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Alcohol misuse

England failing to tackle alcohol 'epidemic', say researchers

30 Jul 2019

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

Massive cuts to alcohol rehab services mean a "national epidemic" of alcohol-related problems is not being tackled, King's College London researchers say.

How this alcohol care team is saving lives in Liverpool

30 Jul 2019

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

Patricia used to drink a litre of vodka every day. But her life has been turned around thanks to the specialist alcohol care team at Royal Liverpool Hospital.

The 'dual stigma' of alcohol-related brain damage

31 Jul 2019

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

Alcohol-related brain damage, a condition similar to dementia, is poorly understood and often missed by health professionals, a study by charity Alcohol Change UK says.

The Prevention Green Paper: alcohol is absent because too many of us do not see alcohol harm as a problem

Jul 2019

Source: Alcohol Change:

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk>

The Prevention Green Paper, published 22 July 2019, looks to prevent ill-health before it happens - but alcohol, a leading cause of health harm, is nearly absent.

Learning from tragedies: an analysis of alcohol-related Safeguarding Adult Reviews published in 2017

24 Jul 2019

Source: Alcohol Change:

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk>

In 2017, 5,507 deaths in England were directly attributable to alcohol, an increase of 11% since 2006, while hospital admissions caused primarily by alcohol were 17% higher over the same period. The total number of hospital admissions for which alcohol was a factor was close to one million, or about 7% of all hospital admissions. Serious cuts to alcohol treatment services are making things worse, with many people in desperate need of support falling through the gaps.

The Portman Group's new guidance: we must ask questions

Aug 2019

Source: Alcohol Change:

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk>

In July 2019 the Portman Group made the welcome announcement that it will encourage all alcohol producers to state the 14 units a week low-risk guidelines on their packaging - but there are questions to ask.

Children and young people

'Fussy eating' in children 'increases risk of eating disorders' – but increase is very low

06 Aug 2019

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

"Children who overeat, pick at meals or are fussy when it comes to food may be more at risk of eating disorders as teenagers," the Mail Online reports. The news website reports on a new study based on data of a long-running research project looking at parents and children in the UK.

'Pack children's medicines in your hand luggage'

27 Jul 2019

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

Medications for children should be placed in hand luggage on a flight in case they become ill during the journey, a new study suggests.

Where children go to learn how to sleep

30 Jul 2019

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

A "pioneering" scheme in Sheffield has helped boost children's sleep by 2.4 hours a night, NHS England says.

Chronic conditions

Over-75s who stop taking statins 'may raise risk of heart attack'

31 Jul 2019

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

"Coming off statins in old age raises the risk of heart attack or stroke by around a third," reports The Sun.

Mobile phone app 'helps doctors detect acute kidney injury'

01 Aug 2019

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

BBC News reports: "A mobile phone app has speeded up the detection of a potentially fatal kidney condition in hospital patients."

Early MS scans 'can predict long-term prognosis'

25 Jul 2019

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

Scans carried out when someone is first diagnosed with multiple sclerosis can predict their long-term prognosis, research has shown.

Parkinson's disease: 'Smartwatch' tracker monitors patients at home

25 Jul 2019

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

A smartwatch-style device that tracks patient's movements has been hailed as "the future of Parkinson's care."

Ovarian cancer drug olaparib 'can delay disease in newly diagnosed'

26 Jul 2019

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

A drug for advanced ovarian cancer has been approved for use in newly diagnosed patients in England, after a trial showed it could delay progression of the disease for three years.

Brexit: Warning over cancer treatment supplies after no deal

01 Aug 2019

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

Senior doctors have called for "urgent clarification" of plans to supply cancer treatments in the event of a no-deal Brexit, BBC Newsnight has learned.

AI may help to spot heart problems

02 Aug 2019

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

A new way of identifying a common condition that causes the heart to beat irregularly may have been discovered by artificial intelligence.

[Alzheimer's blood test 'one step closer'](#)

02 Aug 2019

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

Researchers say they can accurately identify people on track to develop Alzheimer's disease before symptoms appear, which could help the progress of drug trials.

[BTS, SIGN and NICE to produce Joint Guideline on chronic asthma as part of broader 'asthma pathway'](#)

24 Jul 2019

Source: British Thoracic Society:

The British Thoracic Society (BTS), Scottish Intercollegiate Guideline Network (SIGN) and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) will today announce that future UK-wide guidance for the diagnosis and management of chronic asthma in adults, young people and children will be produced jointly by the three organisations.

[Innovative treatment for gynaecological cancers approved for Cancer Drugs Fund](#)

26 Jul 2019

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

Olaparib, a medicine that has previously been used at a later stage in the treatment of advanced ovarian cancer, has now been approved by NICE as a first-line maintenance treatment.

