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Alcohol misuse

[Dangerous fake alcohol warning to New Year's Eve revellers](#)

29 Dec 2018

Source: LGA www.local.gov.uk

We want people to enjoy their New Year's Eve celebrations, but anyone buying alcohol needs to look out for signs it could be fake because it could leave them seriously ill and, in extreme cases, cost them their life.

['Drunk tanks' to ease NHS pressure](#)

21 Dec 2018

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

NHS England is making up to £300,000 available over the festive period to fund dozens of "drunk tanks".

[Are parents prepared for holiday hangovers?](#)

17 Dec 2018

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

With the festive season upon us, many parents are bound to find themselves drinking more than normal, be it at the pub or at any of the various Christmas parties.

Black and ethnic minority groups

[Organ donors to be asked if they are religious](#)

13 Dec 2018

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

People who join the NHS's UK organ donation register are to be asked if they want their religious beliefs to be considered in the donation process. The question aims to reassure people that donation can take place in line with their faith or beliefs. It is hoped the measure can help to boost the low proportion of donors from black and Asian backgrounds.

Children and young people

[Worry less about children's screen use, parents told](#)

4 Jan 2019

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

There is little evidence screen use for children is harmful in itself, guidance from leading paediatricians says.

[Children 'exceed recommended sugar limit by age 10'](#)

3 Jan 2019

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

Children in the UK exceed the maximum recommended sugar intake for an 18-year-old by the time they are 10, according to experts.

[Child health record 'red book' to go online](#)

30 Dec 2018

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

The "red book", containing a child's medical records, is to be made available to parents online as part of government plans to improve NHS care for mothers and new babies.

[NHS and schools in England will provide expert mental health support](#)

21 Dec 2018

Source: Dept of Health and Social Care www.gov.uk

The NHS will work with schools and colleges to make expert mental health support available to a population of more than 470,000 children and young people across England.

[Rise in reports of polio-like illness being investigated](#)

18 Dec 2018

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

An increase in reported cases of a rare polio-like illness that mostly affects children is being investigated by Public Health England.

[Gently stroking babies 'provides pain relief'](#)

18 Dec 2018

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

Gently stroking a baby reduces activity in their brain associated with painful experiences, a study has found.

[Bluece app for managing self-harm: what do young people think?](#)

13 Dec 2018

Source: The Mental Elf www.nationalelfservice.net

Critique of a qualitative study of service users' experience about the acceptability, use and safety of the Bluece app for young people who self-harm.

[Teenage victims 'more likely to self-harm'](#)

12 Dec 2018

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

Teenagers who are victims of neglect, bullying, crime, family violence and sexual exploitation are more likely to self-harm and have suicidal thoughts, a study from King's College London finds.

See also **Mental health**

Chronic conditions

[Biomarkers identified to help diagnose heart condition](#)

7 Jan 2019

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

Researchers have identified two biomarkers that could help in the diagnosis of a heart condition that raises the risk of stroke.

[Spinal surgery for unborn babies to be available on NHS](#)

22 Dec 2018

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

Spinal surgery for unborn babies with the birth defect spina bifida is to be made routinely available on the NHS in England, officials have announced.

[Chronic fatigue: Overactive immune system 'may trigger ME-like symptoms'](#)

17 Dec 2018

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

An overactive immune system may help explain the cause of chronic fatigue syndrome, scientists from King's College London have suggested.

Communicable diseases

[Norovirus: Children banned from Northumbria hospital visits](#)

13 Dec 2018

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

Children under 12 are being banned from visiting patients in nine hospitals as part of a raft of restrictions to fight rising rates of norovirus.

Diet & nutrition

[10 year olds in the UK have consumed 18 years' worth of sugar](#)

3 Jan 2019

Source: Department of Health and Social Care www.gov.uk

Children have already exceeded the maximum recommended sugar intake for an 18 year old by the time they reach their tenth birthday, according to Public Health England (PHE). This is based on their total sugar consumption from the age of 2.

