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Alcohol misuse

[Sporty people likely to drink more alcohol, survey finds](#)

Tuesday 26 September 2017

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

People in Wales who exercise regularly are more likely to drink above the recommended alcohol allowance than those who do no sport, a survey has found.

[Alcohol Awareness Week 2017 - 'Alcohol and Families' – 13-19 November 2017](#)

Monday 25 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

For this year's Alcohol Awareness Week, Alcohol Concern will be partnering with Adfam. Alcohol Concern will be using this opportunity to start a conversation around problematic alcohol use to help break the cycle of silence and stigma that is all too often experienced by families.

[Facebook trial lets users hide alcohol adverts](#)

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

Facebook is testing a tool that lets people hide advertisements for alcohol. It is the first time a social network has let people proactively block adverts on a specific topic. The move has been welcomed by Alcohol Research UK, which says social media is "saturated" with alcohol promotions.

[Pubs Quizzed: What publicans think about policy, public health and the changing trade](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

This report, released by the Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS), is based on the results of a national survey of pub managers.

Chronic conditions

[More than a million people should be offered lifestyle tips as a way to avoid type 2 diabetes](#)

Friday 15 September 2017

Source: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

Healthcare professionals, from GPs to community nurses and pharmacists, should refer people with elevated blood sugars to exercise classes and nutrition courses, [NICE has said in updated guidance](#).

['More people need to know type 2 diabetes is reversible' argues report](#)

Thursday 14 September 2017

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

"Type 2 diabetes could be beaten into remission if patients shed around 15kg, [2.4 stones]" reports BBC News. In the past type 2 diabetes was thought to be a life-long condition. There is increasing evidence that even if it can't be cured, it is possible to put the condition into remission through weight loss.

New liver disease atlas shows major variation across England

Thursday 14 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

The rate of people dying early from liver disease in some parts of England is almost 8 times higher than others. New data published by Public Health England shows a wide variation of premature mortality rates from liver disease across England.

New approach to preventing heart attacks and strokes

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

NHS launches new drive to save thousands of people from heart attacks and strokes.

Tattoo ink particles can spread into lymph nodes

Thursday 14 September 2017

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

"Tattoos could give you cancer, new research suggests," is the entirely unsupported claim from the Mail Online. The news came from a study that found evidence particles from tattoo ink can spread into lymph nodes – but it hasn't been proven that tattoo ink causes cancer.

Life-extending lung cancer nivolumab drug approved

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

A life-extending lung cancer drug will be made immediately available to NHS patients in England, say advisers.

Do you know blood cancer symptoms?

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

Ellie, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma when she was 15, describes the symptoms of blood cancer.

GPs under pressure not to refer - understandable they are cautious, says RCGP

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Source: Royal College of General Practitioners:

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

Responding to research published in BJGP Open today, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "GPs are doing an excellent job of referring patients with suspected colorectal cancer earlier... But we do face considerable pressure not to refer patients to secondary care, so it's unsurprising that some GPs are cautious about making a referral unless they are confident that a patient clearly meets all the necessary criteria."

NICE to begin review of its guidance on the diagnosis and treatment of CFS/ME

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Source: National Institute for Health and Care

Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

NICE is to begin a review of its 2010 guideline on the diagnosis and management of chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis (CFS/ME) following a recent public consultation with patient and professional groups.

Communicable diseases

[NICE sets out how to diagnose and treat Lyme disease](#)

Monday 25 September 2017 *Source:* National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

New NICE guidance will help GPs, specialists and other health professionals spot a potential diagnosis of Lyme disease. It outlines when doctors can diagnose Lyme disease without the need for tests and when they should investigate further.

[Most common ear infections should not be treated with antibiotics, says NICE](#)

Friday 22 September 2017 *Source:* National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

NICE is urging GPs to manage most common ear infections with pain relief rather than antibiotics. [The draft guidance](#) advises GPs and healthcare professionals how they should treat acute otitis media, a middle ear infection that is common in children and young people.

[Alarm as 'super malaria' spreads in South East Asia](#)

Friday 22 September 2017 *Source:* BBC News: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

The rapid spread of "super malaria" in South East Asia is an alarming global threat, scientists are warning. This dangerous form of the malaria parasite cannot be killed with the main anti-malaria drugs.