[Offer daily aspirin to those with inherited genetic condition to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer](#)

02 Aug 2019

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

Aspirin taken daily for 2 years or more could reduce the risk of colorectal cancer in people with Lynch syndrome (LS), says NICE in new draft updated guidance.

Communicable diseases

[Resistant malaria spreading in South East Asia](#)

23 Jul 2019

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

Malaria parasites resistant to key drugs have spread rapidly in South East Asia, researchers from the UK and Thailand say.

[Ebola vaccine: Why is a new jab so controversial?](#)

04 Aug 2019

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

A debate is raging over proposals that a second vaccine be introduced to fight Ebola in Democratic Republic of Congo, currently in the grip of its worst outbreak.

[Meningococcal disease: guidance on public health management](#)

06 Aug 2019

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

Advice for health protection professionals on the management of meningococcal disease in the UK.

[Haji pilgrims urged to be aware of MERS-CoV advice](#)

23 Jul 2019

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

PHE is reminding Hajj pilgrims to be aware of the risk of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in the Middle East.

[World Hepatitis Day](#)

28 Jul 2019

Source: <http://www.worldhepatitisday.org/>

Every year, on 28 July, the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners mark World

Hepatitis Day. Its aim is to increase awareness and understanding of viral hepatitis and the diseases it causes.

Tuberculosis in England: annual report

01 Aug 2019

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

The latest annual reports for tuberculosis (TB) in England.

Diet & nutrition

Eating more plant-based foods 'reduces type 2 diabetes risk'

23 Jul 2019

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

"Eating more fruit and vegetables can reduce the risk of developing diabetes by almost a quarter," reports The Independent.

'Eating fish regularly' linked to lower risk of bowel cancer

24 Jul 2019

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

"Eating fish regularly slashes the risk of bowel cancer," reports The Sun.

Reducing saturated fat lowers blood cholesterol and risk of CVD

01 Aug 2019

Source: Public Health England:

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

A report published by Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition on the role of saturated fats and health concludes there's no need to change current advice.

Disability

Disabled sex: "Escorts should be a choice, not the only option"

02 Aug 2019

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

A charity says paying for sex is a choice for disabled people, but shouldn't be the only option.

Drug Misuse

Drug-related deaths & mortality in Europe

Jul 2019

Source: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction: <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu>

This publication provides an update on drug-related deaths in Europe, presenting and analysing the latest data and trends in drug-induced deaths and overall mortality among high-risk drug users in the European Union and beyond.

'Love Island effect': Warning at body image drug use increase

27 Jul 2019

Source: Local Government Association:

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

The Local Government Association, which represents councils in England and Wales who are responsible for public health, said that increasing numbers of needles being handed in at local exchange services were for image and performance enhancing drugs, or IPEDs, showing a worrying trend.

Environmental health

Essex strep A outbreak deaths rise to 13

23 Jul 2019

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

A 13th patient has died from an outbreak of the invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS) bacterium in Essex.

Drug-resistant superbug spreading in Europe's hospitals

29 Jul 2019

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

Superbugs resistant to emergency antibiotics are spreading in hospitals, a Europe-wide study shows.

Twinlakes water park visitors' illness outbreak probed

30 Jul 2019

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

Water at a theme park is being tested for harmful microorganisms after dozens of children got "severe diarrhoea and projectile vomiting".

Surgeon warns of 'life-changing' water park and diving dangers

31 Jul 2019

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

Holidaymakers should be aware of the dangers of diving into shallow water and the risks posed by water parks, a spinal surgeon has warned.

Listeria outbreak: Toll rises to six as Sussex patient dies

01 Aug 2019

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

A sixth hospital patient has died after eating pre-packaged sandwiches and salads linked to a listeria outbreak.

Heat health advice: 2019

24 Jul 2019

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

Warmer weather forecasts for parts of England have prompted advice to take care from Public Health England (PHE).

PHE issues advice to people travelling to Egypt

26 Jul 2019

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

PHE is issuing advice to people travelling to Egypt after a number of people, including children, have returned with a serious illness caused by E. coli infection.

Health promotion

Advancing our health: prevention in the 2020s – consultation document

Jul 2019

Source: Department of Health and Social Care:

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

Presented to Parliament by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Primary Care.

LGA responds to prevention green paper

23 Jul 2019

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

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Chairman of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board, responds to the publication of the Government's green paper on

prevention.

Health protection

[Vaccine update: issue 297, July 2019](#)

25 Jul 2019

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

Latest developments in vaccines, vaccination policies and procedures for immunisation practitioners.

