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## Alcohol misuse

### Developing pathways for alcohol treatment

01 Jun 2018

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

Guidance on referring alcohol dependent patients from hospital to specialist alcohol treatment in the hospital or in the community.

### Not drinking alcohol linked to taking more sick leave than moderate drinking

06 Jun 2018

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

"Moderate tipplers have the best health and are less likely to miss work through illness," reports the Mail Online. A study of 47,520 people from Britain, Finland and France found those who drank alcohol in moderation were less likely than teetotalers to take sickness absence for a range of illnesses.

## Black and ethnic minority groups

### Organ donation: Why you may wait longer if you're black

29 May 2018

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

Ashley suffers from kidney failure but a lack of organ donors from BAME (black, Asian and minority ethnic) communities means her doctors have not found a match yet.

### Educate children to tackle ethnic minority donor crisis, MPs say

01 Jun 2018

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

School pupils should learn about organ and blood donation to help tackle the "silent crisis" of a lack of ethnic minority donors in England, a group of Labour MPs has said.

## Children and young people

### One in 25 children aged 10 or 11 'severely obese'

29 May 2018

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

One in 25 children in England aged 10 or 11 are severely obese, new analysis has found.

### Child obesity: Are 22,000 children 'severely obese'?

30 May 2018

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

Almost 60% more children in their last year of primary school are classified as "severely obese" than in their first year, according to Public Health England figures for England and Wales. The Local Government Association (LGA) said this shows children are becoming fatter as they go through school.

### 'Ban cartoon characters' on unhealthy food, MPs say

30 May 2018

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

Cartoon or fictional characters, like Tony the Tiger and the Milky Bar Kid, should no longer be used to promote unhealthy food, a group of MPs says.

### Are there benefits to breastfeeding until the age of five?

30 May 2018

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

Are there benefits to breastfeeding children up until the age they start school?

### [Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities](#)

29 May 2018

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

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

### [Five tips for your fussy eaters](#)

01 Jun 2018

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

Here's some advice from a psychologist based on scientific research.

### [School meal smoothie ban in obesity fight](#)

04 Jun 2018

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

Smoothies and fruit juices could be banned from school canteens, as part of a campaign to tackle childhood obesity in Scotland.

### [Around half of TV adverts for food and drink seen by children are for foods and drinks high in fat, salt or sugar or for fast food restaurants](#)

31 May 2018

Source: Institute for Fiscal Studies: <https://www.ifs.org.uk/>

Since 2007 it has not been permitted to advertise food and drink that is high in fat, salt or sugar during children's television programmes. Evidence from Ofcom suggests that in 2016 children spent 64% of their viewing time watching programmes outside children's programming.

### [Short-sightedness linked to longer time spent in education](#)

07 Jun 2018

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

"Bookworms more likely to end up shortsighted," reports the Daily Telegraph after a study found people who stay in education longer are more likely to develop short-sightedness.

### [Social media must be made less addictive, says watchdog](#)

12 Jun 2018

Source: BBC News: [https://www.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk/)

Social media firms need to limit features that hook youngsters on devices, Children's Commissioner for England, Anne Longfield, has said.

See also **Women's Health**

See also **Mental Health**

## **Chronic conditions**

### [Vaccine for cancer that killed Tessa Jowell 'remarkably promising'](#)

29 May 2018

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

A vaccine could help to significantly extend the lives of people diagnosed with the brain cancer that killed ex-Labour cabinet minister Tessa Jowell, early trial results suggest.

### [New motor neurone neck brace developed](#)

30 May 2018

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

A new neck brace for people with motor neurone disease (MND) makes a "substantial difference" to their quality of life, a patient has said. A new neck brace for people with motor neurone disease (MND) makes a "substantial difference" to their quality of life, a patient has said.

### **Cancer patient feels 'privileged to be alive' after NHS trial treatment**

30 May 2018

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

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has issued an urgent call for more people to volunteer for NHS clinical research trials, which are crucial for the progress of ongoing research.

### **Breast cancer test 'reduces need for chemotherapy'**

04 Jun 2018

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

"Breast cancer: Test means fewer women will need chemotherapy," reports BBC News. The news follows the publication of the trial of a test, routinely used in the NHS, for women with a type of early stage breast cancer, which works out the chances of breast cancer returning after treatment.