[Tax junk food high in sugar and salt, says top doctor](#)

21 Dec 2018

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

England's top doctor has accused the food industry of "failing the public" and is calling for taxes on unhealthy food high in sugar and salt.

[Removing snacks from supermarket checkouts cuts unhealthy purchases](#)

20 Dec 2018

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

"Banning sweets at supermarket checkouts 'works'," reports BBC News. Arrays of sweets, chocolate and crisps at supermarket checkouts has long been blamed for prompting impulse buys, and for children pestering parents while they wait in the queue.

[New report shows mixed progress by food industry to reduce salt](#)

20 Dec 2018

Source: Department of Health and Social Care www.gov.uk

Public Health England (PHE) has published the [first assessment](#) of the food industry's progress towards meeting the government's salt reduction targets, showing a mixed picture overall.

[Processed meats and ready meals 'still too high in salt'](#)

19 Dec 2018

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

There is still too much salt in processed meats such as sausages and bacon and ready meals, a Public Health England report suggests.

[Feast your eyes, not your waistline, say GPs in new art exhibition](#)

19 Dec 2018

Source: RCGP www.rcgp.org.uk

Patients are being encouraged not to over-indulge this Christmas with the unveiling of a thought-provoking art installation at the Royal College of GPs.

[Can a lack of sleep make you crave junk food?](#)

18 Dec 2018

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

"Even one night without sleep leads people to view junk food more favourably, research suggests," The Guardian reports.

[Restaurant dishes 'contain more calories than fast-food meals'](#)

13 Dec 2018

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

The calorie content of meals in UK restaurants is "excessive" and sit-down restaurants are healthier than fast-food chains, [BMJ research suggests](#).

Disability

[Ministers act to increase "Changing Places" toilets for severely disabled people](#)

24 Dec 2018

Source: Min of Housing, Communities & Loc Gov www.gov.uk

New shopping centres, stadiums and theme parks are among buildings that could be required to provide Changing Places toilets for severely disabled people.

[LGA responds to special needs funding announcement](#)

17 Dec 2018

Source: LGA www.local.gov.uk

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Chair of the Local Government Association's Children and Young People Board, responds to the announcement by the Department for Education of funding to support children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Drug Misuse

[Lack of alternative treatments increases anti-depressant prescribing in Northern Ireland](#)

13 Dec 2018

Source: Economic and Social Research Council <https://esrc.ukri.org>

A shortage of non-pharmacological options and alternative treatments may be one reason that anti-depressant prescription rates in Northern Ireland (NI) are significantly higher than the rest of the UK, suggests researchers following a two-year study of prevalence and variation in anti-depressant prescribing across Northern Ireland.

Environmental health

[Plastic carrier bags: Gove sets out new measures to extend charge](#)

27 Dec 2018

Source: Dept for Env, Food and Rural Affairs www.gov.uk

The 5p plastic bag charge will be extended to all retailers and increased to 10p to cut their use further, under plans put forward in a [consultation](#) launched by the Environment Secretary today.

[New environment protections set out in flagship bill](#)

20 Dec 2018

Source: Dept for Env, Food and Rural Affairs www.gov.uk

Yesterday the Environment Secretary [published draft clauses on environmental principles and governance](#) to be included in an ambitious, broader Environment Bill set for introduction next year. Announced by the Prime Minister in July, the Environment Bill will be an essential step to put environmental ambition and accountability at the heart of government.

[Restrictions on the use of metaldehyde to protect wildlife](#)

19 Dec 2018

Source: Dept for Env, Food and Rural Affairs www.gov.uk

A ban on the outdoor use of metaldehyde, a pesticide used to control slugs in a range of crops and in gardens, is to be introduced across Great Britain from Spring 2020, the Environment Secretary announced today.

[Gove launches landmark blueprint for resources and waste](#)

18 Dec 2018

Source: Dept for Env, Food and Rural Affairs www.gov.uk

Businesses and manufacturers to pay the full cost of recycling or disposing of their packaging waste under government's Resources and Waste Strategy.