[Eye worm infection 'could spread to UK'](#)

Tuesday 19 September 2017 *Source:* BBC News: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

Pet owners are being warned about a disease carried by flies that can infect dogs, cats and people.

[New improvements to help fight sepsis](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2017 *Source:* Department of Health:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

Jeremy Hunt announces measures to improve sepsis identification, tracking and prevention.

[Sepsis: NICE Quality Standard QS161](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2017 *Source:* National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

This quality standard covers the recognition, diagnosis and early management of sepsis for all populations. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement.

[Sepsis – what NICE says](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2017 *Source:* National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

NICE urges all professionals across the NHS to think 'could this be sepsis?' Find out what else NICE says to tackle this life-threatening condition.

[Avian Influenza: UK now disease-free but Chief Vet urges vigilance](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: Department for Environment, Food &

Rural Affairs: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

The UK now meets international requirements to declare freedom from Avian Influenza, as the chief vet urges continued vigilance.

[Winter flu warnings: Should I worry?](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2017

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

With Britons being warned over the worst outbreak of flu in Australia and New Zealand, should we all get a jab?

Diet & nutrition

[Sugar reduction and wider reformulation: interim review](#)

Thursday 14 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

An interim review outlining progress towards achieving the 20% sugar reduction and the next steps.

[Food Hygiene Rating Scheme central to modernisation plans](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: Food Standards Agency:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

Heather Hancock, Chairman of the Food Standards Agency (FSA), has reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to introducing the mandatory display of food hygiene ratings in England. This follows the successful introduction of legislation in Wales and Northern Ireland that requires food businesses to display their ratings.

Disability

[Nurses play vital role in improving lives of millions](#)

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Source: NHS England:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Professor Jane Cummings has urged nurses to lead the way in improving the lives of millions of people living with a mental health condition or learning disability.

Environmental health

[Indoor air quality at home](#)

Monday 25 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) have today (25 September 2017) published their Indoor air quality at home guidelines.

Government pledges £500,000 for new action group to grow future of public parks

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Source: Department for Communities and Local

Government: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-communities-and-local-government>

New Parks Action Group launched to help England's public parks and green spaces meet the needs of communities now and in the future.

Short guide for Environmental protection and sustainability

Thursday 14 September 2017

Source: National Audit Office:

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

This guide is designed to provide a quick and accessible overview of the issues surrounding environmental protection and sustainable development and focuses on what action government departments have taken, how much it costs and key developments in the area.

Fatal Legionnaires' outbreak at Ludlow hotel

Wednesday 13 September 2017

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

A hotel guest has died after contracting Legionnaires' disease and another fell ill following a stay at the same place, it has been revealed.

How cold homes impact health?

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

Evidence Bulletin from the London Borough of Hackney Public Health team on Excessive Winter Mortality.

Health promotion

About the Community-centred approaches to health improvement programme

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

Public Health England (PHE) has been working with Health Education England (HEE) to produce a new e-Learning for Health programme on community-centred approaches to health improvement.

Improving Access to General Practice communications guide and resources

Friday 15th September 2017

Source: NHS England:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

A communication guide and resources designed to support commissioners and general practice providers to meet the core requirements of improving access to general practice services. The guide includes practical advice on developing a range of communications activities, in addition to information on developing a communications plan, identifying local target audiences and other stakeholders.

Health protection

MMR vaccine first-dose target met in England

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

The percentage of children getting their first dose of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) by their fifth birthday has reached 95% for the first time, NHS data shows.

Measles vaccine: 'I cheated my daughter'

Tuesday 19 September 2017

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

Sarah Walton was left severely disabled when the measles infection she had as a child returned 24 years later. Her mother Jo says she feels she cheated her daughter because she did not know more about the benefits of vaccinating her.

Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities

Monday 18 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

A practical guide for staff on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other childcare settings.

Single-injection vaccine device still a long way off

Monday 18 September 2017

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

"Scientists invent injection that could deliver every childhood vaccine in one go," reports The Independent. Various media sources have run stories on a new injection they claim could allow multiple childhood vaccines to be delivered in a single jab.

Health services administration

Recruiting and managing volunteers in NHS providers: a practical guide

Monday 25 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

NHS England has produced guidance to offer practical support and information for NHS providers to enable them to support the strategic ambition to grow and develop volunteering in the NHS.