### **'Virtual brain operation' moves a step closer to reality**

02 Jun 2018

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

Software that can map the structure of an individual human brain is being trialled in Belgium in tumour patients. Researchers at Ghent University modelled the brains of 25 tumour patients and 11 controls.

### **Prostate cancer immune system drug results could be 'spectacular'**

02 Jun 2018

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

Drugs that boost the immune system have saved the lives of some men with terminal prostate cancer, say doctors in the UK.

### **Breast cancer: Test means fewer women will need chemotherapy**

03 Jun 2018

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

About 70% of women with the most common form of early stage breast cancer can be spared the "agony of chemotherapy", researchers say. It follows trials of a genetic test that analyses the danger of a tumour.

### **'Remarkable' therapy beats terminal breast cancer**

04 Jun 2018

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

The life of a woman with terminal breast cancer has been saved by a pioneering new therapy, say US researchers.

### **Aspirin 'helps block tumour formation**

05 Jun 2018

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

Scientists in Edinburgh say they have shed new light on the way aspirin works to help stave off bowel cancer.

### **Life-extending lung cancer drug will be more widely available on the NHS after NICE review**

06 Jun 2018

Source: BBC News: <https://www.nice.org.uk/>

NICE says more people should be able to freely access pembrolizumab, known as Keytruda, after a new trial shows it helps certain adults with lung cancer live more than a year longer.

### **Type 1 diabetes 'stabilises' after 7 years**

11 Jun 2018

Source: NHS Choices: [https://www.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk/)

"New hope for type 1 diabetes," reports The Express after a study showed insulin production in people with type 1 diabetes falls for about 7 years before stabilising.

### [New genetic variations identify men at higher risk of prostate cancer](#)

12 Jun 2018

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

"Prostate cancer spit test is trialled," reports BBC Online. They say that this test looks at men's DNA to see if they have "high-risk [prostate cancer] genes that are thought to affect 1 in every 100 men".

## **Communicable diseases**

### [Measles, mumps and rubella: laboratory confirmed cases in England 2018](#)

30 May 2018

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

Quarterly reports, with commentary, on cases confirmed by PHE's Virus Reference Department or national routine laboratory testing (mumps only).

### [World Cup fans advised to get MMR jab](#)

04 Jun 2018

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

Football fans travelling to Russia for the World Cup should ensure they are up-to-date with their MMR jab, Public Health England has advised.

## **Diet & nutrition**

### [Most multivitamins and supplements are a 'waste of money'](#)

29 May 2018

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

"Not only are vitamin and mineral supplements a waste of money, they can in some instances actually harm the body," reports The Guardian.

## **Disability**

### [The deaf patients 'left behind' by the NHS](#)

11 Jun 2018

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

A lack of face-to-face interpreters is meaning deaf patients are missing key operations and being informed of serious medical issues - such as a miscarriage - via a tablet computer, the Victoria Derbyshire programme has learned. Many of those affected say they want to be treated as equals by the NHS.

### [Report focuses on key steps to help people move out of long-stay inpatient care](#)

29 May 2018

Source: VODG: <https://www.vodg.org.uk>

A new report outlines the challenges and solutions to moving people with learning disabilities, autism and/or mental health conditions out of long-stay inpatient care.

## **Environmental health**

### [Pomegranate contamination kills woman in Australia](#)

06 Jun 2018

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

An Australian woman has died after contracting hepatitis A from a packet of frozen pomegranate.

### [Air quality: reducing nitrogen dioxide air pollution in 33 local authorities \(England\)](#)

29 May 2018

Source: Department for Environment, Food & Rural

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

We have directed 33 English local authorities to carry out studies into reducing nitrogen dioxide air pollution in their areas. The studies should identify whether there are any measures they can take to reduce NO<sub>2</sub> air pollution in their areas in the shortest time possible.

### **Toxic skin creams still rife in cosmetics market, councils warn**

28 May 2018      *Source:* Local Government Association: <https://www.local.gov.uk/>  
Shoppers are being warned about buying highly toxic skin lightening creams from a booming illegal market in cosmetics.

