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## Alcohol misuse

### [Leading voices in alcohol recovery sector call on Government to aim high with a pioneering new alcohol strategy](#)

16 Oct 2018

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

Thirty organisations across civil society have put their names behind a new Alcohol Charter urging the government to reduce the damage to society caused by alcohol.

## Children and young people

### [Does TV and internet advertising feed children's junk food habits?](#)

17 Oct 2018

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

"Every hour kids spend online increases chance of buying junk food by a fifth," reports The Daily Telegraph.

### [Baby box safety doubts raised by experts](#)

18 Oct 2018

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

Baby boxes are being promoted as a safe alternative to standard cots, bassinets and Moses baskets despite a lack of evidence on their safety, experts warn.

### [EpiPen shortage: Chemists told to quiz parents on children's need](#)

18 Oct 2018

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

Chemists have been told by the NHS to check whether young children are in urgent need of adrenaline pens before dispensing the devices.

### [Children with problems or problem children?](#)

19 Oct 2018

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

There's nothing pleasant about being on the end of a child's angry or aggressive outburst - whether you're a parent or a teacher.

### [Children's Commissioner publishes report into vulnerable babies](#)

17 Oct 2018

Source: The Children's Commissioner:

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

A report published today by the Children's Commissioner for England, suggests there are 15,800 babies under the age of 1 considered by local authorities to be vulnerable or highly vulnerable and at risk of harm, but still living at home.

### [Two unborn babies' spines repaired in womb in UK surgery first](#)

24 Oct 2018

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

Two unborn babies have had their spines repaired by surgeons - weeks before they were born. The operations - which are the first ever of their kind in the UK - were carried out by a team of 30 doctors at University College Hospital in London.

### [Helping kids cope with the fear of medical treatment](#)

26 Oct 2018

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

For children, the fear and pain of medical treatments can be traumatic. So, a number of tech companies have come up with ways to help.

### [Promoting healthy weight in children, young people and families](#)

25 Oct 2018

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

A resource to support local authorities, NHS commissioners and providers, voluntary and community sector organisations to take action to reduce obesity.

### [Seasonal flu in the children and young people's secure estate](#)

31 Oct 2018

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

Guidance for healthcare and residential staff on responding to individual cases flu, vaccination, recommendations and managing outbreaks.

### [Eczema in children: new study finds no evidence of benefit from emollient bath additives](#)

Oct 2018

Source: The BMJ: <https://www.bmj.com/>

A UK-based randomised controlled trial involving 482 children with eczema found that emollient bath additives provided minimal or no additional benefit when added to standard eczema care.

## **Chronic conditions**

### [Easy access to appropriate diagnostic tools is 'central' to increasing cancer diagnosis rates, says RCGP](#)

19 Oct 2018 Source: Royal College of General Practitioners: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/>

Dr Richard Roope, Clinical Lead for Cancer at the Royal College of GPs, has responded to news that women in the UK are now waiting longer than average for a diagnosis of ovarian cancer. He said: "GPs want to do the best for all their patients and are well aware of the link between early diagnosis and improved survival rates for cancer.

### [Charity call for Scots 'right to rehab'](#)

22 Oct 2018

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

A charity has said chest, heart and stroke patients in Scotland should have a "right to rehab" to help them rebuild their lives after diagnosis.

### ['Treatment may extend advanced breast cancer survival'](#)

22 Oct 2018

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

Combining a pioneering drug with hormone therapy may extend the survival of some women with advanced breast cancer, a trial suggests.

### [Could height be a cancer risk?](#)

24 Oct 2018

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

Taller people are at more risk of getting cancer, a new study looking at over a million people claims.

### [Cardiovascular disease prevention: cost-effective commissioning](#)

23 Oct 2018

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

A resource to help commissioners provide cost-effective interventions to prevent cardiovascular disease.

### [Blood pressure drug linked to possible small increased risk of lung cancer](#)

25 Oct 2018

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

"Blood pressure pills taken by millions may raise risk of lung cancer," reports The Daily Telegraph.

### Doctors 'need to start early conversation with patients about dying'

19 Oct 2018

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

Doctors need to get better at having difficult conversations with dying patients and not just in their final days, according to a report from the Royal College of Physicians.

### Let down by 'agonising' end-of-life care

23 Oct 2018

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

Staff shortages and inadequate training mean that end-of-life care for elderly people is often unacceptable, a leading expert has warned.