Care navigators such as receptionists are not replacements for GPs

Monday 25 September 2017

Source: Royal College of General Practitioners:

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

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "Care navigators are not replacements for GPs – or practice nurses, pharmacists, or any other healthcare professional working in primary care – and if a patient really needs to see a GP, then they will be able to. Care navigation simply means helping people to get to the best person and place to receive timely care – this could be medical or in some cases identifying non-medical sources of help."

General Practice delivering improvement and innovation, despite facing 'very real' pressures

Thursday 21 September 2017

Source: Care Quality Commission:

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

The most detailed analysis yet of the quality and safety of general medical practice in England has found that nearly 90% of general practices in England have been rated as 'good', making this the highest performing sector CQC regulates.

Choice in end of life care: government progress

Thursday 21 September 2017

Source: Department of Health:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

This report sets out the progress the National End of Life Care Programme Board has made in implementing the government's [choice commitment](#).

Promises to give people control of their care are being broken, new research finds

Thursday 21 September 2017

Source: National Voices:

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

New research concludes that, despite two decades of policy promises, NHS services still do not give people adequate control of their own health and care, and there is no reporting of whether people's care is coordinated across health and social care.

Court ruling not needed to withdraw care, judge says

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

Legal permission will no longer be required to end care for patients in a permanent vegetative state, a judge has ruled.

What is commissioning and how is it changing?

Monday 18 September 2017

Source: The King's Fund:

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

Commissioning is the process by which health and care services are planned, purchased and monitored. Here we look at the commissioning process in more detail, the organisations involved and how it is changing.

CQC to rate more providers following inspection

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: Care Quality Commission:

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

The Department of Health has confirmed that it will grant CQC the power to be able to rate independent healthcare providers, including cosmetic surgery, substance misuse and termination of pregnancy clinics for the first time so that people have clear and accessible information about even more of their care services.

Practical guide for large scale change launched

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: NHS England:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

NHS England has launched a refreshed guide to support health and care leaders to deliver large scale change.

New resource shows how focus on equality and human rights helps to improve care

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: Care Quality Commission:

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

CQC, alongside a number of partners, has today published a new good practice resource, *Equally Outstanding*, exploring how a focus on equality and human rights can help to improve quality of care.

Gender Identity Services for Adults

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

NHS England has launched a 12 week consultation on specialised gender identity services for adults (17 and above). The consultation is open until 16 October 2017.

Health Secretary challenges NHS to deliver digital services nationwide

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Source: Department of Health:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

Every patient in England should be able access their medical records and book an appointment with a GP via an app by the end of 2018, Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt has said.

HIV & AIDS

New antibody attacks 99% of HIV strains

Friday 22 September 2017

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

Scientists have engineered an antibody that attacks 99% of HIV strains and can prevent infection in primates.

Infant & child health

National child measurement programme (NCMP): trends in child BMI

Monday 25 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

The report explores trends in obesity, overweight, excess weight and underweight prevalence, as well as changes in mean BMI over time. It is aimed at local authorities and other organisations who want to examine detailed trends in child weight category prevalence over time, and how these vary by health inequality.

£1.4m mental health project to help school pupils

Monday 25 September 2017

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

Pupils who are showing early signs of anxiety, depression or self harm will be able to receive specialist help at school. A pilot scheme is being launched in Wales where NHS staff will be on hand to give better mental health support.

Lightning Process 'could help children with chronic fatigue syndrome', study claims

Thursday 21 September 2017

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

"Controversial Lightning Process 'helps children with chronic fatigue syndrome'," reports The Guardian. The story is based on a UK study investigating whether a treatment called the Lightning Process helped teenagers being treated for chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), also known as ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis).

Many teenagers reporting symptoms of depression

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

"One in four British girls hit by depression at 14 as experts blame increase in cyber bullying and academic pressure," says the Sun after a large study found 24% of 14-year-old girls in the UK report symptoms of depression.

Early years

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

The Early Years Profiles indicators were developed by NHS England and the National Child and Maternal Health Intelligence Network as key indicators of public health outcomes relating to early years (children aged 0-5 years).

Child Health Profiles 2018 Feedback Survey

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

PHE is currently reviewing the content to help them develop profiles which continue to provide you with the common core information you need. They are keen to hear from those who have used the profile and what priorities you would like to see them reflect next year.