### **Tea towels 'can cause food poisoning'**

10 Jun 2018      *Source:* BBC News: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/>  
Multi-use of tea towels is putting households at risk of food poisoning, research suggests.

### **River study finds 29 types of drug in the Foss and Ouse**

12 Jun 2018      *Source:* BBC News: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/>  
The presence of 29 different types of pharmaceutical drug has been recorded in York's rivers in a new study.

### **Germany recalls contaminated Dutch eggs in fipronil scare**

12 Jun 2018      *Source:* BBC News: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/>  
Six German states have been told to pull some 73,000 eggs from sale after residue was detected from an insecticide called fipronil.

## **Health services administration**

### **Deficit for NHS trusts in England double the amount planned**

31 May 2018      *Source:* BBC News: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/>  
NHS trusts in England have reported a combined financial deficit that was nearly twice the amount planned.

### **Practice closures can have 'serious ramifications' for patients and NHS, says RCGP**

30 May 2018      *Source:* Royal College of General Practitioners: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/>  
Responding to new figures on GP practice closures published in Pulse magazine, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "Whether it's in Plymouth, Brighton, Folkestone, or anywhere else in the UK, a GP practice closing can have serious ramifications for the patient population it served, neighbouring surgeries, the health and wellbeing of the GPs involved.

### **GPs leaving profession at 'incredibly worrying' rates says College**

31 May 2018      *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 a survey by the University of Manchester, which found that the number of GPs who say they are likely to quit direct patient care within five years rose to 39% in 2017 from 35% in 2015.

### **PM to give 'significant' cash to the NHS**

07 Jun 2018      *Source:* BBC News: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

The NHS will receive a "significant increase" in its budget to coincide with the service's 70th birthday, the health secretary has said.

### **Holidaymakers warned to check travel advice on medicines**

07 Jun 2018

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

Holidaymakers are being warned to check the rules on carrying medicines abroad to avoid falling foul of local laws.

### **Health economics: a guide for public health teams**

May 2018

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

The government has taken an important step towards ratifying the 2012 amendments to the Gothenburg Protocol.

### **NHS England announces new £10 million fund to help retain GPs**

29 May 2018

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

NHS England is today announcing a new £10million fund to support and retain GPs.

### **NHS staff vote for 6.5% pay deal**

08 Jun 2018

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

More than one million NHS workers in England will receive a three-year pay deal worth 6.5% after staff voted in favour of the offer.

### **Birthday Honours 2018: Health workers honoured in NHS 70th year**

08 Jun 2018

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

In the 70th year since the foundation of the NHS, health workers make up one in eight of people recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

### **SNP conference: Sturgeon announces 'immediate' NHS pay rise**

09 Jun 2018

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

The majority of NHS Scotland staff will receive a 3% pay rise this year, Nicola Sturgeon has announced.

### **New measures to protect doctors after Bawa-Garba case**

11 Jun 2018

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

New measures designed to improve patient safety and protect doctors and nurses when mistakes are made, are to be announced by the Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

### **Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust today pleads guilty following investigation**

08 Jun 2018

Source: Health and Safety Executive: <http://press.hse.gov.uk/>

Before Woolwich Crown Court, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust today pleaded guilty to charges under Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974.

### **More cuts to care on way - council chiefs**

12 Jun 2018

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

Vulnerable old and disabled people will see cuts to vital care services and higher charges, council chiefs say.

**See also Social and Economic Issues**

## Mental health

### [Ex-football stars with dementia 'forgotten' by authorities](#)

30 May 2018

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

A possible link between dementia and football is being "swept under the carpet" by the game's authorities, a leading Welsh psychiatrist has claimed.

### ['I thought if I was fat nobody could see that I was evil'](#)

04 Jun 2018

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

Girls who are sexually abused in childhood are more likely to become obese when they grow up.

### [The children who hear 'terrifying' voices](#)

08 Jun 2018

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

One in 12 children is thought to persistently hear voices that are not there. Sometimes they tell them they are worthless. Now new research suggests the reaction of adults can affect the voices they hear in future.