Health promotion

[Hospital patients who smoke or drink to be helped to quit](#)

4 Jan 2019

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

Smokers and problem drinkers who are admitted to hospital in England will be given help to quit or cut down, to reduce demands on the health service.

[Minority take up 'life-saving' free health check](#)

31 Dec 2018

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

Fewer than half of people eligible for a NHS health check in England have taken up the offer, despite it being free to everyone over 40.

Health protection

[NHS long-term plan: Focus on prevention 'could save 500,000 lives'](#)

7 Jan 2019

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

NHS bosses in England say a new 10-year plan could save up to 500,000 lives by focusing on prevention and early detection.

[RCGP publishes guidance for GPs on cannabis-based medicines and products](#)

17 Dec 2018

Source: RCGP www.rcgp.org.uk

Practical advice for GPs to support them to have informed conversations with patients about medicinal cannabis should the issue arise during consultations, has been published by the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Health services administration

[Mental Health Foundation's response to the new NHS long-term plan](#)

7 Jan 2019

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

MHF Chief Executive Mark Rowland responds to the new NHS long-term plan.

[NHS long-term plan is a welcome and overdue focus on prevention](#)

7 Jan 2019

Source: RoSPA <https://www.rospace.com>

Responding to today's release of the NHS long-term plan, Errol Taylor, RoSPA's chief executive, said: "We warmly welcome the announcement of the NHS 10-year plan, which has a greater focus on prevention. However this new focus is long overdue given the UK's growing burden of accidental injury."

[NHS better equipped for winter with £420 million funding](#)

4 Jan 2019

Source: Dept of Health and Social Care www.gov.uk

Hospitals and social care services across England are using the funding to improve their resilience this winter.

[Matt Hancock: shake-up of GP IT will remove outdated systems](#)

31 Dec 2018

Source: Dept of Health and Social Care www.gov.uk

Outdated and frustrating IT systems in GP practices will be replaced with modern technology under widespread changes announced by the Health and Social Care Secretary.

[Let your GP know if you can't make an appointment, RCGP urges patients](#)

2 Jan 2019

Source: RCGP www.rcgp.org.uk

RCGP response to efforts by NHS England to encourage patients to cancel GP appointments in good time if they can't make them.

[Have waits for GP appointments got longer?](#)

21 Dec 2018

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

How long do you wait to see your GP? Members of the [BBC NHS Health Check Facebook group](#) report waits of three weeks or more are common.

[A review of the role and costs of clinical commissioning groups](#)

19 Dec 2018

Source: National Audit Office <https://www.nao.org.uk>

Yesterday's report from the National Audit Office has found that while many clinical commissioning groups are performing well and within budget, others are failing to function effectively or hire and retain the high-quality staff they need.

[Failure of Care Quality Commission to make sure NHS employs 'fit and proper' directors](#)

19 Dec 2018

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

A Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman [report](#) published today reveals significant weaknesses in the way the Care Quality Commission (CQC) used the NHS 'fit and proper' person test.

[Councils respond to cut in public health grants allocation](#)

20 Dec 2018

Source: LGA www.local.gov.uk

The Government has announced an extra £20 billion for the NHS, but is now taking vital money away from the services which can be used to prevent illness and the need for treatment later down the line.

See also **Women's health**

Men's health

[Treating men with eating disorders: do we need gender-specific care?](#)

11 Dec 2018

Source: The Mental Elf www.nationalelfservice.net

Una Foye explores the implications of a recent qualitative study of clinicians' views on treatment adaptations for men with eating disorders.

Mental health

['Exercise hormone' may play a role in combating Alzheimer's disease](#)

8 Jan 2019

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

"An 'exercise pill' mimicking the effects of a gym workout could prevent Alzheimer's disease," the Daily Mirror reports.

[Seven New Year's tips to help manage your mental health in 2019 - a year of change for the UK](#)

7 Jan 2019 Source: Mental Health Foundation <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk>

With 2019 set to be a year of significant transition and change for everyone, the MHF is sharing advice on what people can do to prevent stress and manage change.