Childhood Eczema: National Institute of Health Research Highlight

Monday 18 September 2017

Source: National Institute of Health Research:

<http://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/>

This Highlight presents findings from studies looking at a range of treatments for childhood eczema. We also hear from parents and their children who have eczema, and gain a better understanding of caring for eczema direct from a GP and dermatologists, alongside the support provided by national organisations.

'Kinder treatments in pipeline' for child brain cancer

Monday 18 September 2017

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

Researchers have found there are seven types of the most common malignant child brain cancer - paving the way for more precise, "kinder" treatments.

PHE launches Rise Above for Schools programme

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Dynamic new resources for teachers will help build crucial life-skills for young people to boost their resilience and improve their mental health and wellbeing, as part of a new evidence-based programme for schools unveiled by Public Health England (PHE).

Men's health

Hernia mesh surgery leaves men in pain

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

A group of men have said they have been left in chronic pain and made to feel hopeless after having [mesh inserted during surgery for hernias](#).

Mental health

Depersonalisation disorder: 'I was unable to feel love'

Tuesday 26 September 2017

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

For people living with depersonalisation disorder the world appears unreal, as if through a haze or fog - or even in 2D. One in 100 people is thought to have the condition, but experts are warning it is not included in any GP training.

Mental health a key part of the extensive GP training curriculum, says RCGP

Tuesday 26 September 2017

Source: Royal College of General Practitioners:

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

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "GPs take all aspects of mental health very seriously; it is key part of the RCGP's extensive training curriculum – the broadest of any medical specialty - and all GP trainees must demonstrate competence of this in order to practise independently in the UK."

Ending isolation amongst carers

Monday 25 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

Carers UK have been working as part of the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness to highlight loneliness experienced by carers. They have released new research carried out with carers and created a Loneliness Hub on their website where amongst other things they been sharing examples of community solutions to tackle loneliness.

Sexual harassment in the workplace linked to depression

Monday 25 September 2017

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

News that sexual harassment in the workplace can cause depression and work absence has hit the headlines after the results of a Danish study were published.

Mental health staff on long-term stress leave up 22%

Friday 22 September 2017

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

The number of NHS mental health staff who have had to take sick leave because of their own mental health issues has risen by 22% in the past five years.

World Alzheimer's Day: could we create a world without dementia?

Thursday 21 September

Source: Department of Health:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt discusses what the UK is doing in the fight against dementia, and the importance of partnership.

[The future of the mental health workforce](#)

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Source: Centre for Mental Health:

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

In this report written by the Centre (on behalf of the NHS Confederation Mental Health Network, commissioned by NHS Employers and supported by Health Education England), we explore what the mental health workforce of the future should look like. Through extensive consultation, we examined the challenges facing the existing workforce, enabling us to construct a vision for its future.

[Have you got the wrong impression about schizophrenia?](#)

Monday 18 September 2017

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

Schizophrenia does not mean you have a split personality or automatically become violent, a mental health charity has warned. Rethink Mental Illness said a survey of 1,500 people showed that the condition is widely misunderstood.

Obesity

[Intensive lifestyle interventions can help obese young people lose weight](#)

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Source: National Institute of Health Research:

<http://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/>

Obese children and adolescents can lose up to seven pounds over six to 12 months when they engage in at least 52 hours of behaviour-based lifestyle interventions. Minimal benefit was seen with shorter contact time, with less than 25 hours ineffective.

Older people

[Loneliness: The cost of the 'last taboo'](#)

Friday 22 September 2017

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

Researchers have put a financial price on an "epidemic of loneliness" - estimating it costs £6,000 per person in health costs and pressure on local services. But the London School of Economics study of older people says for every £1 spent in preventing loneliness there are £3 of savings.

[NICE says not to give up on people trying to be independent after hospital discharge or in their own homes](#)

Friday 22 September 2017

Source: National Institute for Health and Care

Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

In a new guideline on 'intermediate care' issued today NICE has set out how health and social care staff can support people to be independent following a hospital stay or when daily life at home becomes too difficult.

Physical activity

[Any type of physical exercise is good for the heart](#)

Friday 22 September 2017

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

"Vacuuming and scrubbing the floor are enough exercise to protect the heart and extend life," reports The Telegraph, with other media sources reporting a similar finding – that physical activity in our everyday lives is just as good as going to the gym.