## **Communicable diseases**

### Why is this African village letting mosquitoes in?

19 Oct 2018

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

Thousands of genetically modified mosquitoes are set to be released in a village in Burkina Faso. It is part of a project aimed at wiping out the malaria-carrying insects. It will be the first time genetically engineered mosquitoes have been released in any African country.

### Scientists in the UK and The Gambia say they have the first evidence that dogs can sniff out malaria.

29 Oct 2018

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

They have trained dogs to recognise tell-tale aromas using clothes from people infected with the disease.

## **Diet & nutrition**

### Coffee drinking linked to reduced rates of rosacea

18 Oct 2018

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

"Drinking at least 4 cups a day could slash your risk of rosacea by 20%," reports the Mail Online.

### Food allergies: What a severe reaction feels like

18 Oct 2018

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

"The allergy community is very bruised by recent reports of fatal food-induced reactions," says Professor George Du Toit, a specialist in paediatric allergy at the Evelina London Children's Hospital, Guy's and St Thomas' Trust.

### Eating organic food linked with lower cancer risk

23 Oct 2018

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

"Organic food lowers blood and breast cancer risk, study finds," the Mail Online reports.

### Vegetarian meat substitutes 'exceeding salt limits'

23 Oct 2018

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

More than a quarter of meat-free burgers, sausages and mince tested for a study exceed maximum recommended salt levels, a campaign group has warned.

### The places where too many are fat and too many are thin

23 Oct 2018

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

Obesity is often portrayed as a Western problem, with under-nutrition found in poorer countries. But the truth is more complex. Nine out of 10 countries are in the grip of a

health epidemic known as the "double burden" - where overweight and undernourished people live side-by-side.

### [Will folic acid ever be added to UK flour?](#)

23 Oct 2018

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

After repeated calls by health experts, the government says it will consult on adding folic acid to flour to help prevent common birth defects in babies.

### ['The food supplement that ruined my liver'](#)

25 Oct 2018

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

Jim McCants took green tea capsules in a drive to get healthy in middle age. His doctors now say they left him needing an urgent liver transplant, writes the BBC's Tristan Quinn.

### [Are supplements safe and do they work?](#)

27 Oct 2018

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

The story of a man who ended up needing a liver transplant after taking green tea capsules has brought the topic of dietary supplements back into the news. What are some of the dangers of supplements and what are the health benefits?

## **Disability**

### [New support launched for disabled adults to improve health](#)

16 Oct 2018

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

A PHE world-leading evidence review and UK Chief Medical Officer physical activity infographic has been launched for disabled adults.

## **Drug Misuse**

### [Canada becomes second country to legalise recreational cannabis](#)

17 Oct 2018

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

The first recreational cannabis to be legally bought in Canada was purchased at midnight on Wednesday (02:30 GMT) on the eastern island of Newfoundland amid queues of hundreds of people.

### [Pregabalin and gabapentin to be controlled as class C drugs](#)

16 Oct 2018

Source: Home Office: [https://www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/)

New controls over prescription drugs pregabalin and gabapentin following rising fatalities. Prescription drugs pregabalin and gabapentin are to be reclassified as class C controlled substances from next April, the government announced yesterday (15 October).

### [Disposal bins yield thousands of drugs in north west](#)

30 Oct 2018

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

More than 6,000 prescription and illegal drugs have been dumped in the first six weeks of a disposal scheme in the north west.

## Environmental health

### 'Mad cow disease': What is BSE?

18 Oct 2018

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

The first case of BSE in Scotland in a decade has been confirmed after a cow died.

### Rise in cases of Salmonella Typhimurium

19 Oct 2018

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

PHE and the FSA are working together to inform the public about the measures they can take to avoid infection with Salmonella Typhimurium.

### Air pollution and cardiovascular disease: mechanistic evidence

22 Oct 2018

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

Report by the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants describing how long-term exposure to ambient air pollution can lead to cardiovascular disease.

### UK parents demand emergency air pollution measures

24 Oct 2018

Source: Clientearth: <https://www.clientearth.org/>

A group of parents has called on the UK government to release funding for emergency measures to clean up illegal levels of air pollution around schools and nurseries across the country.

### Top UK health bodies demand new clean air act

28 Oct 2018

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

Royal College of Nursing, British Medical Association and BMJ among those calling for shake-up to tackle toxic air crisis.

## Health protection

### Flu vaccine delays for over-65s

19 Oct 2018

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

There will be delays with the supply of a new flu jab for over-65s this year, the chief medical officer has said.