[Care home trials virtual cycling trips for dementia patients](#)

28 Dec 2018

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

Stapely Care Home in Liverpool is trialling a scheme where exercise bikes and videos are used to enable residents living with dementia to go on virtual cycling trips to locations around the world.

[Government makes women's mental health a top priority](#)

21 Dec 2018

Source: Dept of Health and Social Care www.gov.uk

A new government report outlines better care principles for women experiencing mental ill health, which consider individual and gender-specific needs.

[Mental Health Foundation Scotland responds to Scottish Government's Strategy on tackling loneliness and isolation](#)

18 Dec 2018

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

The Mental Health Foundation Scotland has welcomed the publication of “*A Connected Scotland*” – the Scottish Government’s strategy to tackle loneliness and isolation - but has warned that urgent action must be taken to address mental health problems like depression and anxiety in both young people and older adults as a consequence of feeling lonely.

[Youth suicide prevention research needs a shake-up: lives depend on it](#)

17 Dec 2018

Source: The Mental Elf www.nationalelfservice.net

At a time when the UK has recently appointed a minister for suicide and every local area is expected to have a suicide prevention plan, there is a great need for us to understand what works when it comes to suicide prevention. This is an appraisal of a systematic review and meta-analysis entitled: “What Works in Youth Suicide Prevention?”

[Do autistic people 'get' jokes?](#)

15 Dec 2018

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

Originally dubbed "little professors" by Viennese paediatrician Hans Asperger, autistic people have often been thought to be a rather serious bunch. A new BBC podcast, 1800 Seconds on Autism, aims to dispel that no-humour myth, among other assumptions - with razor-sharp wit running through it.

[Research highlights what helps people live well with dementia](#)

21 Dec 2018

Source: Economic and Social Research Council <https://esrc.ukri.org>

New research has identified the factors that enable people with dementia and their carers to live as well as possible.

[Lack of wealth may increase our risk of dementia](#)

12 Dec 2018

Source: The Mental Elf www.nationalelfservice.net

A group of UCL Mental Health Masters students summarise a recent cohort study of the individual and area-based socioeconomic factors associated with dementia incidence in England.

See also **Children and young people**

See also **Health services administration**

See also **Men’s health**

Obesity

[Dietary advice and self-weighing may help avoid Christmas weight gain](#)

12 Dec 2018

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

"Regular weighing at home and simple tips to curb excess eating and drinking can prevent people from piling on the pounds at Christmas," reports ITV News.

Older people

[LGA responds to Coram family and childcare trust's annual older people's care survey](#)

13 Dec 2018

Source: LGA www.local.gov.uk

Responding to Coram Family and Childcare Trust's annual [Older People's Care Survey](#), Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Chairman of Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board, said: "Councils are doing everything in their power to provide high quality adult and social care support to adults of all ages in very difficult circumstances."

See also **Safety**

Oral health

[Teething gels to be taken off supermarket shelves](#)

14 Dec 2018

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

Teething gels for infants that contain an anaesthetic will no longer be sold in supermarkets and high street shops.

Physical activity

['Safe, convenient and clean' roads key to encouraging healthier lifestyles, says RCGP](#)

4 Jan 2019

Source: RCGP www.rcgp.org.uk

Responding to NICE's [draft quality standard](#) for encouraging physical activity, published today, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "We know that being physically active is a vital part of living a healthy lifestyle, which is good for everyone's long-term physical and mental health and wellbeing and in turn good for the NHS as a whole, so whatever can be done to encourage and inspire people to get up and move more should be done."

[Exercise 'as good as medicine' for controlling high blood pressure](#)

19 Dec 2018

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

"Swimming, walking or lifting weights in the gym 'treats high blood pressure as well as drugs'," reports the Mail Online.