Health services administration

[Contaminated blood inquiry: Welsh Government urged to take lead](#)

23 Jul 2019

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

A lawyer representing dozens of victims of the contaminated blood scandal has urged the Welsh Government to take the lead in helping them.

[Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Trust: Fake doctor medicated 164 patients](#)

24 Jul 2019

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

A bogus psychiatrist prescribed medication to 164 patients at one mental health trust, the BBC has found.

[Genetic testing: What secrets could it reveal about you?](#)

30 Jul 2019

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

As genome sequencing costs continue to fall and artificial intelligence gets to work on analysing all this new data, the era of personalised medicine draws closer.

[Derby junior doctors win Court of Appeal break-time test case](#)

30 Jul 2019

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

Junior doctors have won a court case against a hospital trust over rest breaks which could have far-reaching implications for the NHS.

[CBD oil: Have the benefits been overstated?](#)

01 Aug 2019

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

Sales of the cannabis extract cannabidiol (CBD) have roughly doubled over the past two years in the UK. But some are concerned that CBD products are not all they claim to be.

[Carers bullied by government, MPs say](#)

02 Aug 2019

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

Carers are being bullied by the government, a committee of MPs says.

[Millions paid out for unused Sick Children's Hospital in Edinburgh](#)

02 Aug 2019

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

A health board is paying millions of pounds to a private consortium for a hospital it cannot use.

[Boris Johnson announces £1.8bn one-off cash boost for NHS hospitals](#)

04 Aug 2019

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

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced a one-off cash boost of £1.8bn for NHS hospitals in England.

20 NHS building projects given green light

05 Aug 2019

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

Boris Johnson has given the green light to 20 new building and infrastructure projects in the NHS in England.

I gave my DNA away. Can I get it back?

04 Aug 2019

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

I recently spat in a pot and sent my saliva off in an envelope for analysis.

Managing common infections: guidance for primary care

02 Aug 2019

Source: Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk>

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

CQC publishes annual report and accounts for 2018/19

23 Jul 2019

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

Our annual report and accounts look at the progress we made in 2018/19, as well as the areas we need to concentrate on during 2019/20.

UK to innovate new life-saving treatment and diagnosis technology

23 Jul 2019

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

Diseases could be detected even before people experience symptoms, thanks to a pioneering new health-data programme as part of the Industrial Strategy.

NHS England annual assessment published

25 Jul 2019

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

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has published his annual assessment of NHS England for 2017 to 2018 and 2018 to 2019.

The King's Fund responds to the government's open consultation 'Advancing our health: prevention in the 2020s'

23 Jul 2019

Source: The King's Fund:

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

'The paper is a missed opportunity to build on the success of the sugar tax by taking a bolder approach to using tax and regulation to improve public health. Rather than seeing this as evidence of a nanny state, polling indicates that public support for these kind of interventions is stronger than politicians often assume.'

LGA responds to hospital admissions from care homes data

25 Jul 2019

Source: Local Government Association:

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

"It is vitally important that care home staff continue to be trained and supported to make the right decisions for their residents. Councils are working with local care homes providers and the NHS to ensure that this remains the case."

Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust update, July 2019

31 Jul 2019

Source: Information Commissioner's Office:

<https://ico.org.uk>

In July 2017, following reports concerning the use of Google DeepMind's Streams application at the Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust, the ICO announced that the

processing of personal data within Streams was not compliant with the Data Protection Act 1998 – the relevant data protection law at the time.

[Major areas of health are unfinished business and need urgent action from new Prime Minister, says NHS Confederation](#)

01 Aug 2019

Source: NHS Confederation:

<https://www.nhsconfed.org/>

Supporting the NHS on its decade-long journey towards an integrated health and care system, as well as delivering extra investment for new buildings and infrastructure, social care and addressing major gaps in NHS staffing, should be at the top of the new Prime Minister's priority list.

[Working with the National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care](#)

25 Jul 2019

Source: Care Quality Commission:

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

CQC and the National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care (NDG) have today published a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreement.

[LGA responds to NICE guidelines to support unpaid adult carers](#)

01 Aug 2019

Source: Local Government Association:

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

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Chairman of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board, responds to National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines aimed at improving the wellbeing of unpaid adult carers.

HIV & AIDS

[Government's vision for prevention leaves bitter taste despite commitment to new sexual health strategy](#)

23 Jul 2019

Source: Terrence Higgins Trust:

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

The Government's long-awaited Prevention Green Paper is disappointing on PrEP, but includes commitments to a sexual and reproductive health strategy and to ending HIV transmissions by 2030.