### Pork gelatine use in NHS vaccines 'disappointing'

25 Oct 2018

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

The use of pork gelatine in three vaccines used by the NHS has been branded "disappointing" by the Vegetarian Society.

### Vaccines and porcine gelatin

24 Oct 2018

Source: Public Health England: [https://www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/)

Leaflet describing how and why porcine gelatine is used in vaccines for immunisation programmes.

### Keep Antibiotics Working campaign returns

23 Oct 2018

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

New data shows that over 3 million surgeries and cancer treatments may become life threatening without antibiotics.

### **New 'Trojan horse' antibiotic promising**

26 Oct 2018

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

Scientists say they have engineered a new antibiotic that appears promising in early clinical trials.

### **Managing common infections: guidance for primary care**

31 Oct 2018

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

Guidance for managing common infections, including upper and lower respiratory, and urinary tract infections.

## **Health services administration**

### **Record high for GP training figures is 'really encouraging', but retention is just as important, says RCGP Chair**

19 Oct 2018 Source: Royal College of General Practitioners: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/>

The number of people entering GP training is the highest in NHS history, according to Health Education England.

### **LGA responds to Public Accounts Committee report on Health and Social Care Integration**

19 Oct 2018

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

"It's important that integration is not seen as an end in itself but as a means to achieving better services and health and wellbeing outcomes, which is why local leadership, across local government and the NHS, is crucial to making sure that health and social care work most effectively for the communities they serve."

### **Infected blood victims' support payments 'must increase'**

22 Oct 2018

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

Victims of the NHS contaminated blood scandal have written to the health secretary asking for an immediate increase in support payments, the BBC has learned.

### **Regional allocation of adult social care winter funding**

17 Oct 2018

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

Local authorities in England will receive a share of a £240 million fund to help local areas ease winter pressures on the NHS.

### **NHS to reuse more medical equipment**

17 Oct 2018

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

Patients will be able to return equipment, including crutches and wheelchairs, for reuse or donation to charity where possible. The move is part of plans to reduce the NHS carbon footprint and put a stop to nearly-new crutches and wheelchairs being thrown away or left unused in homes, rather than reused or recycled.

### **Matt Hancock launches tech vision to build the most advanced health and care system in the world**

17 Oct 2018

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

The technology vision will be the foundation for a new generation of digital services that will meet the needs of clinicians, patients and managers. Outdated and obstructive NHS IT systems will become a thing of the past, Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock has said as he launches his technology vision in The Future of Healthcare.

### **Shropshire baby deaths trust must report weekly to CQC**

23 Oct 2018

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

Maternity and emergency services at two hospitals have so alarmed inspectors, the trust running both sites must report to a watchdog every week.

### **MRSA link to baby's death investigated**

23 Oct 2018

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

A baby's death following an outbreak of MRSA in a neonatal unit is being investigated by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

### **Public may have to stockpile drugs in no-deal Brexit**

23 Oct 2018

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

The public may have to stockpile medicines if there is a no-deal Brexit, industry leaders say.

### **NHS set to save £150 million by switching to new versions of most costly drug**

16 Oct 2018

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

Adalimumab is the single medicine on which hospitals spend the most, at a cost of more than £400 million a year.

### **£3.2bn a year needed to reverse impact of government cuts to public health services**

24 Oct 2018

Source: The Health Foundation: <https://www.health.org.uk/>

The Health Foundation has calculated that an additional £3.2bn a year is required to reverse the impact of government cuts to the public health grant and ensure that it is re-allocated according to need.

### **Opt-out organ donation plan wins Commons backing**

26 Oct 2018

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

Hundreds of lives could be saved each year under a new opt-out system for organ donation approved by MPs.

### **Faster access to treatment and new technology for 500,000 patients**

23 Oct 2018

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

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has announced £7 million in funding for 2 new programmes.

### **Stopping fraud against the NHS: new plans announced**

23 Oct 2018

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

Measures include digitising prescription payment exemptions and a new collaboration between the NHS and a leading UK fraud prevention service.

### **Annual report on GP activity in England published**

26 Oct 2018

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

Figures showing the prevalence of 21 conditions<sup>1</sup>, including asthma, hypertension, dementia, diabetes, and depression are published today by NHS Digital.

### **The King's Fund responds to new figures from NHS Digital on adult social care**

23 Oct 2018

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

'These figures show a social care system struggling to cope with the increased

pressures placed upon it, as councils battle with increasing need from older people and people with disabilities and inadequate levels of funding.