[College advises patients not to give up blood pressure medication without seeking advice as new research shows benefits of exercise in improving condition](#)

19 Dec 2018

Source: RCGP www.rcgp.org.uk

Responding to a [study](#) in the British Journal of Sports Medicine on prescribing exercise for blood pressure, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "GPs are already encouraging large numbers of their patients to make lifestyle changes, such as increasing the amount and type of exercise or changing their dietary habits, where appropriate, for a wide range of conditions."

Safety

Tufty Fluffytail, the road safety squirrel, is celebrating his 65th birthday

21 Dec 2018

Source: RoSPA www.rospa.com

Tufty Fluffytail, the iconic and much-loved red squirrel who was instrumental in helping millions of children to learn about road safety from the 1950s-1990s, is celebrating his 65th birthday... Errol Taylor said: "We're looking forward to continuing to work with Tufty to raise awareness of some key safety challenges..."

Christmas shoppers warned against dangerous, fake "must-have" toys

22 Dec 2018

Source: LGA www.local.gov.uk

Christmas shoppers are being warned to avoid buying fake and potentially dangerous toys – including counterfeit versions of this year's "must-have" toy which can damage children's reproductive systems.

Parents urged not to buy laser pens for Christmas – as 1 in 4 admit they would consider giving them as gifts to children

18 Dec 2018

Source: RoSPA www.rospa.com

A worrying number of adults would consider buying a laser pen as a Christmas present for a child, a new survey from RoSPA has revealed.

Brokenshire introduces tougher regulatory system for building safety

18 Dec 2018

Source: Min of Housing, Communities & Loc Gov www.gov.uk

A stronger and more effective regulatory framework is being introduced to improve building safety.

Response to building safety and Grenfell Tower ministerial updates

18 Dec 2018

Source: LGA www.local.gov.uk

People need to be able to sleep safely at night in their homes. The tragedy at Grenfell Tower must never be allowed to happen again and the LGA looks forward to working with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to make sure the new system of building regulation works.

Skin creams can lead to fire deaths

18 Dec 2018

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

People who use emollient creams to treat dry and itchy skin conditions are being warned they can build up in fabrics and cause them to catch fire more easily.

Parents being urged to make sure Christmas presents are age appropriate

17 Dec 2018

Source: RoSPA www.rospa.com

Ahead of the final Christmas shopping week, RoSPA is asking parents to ensure that their Christmas presents are suitable for the age of their children, in order to avoid an unwanted trip to A&E.

Help look out for the vulnerable during big freeze, councils urge

13 Dec 2018

Source: LGA www.local.gov.uk

People are being urged to ensure vulnerable friends, neighbours and relatives are safe when the big freeze bites, with a high chance of snow and ice in parts of the country.

Screening

[Breast cancer screening error 'overstated'](#)

14 Dec 2018

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

An independent review of breast screening in England has found that confusion and misunderstanding were behind an announcement in May that hundreds of thousands of women had missed out on final scans.

Sexual health

[Sexual assault forensics centres failing some victims](#)

8 Jan 2018

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

Young victims of sexual assault are not being forensically examined within a critical time period at some privately-run referral centres, a BBC investigation has found.

[Should the NHS pay for transgender fertility treatment?](#)

31 Dec 2018

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

Changing gender can often leave people infertile but, if their eggs or sperm are frozen before treatment, it is possible for them to start their own families.

[FPA oppose further Government cuts to public health budget](#)

28 Dec 2018

Source: FPA <https://www.fpa.org.uk>

In a move that will prove detrimental to sexual and reproductive health services, a ministerial announcement today confirms a further £85 million cut to local authority public health budgets.

Smoking

[Smoking v vaping: Watch lab test results](#)

28 Dec 2018

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

If you're going to try to quit smoking in the New Year, try vaping, a UK government advisory body says.

Social & economic issues

[Single use carrier bags: extending and increasing the charge](#)

4 Jan 2019

Source: Dept for Env, Food and Rural Affairs <https://www.gov.uk>

Consultation on extending and increasing the single use carrier bag charge as part of our commitment in the 25 Year Environment Plan.