### ['There's a void when the person you're caring for dies'](#)

11 Jun 2018

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

There are 6.5 million people in the UK caring for sick loved ones. But when their relative dies, the support network often disappears - dealing a double blow to those not only bereaved but who have lost their identity as a carer too. What is it like for them to grieve both?

### [Most NI carers have suffered mental ill-health – survey](#)

11 Jun 2018

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

More than two-thirds of carers in Northern Ireland questioned for a survey said they have suffered mental ill-health as a result of their caring responsibilities.

### [Loneliness initiatives cutting emergency hospital admissions by 20 per cent](#)

09 June 2018

Source: Local Government Association: <https://www.local.gov.uk>

Extra funding would help councils build on the effective prevention work to tackle loneliness which has saved millions of pounds and cut emergency hospital stays, councils urge today.

### [Better mental health for all: a system-wide approach to prevention and promotion](#)

06 Jun 2018

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

Run in partnership with the Mental Health Foundation, the Centre for Mental Health and Public Health England, this event explored how NHS organisations, local authorities, the voluntary sector and others can work together to prevent mental ill health and promote positive mental wellbeing in local communities.

### [Grenfell Tower fire mental health treatment 'to cost £10m'](#)

12 Jun 2018

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

Mental health treatment for people affected by the Grenfell Tower fire is expected to cost the NHS more than £10m within two years of the tragedy.

### [Lifetime NHS mental health care for sexual assault victims](#)

04 Jun 2018

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

Victims of sexual abuse will receive a lifetime of mental health care to help cope with the trauma, NHS England has announced.

See also **Workplace Health**

## **Obesity**

### [Belly fat 'has much more to do with diet than genes'](#)

30 May 2018

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

"Your diet, not your genes, control how your body stores fat," reports the Mail Online.

### [Obesity still poses a risk for women who are otherwise healthy](#)

31 May 2018

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

"Women who are overweight or obese but otherwise healthy are still at an increased risk of cardiovascular disease," BBC News reports.

### [Study casts doubt on 'healthy obesity'](#)

31 May 2018

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

Women who are overweight or obese but otherwise healthy are still at an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, a large study suggests.

See also **Children and Young People**

## **Oral health**

### [70,000 more toddlers to get their first dental check-up as NHS England targets childhood dental health](#)

28 May 2018

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

NHS England is calling on dentists to see an additional 70,000 pre-school children as part of a drive in the health service's 70th year, to help young families to get into the habit of good dental health.

## **Physical activity**

### [Focus on brisk walking, not just 10,000 steps, say health experts](#)

04 Jun 2018

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

Public Health England and the Royal College of GPs are encouraging adults to focus on walking briskly rather than just counting steps to improve their health.

## **Screening**

### [Public Health Agency recalls 150 women for cancer test](#)

12 Jun 2018

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

One hundred and fifty women in Northern Ireland are being recalled to have their cervical smear test redone.

### [Update to Parliament on breast screening incident](#)

04 Jun 2018

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

An update on the breast screening incident has today, Monday 4 June 2018, been published in Parliament.

## **Sexual health**

### [Syphilis and gonorrhoea up by one-fifth](#)

05 Jun 2018

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

England has continued to see a rise in cases of syphilis and gonorrhoea over the past year.

### [Cuts to sexual-health services imminent](#)

05 Jun 2018

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

Some sexual-health clinics face closure or reduced hours as almost half the councils in England plan to cut spending, a BBC investigation reveals.

### [LGA responds to ONS figures on teenage pregnancies](#)

30 May 2018 Source: Local Government Association: <https://www.local.gov.uk/>

Cllr Linda Thomas, Vice Chair of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board, responds to quarterly figures on teenage pregnancies in England and Wales, published today by the Office for National Statistics.

### [Regional teenage pregnancy variations could be symptom of failing system](#)

30 May 2018

Source: Family Planning Association: <https://www.fpa.org.uk/>

Figures released today by the Office for National Statistics showed that from January to March 2017, overall teenage pregnancy rates continued to fall in England and Wales – but concern remains over regional variations.

### [STIs: Why is syphilis is on the rise?](#)

10 Jun 2018

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

Syphilis might be more commonly associated with centuries past. But it's been on the rise for the past decade in England, with more cases last year than in any year since 1949.