### [Unpublished medical research 'a threat to public health'](#)

30 October 2018

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

Important information on the efficacy of new drugs and treatments is going unpublished, posing a risk to health, says a report by MPs.

**See also Older People**

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## **HIV & AIDS**

### [Contaminated blood victims 'on the breadline'](#)

17 Oct 2018

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

People affected by the contaminated blood scandal "lost everything" and "had to live on the breadline" as they struggled financially, the chairman of the public inquiry says.

### [PrEP is the missing part of HIV prevention](#)

18 Oct 2018

Source: Stonewall: <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

It has now been one year since the 10,000 place PrEP Impact Trial started enrolling people across England. This was in stark contrast to Scotland where the drug has been routinely available via the NHS and via an uncapped pilot in Wales, both since July 2017.

## **Mental health**

### [Women told they aren't thin enough for eating disorder treatment, MPs told](#)

16 Oct 2018

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

Patients who fear they have eating disorders are being told by GPs they aren't "thin enough for treatment", according to a woman who was denied help.

### [Depressed? The places not to live if you need help](#)

19 Oct 2018

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

A flagship NHS mental health service is failing patients in one in seven areas of England, research by the BBC shows.

### [Ending poverty and improving mental health](#)

17 Oct 2018

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

More unequal societies have a wider gap between the richest and poorest. That leads to worse mental health for everyone in that society. But, as with most things, it is the poorest that suffer the most and the 20% least well off people in the UK are two to three times more likely to develop mental health problems than the richest 20%.

### [Silent disco for Hertfordshire dementia care home residents](#)

20 Oct 2018

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

A silent disco for residents at a dementia care home in Hertfordshire has been greeted with a "fantastic" response.

### **PM launches Government's first loneliness strategy**

16 Oct 2018

Source: Prime Minister's Office: <https://www.gov.uk/>

Loneliness is one of the greatest public health challenges of our time, Theresa May said today as she launched the first cross-Government strategy to tackle it.

### **More students seek mental health support, analysis shows**

29 Oct 2018

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

The number of students seeking mental health support while studying at university has increased by more than 50% in five years, analysis suggests.

### **Mental health services are failing to meet rising demand, new TUC report reveals**

22 Oct 2018

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

The report – which features new analysis by the NHS Support Federation – shows that in the last five years the number of patients accessing mental health services in England has risen by a third (540,000). However, over the same period the number of mental health nurses, doctors and beds in the country has fallen.

## **Obesity**

### **Takeaway Wales: Britain's fast-food capital?**

23 Oct 2018

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

A whopping 73% of all restaurants in one part of Wales are selling fast food, it has been revealed. Blaenau Gwent tops the UK league table - with 55 out of 75 outlets takeaway venues.

### **Antibiotic and obesity link study is 'extremely interesting', but more research is needed, says College**

30 Oct 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 new study out today, which suggests childhood antibiotics and antacids may be linked to a heightened obesity risk.

### **Forecasting Future Trends in Obesity across Europe: The Value of Improving Surveillance**

18 Oct 2018

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

The specific objectives were to assess the quality and accessibility of the data available in the 53 countries in the WHO European Region for measuring the prevalence of obesity, and to project trends in obesity from 2015 to 2025 on the basis of past and current values for BMI.

## **Older people**

### **Pepper the robot tells MPs about artificial intelligence**

16 Oct 2018

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

Pepper - the first robot to appear before a Parliamentary select committee - answers MPs' questions about helping to care for older people.

### Councils buying care 'on the cheap'

25 Oct 2018

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

Councils across the UK are buying vital home help for elderly people on the cheap, the firms providing care say.

### Majority of people unprepared for adult social care costs

26 Oct 2018

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

Only 15 per cent of adults say they are making plans for how they will pay for care they might need in the future while half of English adults (50 per cent) say that they have never thought about how they will pay for care when they get older.

## **Oral health**

### GPs not trained to treat dental problems, says RCGP

23 Oct 2018

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

Responding to research in the British Journal of General Practice that found nearly 400,000 people consult GPs because of dental problems each year.

## **Physical activity**

### College lends its expertise in launch of new 'Moving Medicine' resource

17 Oct 2018

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

A new physical activity resource which the College helped to create has been launched by the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine today. Moving Medicine, which was also developed in conjunction with Public Health England and Sport England, aims to help improve conversations about physical activity between patients and healthcare professionals.