Fighting fit for football

Friday 22 September 2017

Source: Sport England:

<https://www.sportengland.org>

The power and popularity of football is helping more and more men lose weight and experience the benefits of getting active through Man v Fat football leagues.

The Daily Mile Workplace

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Source: Scottish Government:

<http://www.gov.scot/>

Scotland is taking another step towards becoming the world's first Daily Mile Nation – as workplaces are encouraged to sign up.

Prison health

Councils call for urgent action to improve safety in youth offending institutions

Friday 22 September 2017

Source: Local Government Association:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/>

Action is urgently needed to make sure children and young people detained in youth offending institutions and secure training centres are safe, council leaders say.

Safety & accident prevention

Ban tackling in school rugby for safety, experts demand

Tuesday 26 September 2017

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

The UK's chief medical officers (CMOs) are being urged to protect children from the risks of rugby injuries by removing contact from the school game.

Scaffold Inspectors prosecuted after worker falls from height

Thursday 21 September 2017

Source: Health & Safety Executive:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Two scaffold Inspectors have been prosecuted after a worker fell through a gap between the scaffolding and the building, resulting in serious injuries.

Sterilisation implant withdrawn from non-US sale

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

Sales of a sterilisation device are being halted in all countries bar the US, weeks after the Victoria Derbyshire show reported it could cause problems.

TUC publishes new guidance on fire safety following Grenfell tragedy

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Source: TUC: <https://www.tuc.org.uk/>

Union health reps have a key role to play in fire safety, says the TUC, and should challenge employers to take all aspects of fire safety, including prevention, as more than just a 'tick-box exercise'.

Company fined after worker's hand crushed in machinery

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Source: Health & Safety Executive:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

A food seasoning manufacturer has been fined after an agency worker suffered serious hand injuries.

Company fined after worker suffers crush injuries

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Source: Health & Safety Executive:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

A Wolverhampton based company, Sterry Lane Limited, trading as LPD Demolition, has been fined after a 39-year old-employee was crushed by a reversing excavator.

Nerf guns can lead to serious eye injuries, doctors warn

Tuesday 19 September 2017

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

Bullets from Nerf guns can cause serious eye injuries, doctors from a London eye hospital are warning. They treated three people with internal bleeding around the eye, pain and blurred vision after they were shot with the toy guns by children.

Southern Health NHS Trust admits guilt over Connor Sparrowhawk's death

Monday 18 September 2017

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

An NHS trust has admitted guilt over the death of a teenaged patient who drowned in the bath while in its care.

Company fined after worker fatally crushed by fork lift truck

Friday 15 September 2017

Source: Health & Safety Executive:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Lincolnshire based firm Vacu-Lug Traction Tyres Limited has been fined after a worker died when the fork lift truck he was driving overturned at the company base in Grantham.

Health Service Safety Investigations Bill

Thursday 14 September 2017

Source: Department of Health:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

This draft bill establishes a new independent healthcare safety investigation body to improve patient safety.

Roofing contractor given suspended prison sentence

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: Health & Safety Executive:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

A roofing contractor has been sentenced today for safety breaches after workers were left at risk of falling from unprotected roof edges.

Event to tackle deaths from drowning

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Source: Royal Society for the Prevention of

Accidents (RoSPA): <https://www.rospa.com/>

Water safety, lifesaving and drowning prevention professionals will gather to discuss how to slash the UK's number of water-related deaths in half by 2026. RoSPA's National Water Safety Conference, taking place in Bristol on Thursday, October 5, will see talks, workshops and presentations from specialists from across the country as they look for a way to tackle drowning.

Sexual health

London turns the tide on an 8 year surge of gonorrhoea

Wednesday 20 September 2017 *Source:* Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

A new report from PHE shows that new cases of gonorrhoea in Londoners dropped by 19% in 2016 compared with figures from 2015.

Women more likely than men to lose interest in sex

Friday 15 September 2017 *Source:* NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/>

"Women get bored of having sex with their partner after just a year together, a new study suggests," is the rather crass story in the Mail Online. The news is based on research that actually found multiple factors increased the likelihood of both men and women reporting a lack of interest in sex.

Smoking

Quit smoking campaign Stoptober backs e-cigs for first time

Thursday 21 September 2017 *Source:* BBC News: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

The annual Stoptober campaign in England is embracing e-cigarettes for the first time - in a sign vaping is being seen as the key to getting people to quit.