## **Smoking**

### [Vaping - the rise in five charts](#)

31 May 2018

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

For travellers looking forward to their summer holidays, what to pack can be a source of stress. But did you know that taking an e-cigarette with you to countries such as Thailand could land you with a fine - or even time in jail?

### [Do you know what you're smoking?](#)

03 Jun 2018

Source: BBC News: [https://www.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk/)

Many shisha bars have been selling illegal tobacco to unsuspecting customers despite authorities' efforts to crack down on the trade.

### [Vapers may inhale more toxins with lower-strength e-cigarettes](#)

08 Jun 2018

Source: BBC News: <https://www.nhs.uk/>

"Vaping 'stronger e-cigarettes means ex-smokers inhale fewer cancer-causing toxins," reports the Sun.

## Social & economic issues

### [Driving improvement: Case studies from nine adult social care services](#)

07 Jun 2018

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

We interviewed 9 adult social care services that had achieved a significant improvement on their rating.

### [How should we pay for social care in the long term?](#)

06 Jun 2018

Source: Local Government Association:

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

This is the third think piece in the LGA's series 'Towards a sustainable adult social care and support system'.

### [Cross-government plan launched to support unpaid carers](#)

05 Jun 2018

Source: Department of Health and Social Care: <https://www.gov.uk/>

The 2-year plan will raise the profile of carers, improve employment opportunities and help to better identify young carers.

### [The size of the social care problem: three million hours of care lost in three years](#)

01 Jun 2018

Source: Age UK: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/>

A new report from Age UK reveals that three million hours of home care services have been lost since 2015 due to Central Government cuts.

### [New research into funding for adult social care published](#)

06 Jun 2018

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

The Review of Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formulae proposes a new formula to be used with the Local Government Finance Settlement.

## Statistics

### [Child and maternal health statistics](#)

05 Jun 2018

Source: BBC News: <https://www.gov.uk/>

Statistics to support improvements in decision making when planning services for pregnant women, children, young people and families.

## Women's health

### [Canada politician seeks to decriminalise payment for surrogacy](#)

30 May 2018

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

A Canadian MP is proposing that the country decriminalise payment for women who choose to become surrogates. As global demand for Canadian surrogates grows, is commercialising the practice the answer?

### [Aberdeen sanitary product pilot to start across Scotland](#)

30 May 2018

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

A project to provide free sanitary products to women from low income households in Aberdeen is to be rolled out across the country.

### [Another review reports 'vaginal seeding' may do more harm than good](#)

01 Jun 2018

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

"Babies born via c-section do not benefit from vaginal seeding," reports the Mail Online.

### [Overeating during pregnancy linked to maternal weight gain and child obesity](#)

05 Jun 2018

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

"How 'eating for two' during pregnancy is a major health risk: One-in-three women admit 'out-of-control' binges that make them pile on the pounds," is the headline from the Mail Online.

### [Supreme Court rejects NI abortion law case](#)

07 Jun 2018

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

Human rights campaigners have lost a Supreme Court appeal over the legality of Northern Ireland's abortion law.

### [Premature birth test being trialled](#)

08 Jun 2018

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

Scientists are trialling a blood test that may predict whether a pregnant woman will give birth prematurely.

### [Almost 1,000 women from Northern Ireland forced to travel overseas to access abortion services in 2017](#)

07 Jun 2018

Source: Family Planning Association: <https://www.fpa.org.uk>

Statistics released by the Department of Health, show that 919 women from Northern Ireland travelled to England or Wales to have an abortion in 2017.

### [Bottle feeding is a woman's right, midwives told](#)

12 Jun 2018

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

If a woman decides not to breastfeed her baby it is her choice and must be respected, midwives are being told.

### ['FGM has stopped in Wales' but women still 'persecuted'](#)

12 Jun 2018

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

Women from Wales' Somali community said they have been "persecuted" and have called for changes to female genital mutilation rules.

## **Workplace health**

### [Bereaved parents 'let down at work by lack of support'](#)

01 Jun 2018

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

Two out of five parents who went back to work after their baby died said no-one talked to them about their loss, a charity says.

## **Local news: []**

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