the NHS diabetic eye screening (DES) programme.

Breast screening: consolidated programme standards

Monday 10th April

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

This document sets out the national standards for the NHS Breast Screening Programme (BSP).

Cervical screening: gynaecological cytopathology external quality assessment

Monday 10th April

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

The external quality assessment scheme for gynaecological cytopathology in the NHS Cervical Screening Programme.

Sexual health

Councils and sexual health services should consider providing free condoms to reduce STIs, says NICE

Thursday 6th April

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

Condoms should be more widely available to reduce rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), NICE has said in new guidance.

Smoking

Smoking causes one in 10 deaths worldwide, study shows

Thursday 6th April

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

Smoking causes one in 10 deaths worldwide, a new study shows, half of them in just four countries - China, India, the US and Russia.

World No Tobacco Day, 31 May 2017

Wednesday 5th April

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

Every year, on 31 May, WHO and partners mark World No Tobacco Day (WNTD), highlighting the health and additional risks associated with tobacco use, and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2017 is "Tobacco a threat to development."

Vaping shops selling to non-smokers

Friday 7th April

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

Almost nine in 10 e-cigarette shops in the UK are selling vaping products to non-smokers against the industry's code of conduct, an investigation reveals.

Social & economic issues

Nine homes by the age of nine – housing instability marks lives of children in poverty

28th March

Source: The Children's Society: <http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>

The stress and uncertainty of repeatedly packing up their lives and moving home is becoming a worryingly normal part of life for some children growing up in poverty, a new report from The Children's Society has found.

Fuel poverty data linking project

Tuesday 4th April

Source: Welsh Government: <http://gov.wales/?lang=en>

The overall aim of this project is to explore the impact of home energy efficiency measures on the health and wellbeing of recipients.

Young Parents Advice

Monday 3rd April

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

This website has been developed by Family Rights Group to share legal and practical information to help more young mothers and fathers and young parents-to-be to keep their children safely with them.

Women's health

Morning after pill 'less reliable' for women over 11 stone

Monday 3rd April

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

"Women who take morning-after pill could still fall pregnant if they weigh more than 11 stone," the Daily Mirror warns.

Menstrual cycle recreated 'in a dish'

Tuesday 28th March

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

US scientists say they have made a mini working replica of the female reproductive tract using human and mouse tissue. Although the palm-sized device looks nothing like a womb, fallopian tubes and ovaries, the researchers say it should help with understanding diseases of these organs and tissues.

Row as tampon tax cash goes to anti-abortion charity Life

Sunday 2nd April

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

A £250,000 grant to an anti-abortion group - using money raised from the tax on sanitary products - has been criticised.

New survey of mums reveals perceived barriers to breastfeeding

Tuesday 28th March

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

The proportion of new mothers who are still breastfeeding after 2 months drops by 40%, according to data from PHE and NHS England.

Workplace health

Firefighters warned about heart attack risk

Wednesday 5th April

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

"Working in hot temperatures increases the risk of suffering a heart attack," BBC News reports.

Wellbeing training in workplace works, new research reveals

Wednesday 5th April

Source: Economic and Social Research Council:

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/>

A wide range of approaches in wellbeing training are shown to be effective, including sleep training, stress management, mindfulness and problem solving

Local news: []

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Other Bulletins

Super Six Bulletin

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.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/phe-bulletin>

Public Health and Social Care Bulletin

This is published weekly and created by Kent & Medway Public Health Observatory. It provides an update on what is new in public health and social care, both nationally and locally.

<http://www.kpho.org.uk/library-services/keeping-up-to-date/e-bulletin-archive>



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