## **Prison health**

### Social care in prisons in England and Wales

16 Oct 2018

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

The Care Quality Commission published this joint report with HM Inspectorate of Prisons today. The report shows a failure to plan for the future needs of a growing population of elderly, ill and frail prisoners.

### Flu: information for prison and detention centre staff in England

31 Oct 2018

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

How to respond to individual cases or outbreaks of seasonal flu, including vaccination, recommendations, and managing outbreaks

## **Safety**

### Mum's voice makes better smoke alarm for children

25 Oct 2018

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

Adding a recording of a mother's voice to smoke alarms could save lives, according to US scientists. The study, published in the journal Pediatrics, found the modified alarms were more effective at waking children than conventional alarms.

## Screening

### [Cervical screening: Millions missing smear tests](#)

23 Oct 2018

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

About three million women across England have not had a smear test for at least three-and-a-half years. GPs are trying to improve take-up rates as figures show up to half of women under 50 in some areas have not had a cervical screening in the recommended time frame.

### [Breast screening: ergonomics in screening mammography](#)

22 Oct 2018

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

Good practice guidance for ergonomics in breast screening mammography.

### [Fetal anomaly screening: ultrasound practitioners handbook](#)

23 Oct 2018

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

This document sets out ultrasound guidelines and recommendations for the NHS fetal anomaly screening programme (FASP).

### [NHS population screening: regional quality assurance teams in England](#)

29 Oct 2018

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

This document sets out the roles and contact details for the 4 regional quality assurance teams for NHS population screening in England.

## Sexual health

### [HPV vaccine 'not linked to risky sexual behaviour in teenage girls'](#)

16 Oct 2018

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

"HPV vaccine does not make girls more likely to have risky sex," the Mail Online reports.

### [Self-lubricating condom designed to reduce infections](#)

17 Oct 2018

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

Scientists say they have found a way to make self-lubricating latex condoms that become slippery on contact. It is thanks to a special, durable coating that should last throughout intercourse, says the team, backed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

### [The Gender Recognition Act Government Consultation](#)

Oct 2018

Source: Amnesty International UK: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/>

The government has opened a consultation to the public on reform of the GRA. Until 11pm on October 19th, anyone is able to submit a response, telling the government what they think about potential changes to the law.

### [An STI is diagnosed in a young person every 4 minutes in England](#)

25 Oct 2018

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

Sam Thompson releases 2 new films for Public Health England's 'Protect Against STIs' campaign, to encourage condom use among young people.

## Smoking

### Wakefield's Pinderfields Hospital smokers shamed via loudspeaker

18 Oct 2018

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

People who ignore 'no smoking' signs by the doors of a Wakefield hospital are being shamed through a loudspeaker.

### Philip Morris accused of hypocrisy over anti-smoking ad

22 Oct 2018

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

One of the world's biggest tobacco firms, Philip Morris, has been accused of "staggering hypocrisy" over its new ad campaign that urges smokers to quit.

## Social & economic issues

### LGA responds to call for more money for adult social care and public health

17 Oct 2018

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

"Adult social care is vital in its own right and we have been clear for some time that the service is at breaking point and in desperate need of genuinely new funding to secure its future."

## Statistics

### Winter deaths in Scotland at highest level in 18 years

16 Oct 2018

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

The number of people who died in Scotland last winter hit an 18-year high, new statistics have revealed.

## Women's health

### Rise in women having induced labours, NHS figures show

25 Oct 2018

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

Nearly one in three pregnant women in England is having labour induced - an increase from one in five 10 years ago, according to figures from NHS Digital.

### Women over 34 are being refused IVF treatment

29 Oct 2018

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

Women over 34 are being automatically refused IVF treatment on the NHS in 12 areas of England, the Victoria Derbyshire programme has found.

### Women 'should leave at least a year between pregnancies'

30 Oct 2018

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

"Conceiving again too soon increases the risk of premature labour, stillbirth and even maternal death," reports the Mail Online.

## Workplace health

### [EU-OSHA looks forward to a successful European Week for Safety and Health at Work 2018](#)

22 Oct 2018 Source: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work:  
<https://osha.europa.eu>

Each year, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) and its partners mark the European Week for Safety and Health at Work with awareness-raising events across the EU and beyond.

### [Protecting workers: Council sets new exposure limits for 8 additional carcinogens and mutagens](#)

24 Oct 2018 Source: European Council: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

On 24 October 2018, the Council's Permanent Representatives Committee approved the provisional agreement reached with the European Parliament on 11 October on the directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work.

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