Smoking cessation interventions and services: Draft guidance consultation

Wednesday 20 September 2017 *Source:* National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

You can now review and comment on this draft guideline, which covers stop smoking interventions and services delivered in primary care and community settings for everyone over the age of 12. The consultation closes on Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 5pm.

Stop smoking services: models of delivery

Wednesday 20 September 2017 *Source:* Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

This document supports directors of public health and local healthcare commissioners in rapidly appraising the evidence, to enable informed decisions on the provision of local stop smoking support.

Social & economic issues

Homelessness: National Audit Office report

Wednesday 13 September 2017 *Source:* National Audit Office:

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

Homelessness has increased across all measures since 2010, with many local authorities now seeing it as a risk to their financial sustainability.

Statistics

Causes of death over 100 years

Monday 25 September 2017

Source: UK Health Forum:

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

The Office for National Statistics (ONS), have published a report that ranks the causes of death over the last 100 years.

Low and middle income longitudinal population study directory

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Source: Economic and Social Research

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

A new [Low and Middle Income Longitudinal Population Study Directory](#) (LMIC LPS Directory) has been developed by the Institute for Fiscal Studies on behalf of the ESRC, the Medical Research Council and the Wellcome Trust. It aims to provide a valuable resource for researchers, funders and those interested in understanding changing socio-economic and health circumstances, and to enhance opportunities for international and interdisciplinary research collaboration.

FSA publishes local authority food law enforcement information

Monday 18 September 2017

Source: Food Standards Agency:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

The FSA has published official statistics on food law enforcement by local authorities for the year 2016/17. The information provided by local authorities and compiled by the FSA, gives a detailed breakdown of enforcement activity across the UK.

Number of written complaints about NHS increases 4.9 per cent

Thursday 14 September 2017

Source: NHS Digital: <https://digital.nhs.uk/home>

There were 208,400 written complaints received by the NHS during 2016/17 - up 4.9 per cent on the previous year, NHS Digital figures released today show. The figures mean on average 571 written complaints were made every day. The report, entitled *Data on Written Complaints in the NHS, 2016/17*, shows numbers of complaints about both primary and secondary care.

Women's health

Abortion should not be a crime, says doctors' body

Saturday 23 September 2017

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

Abortions should be treated as a medical issue and not a crime, the UK's leading pregnancy doctors say.

Epilepsy drug warnings 'not reaching women', survey shows

Friday 22 September 2017

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

Almost 70% of women surveyed about a powerful epilepsy drug have not received new safety warnings about the dangers of taking it during pregnancy, the BBC has been told exclusively.

Epilepsy drug's safety reviewed over pregnancy risk

Thursday 21 September 2017

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

Women whose children have been harmed by the epilepsy drug sodium valproate will give evidence to a European-wide safety review in London next week.

Miscarriage study points to IVF success chances

Wednesday 20 September 2017

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

Mothers-to-be who miscarry during the first round of IVF are more likely to have a baby with further treatment than those who did not get pregnant, researchers have said.

Hyperemesis gravidarum: 'It's crippling sickness'

Saturday 16 September 2017

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

Hyperemesis gravidarum - extreme pregnancy sickness – has come to public attention because the Duchess of Cambridge is a sufferer. But the condition, which causes constant nausea and can lead to women vomiting many times each day, affects one in 100 pregnancies. Heather Travis describes how difficult it made her daily life – and her experience of pregnancy.

Rare pregnancy condition placenta accreta awareness call

Friday 15 September 2017

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

A woman who suffered a life-threatening pregnancy complication has called for more awareness of the condition.

More pregnant women to get Group B Strep treatment

Wednesday 13 September 2017

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

All pregnant women who go into labour too soon should be given antibiotics to protect their baby from a potentially deadly infection called Group B Strep (GBS), say new guidelines.

Workplace health

Not enough being done to tackle work-related ill-health, say GB's business leaders

Monday 18 September 2017

Source: Health & Safety Executive:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Almost half of Britain's industry leaders do not feel enough is being done across industry to tackle cases of work-related ill-health, according to new research from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Improving work health for a healthy economy

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

A new initiative has been launched to support small businesses in improving work health to create a healthy economy.

Workplace health needs assessment

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

This document provides practical advice for employers on workplace health and a tool for carrying out workplace health needs assessments.

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