[£675 million fund to transform high streets and town centres opens to communities](#)

26 Dec 2018 *Source:* Min of Housing, Communities & Loc Gov www.gov.uk

The Future High Streets fund will help local leaders implement bold new visions to transform their town centres and make them fit for the future.

[Government welcomes landmark law which will improve the safety of tenants](#)

20 Dec 2018 *Source:* Min of Housing, Communities & Loc Gov www.gov.uk

Heather Wheeler MP has introduced a new law to help boost standards in rented homes.

[LGA responds to new Government waste strategy](#)

18 Dec 2018 *Source:* LGA www.local.gov.uk

Responding to the Government's initial statement on a new waste and recycling strategy, Cllr Martin Tett, Environment spokesman for the Local Government Association, said: "The LGA has long called for businesses and manufacturers to pay the full cost of recycling or disposing of their packaging, and we are pleased the Government has listened to us. "

[James Brokenshire unveils action plan to combat rough sleeping](#)

8 Dec 2018 *Source:* Min of Housing, Communities & Loc Gov www.gov.uk

Communities Secretary unveils the government's next steps to help people off the streets and meet its target to end rough sleeping for good by 2027.

See also **Statistics**

Statistics

[Health and safety at work statistics 2018](#)

Dec 2018 *Source:* HSE <http://www.hse.gov.uk>

The latest statistics on work-related health and safety in Great Britain have been released.

[UK flu levels according to PHE statistics: 2018 to 2019](#)

3 Jan 2019 *Source:* Dept of Health and Social Care www.gov.uk

The latest Public Health England (PHE) [report](#) published on Thursday 3 January 2019, suggests that influenza is starting to circulate in the community and is at moderate levels.

[Response to ONS figures on the number of deaths of homeless people](#)

20 Dec 2018 *Source:* LGA www.local.gov.uk

Responding to ONS [figures](#) on the number of deaths of homeless people, Cllr Martin Tett, the LGA's Housing Spokesman, said: "Every death of a homeless person is preventable. We must make this everybody's business to work together to stop this tragic loss of life and stop homelessness from happening in the first place."

Women's health

[College defends GPs over 'morning sickness' accusations](#)

19 Dec 2018

Source: RCGP www.rcgp.org.uk

RCGP Chair, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, has had a letter published in the Times newspaper today, in response to an article criticising GPs over the care of pregnant women with severe vomiting.

[NHS workers have 'lost confidence' in Capita, says RCGP after latest screening blunder](#)

11 Dec 2018

Source: RCGP www.rcgp.org.uk

Responding to new information about administrative errors made in the NHS cervical cancer screening programme, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, said: "This is simply not good enough. Less than a month since we initially heard about this cervical screening error, we are now hearing it is more serious, and has affected thousands more women."

Workplace health

[NHS Trust fined after two employees stabbed](#)

20 Dec 2018

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

NHS Oxleas Foundation Trust has today been fined £300,000 after two nurses suffered life-changing injuries when they were repeatedly stabbed by a service user.

See also **Statistics**

Local news: []

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Other Bulletins

Super Six Bulletin

This is a weekly Bulletin that details original articles in the BMJ, JAMA, New England Journal of Medicine and The Lancet, Annals of Internal Medicine and Annals of Emergency Medicine

<http://cash.libraryservices.nhs.uk/subject-a-z/m/medicine/major-research/>

Daily Health News

The Daily Health Bulletin is produced by the Knowledge Service from the EMBED Health Consortium

<http://cash.libraryservices.nhs.uk/subject-a-z/d/daily-health-news/>

Healthcare Public Health

Monthly bulletin containing news and information about key public health issues including health service commissioning, updates from Public Health England, local authorities, Faculty of Public

Health and others agencies, resources and good practice.

<http://www.healthcarepublichealth.net/newsletters.php>

PHE Bulletin (Public Health England)

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

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

Public Health and Social Care Bulletin

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

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



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