[Homophobic vandals target HIV charity's new anti-stigma campaign](#)

24 Jul 2019

Source: Terrence Higgins Trust:

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

'Can't pass it on' posters vandalised, but we're more determined than ever to get the message out.

Mental health

[Talking therapy 'should be offered before pills' for people with insomnia](#)

30 Jul 2019

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

"Insomnia sufferers can benefit from therapy," reports The Guardian.

[Parents 'missing out on new baby health visits'](#)

25 Jul 2019

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

About one in four new parents in England is not seeing a health visitor when their baby

turns one, increasing the risk of mental health problems going unnoticed, the NSPCC says.

[Dementia Dogs project under threat as funding runs out](#)

31 Jul 2019

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

A project that provides specially-trained dogs to help dementia patients is under threat unless it can secure new funding.

[How can universities get men to talk about mental health?](#)

01 Aug 2019

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

Far fewer male students than female ones have accessed university counselling and wellbeing services this year, figures suggest.

[Improving service user experience in adult mental health services](#)

31 Jul 2019

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

Kathryn Mason, Head of Hospital Inspection (mental health), discusses the work CQC is undertaking to improve the quality and safety of mental health services.

Obesity

[Hormone cocktail treatment 'could be alternative to weight-loss surgery'](#)

07 Aug 2019

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

"Miracle Flab Jab – A NEW weight-loss jab could help overweight patients shed 10lbs in just 4 weeks," is the front-page headline in The Sun.

Older people

[Lifesize 1950s figures to tour care homes](#)

26 Jul 2019

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

Lifesize knitted characters decked out in 1950s clothes are to tour care homes to spark reminiscences in the elderly.

[Ear 'tickling' therapy could 'help thwart ageing'](#)

30 Jul 2019

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

Tickling the ear with a small electric current could rebalance the nervous system in over-55s and help them age more healthily, research suggests.

Physical activity

[GP practices supported to recommend active lifestyles to patients and staff with launch of new UK-wide Active Practice Charter](#)

01 Aug 2019

Source: Royal College of General Practitioners:

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

The Royal College of GPs and Sport England have teamed up to launch the very first Active Practice Charter to inspire and celebrate GP practices that are taking steps to increase activity and reduce sedentary behaviour in their patients and staff.

Prison health

Police must offer women detainees period products under new rules

23 Jul 2019

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

Police in England and Wales must offer female detainees free sanitary products in case they are on their period while in custody, under new legislation.

Male prisoners are 3.7 times more likely to die from suicide than the public

25 Jul 2019

Source: Office for National Statistics:

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

Male prisoners in England and Wales were 3.7 times more likely to die from suicide than men in the general population and had the same risk of dying from a drug-related poisoning.

Research makes police custody more 'autism-friendly'

Jul 2019

Source: Economic and Social Research

Council: <https://esrc.ukri.org/>

Autistic individuals are estimated to be seven times more likely than the general population to come into contact with the Criminal Justice System. Research into how they are affected by police custody has led to new autism guidance for all police in the East Midlands, shaped the design of 'autism-friendly' custody cells, and changed police practice in supporting neuro-divergent individuals in custody.

Delivering guidance on the sentencing of mothers to safeguard children

Jul 2019

Source: Economic and Social Research

Council: <https://esrc.ukri.org/>

An estimated 312,000 children annually lose a parent to imprisonment in England and Wales. Research on how the sentencing of mothers affects children has changed practice for judges, magistrates and Probation Officers, who now consider how children will be affected by their parents' sentence.

Screening

UK newborn baby screening 'not good enough'

23 Jul 2019

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

UK babies are missing out on checks for rare but serious health conditions, putting lives at risk, according to a report from the charity Genetic Alliance UK.

Breast cancer screening review announced as demand grows

30 Jul 2019

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

A fundamental review of the Scottish Breast Screening Programme has been announced in the wake of growing demand for the service.

Smoking

Pledge to end smoking in England by 2030

23 Jul 2019

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

The government is pledging to end smoking in England by 2030 as part of a range of measures to tackle the causes of preventable ill health.

Who are the smokers that haven't quit?

24 Jul 2019

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

People living on a low income are disproportionately likely to smoke, for example. One in three social housing residents and one in four manual workers smokes, compared with one in 10 of those in professional or managerial jobs.

Social & economic issues

'Youth Service Guarantee' needed to protect young people from serious violence

31 July 2019

Source: UK Parliament:

<https://www.parliament.uk>

In its report on Serious youth violence the Home Affairs Committee says the rise in serious youth violence is a social emergency, and that young people have been failed in the most devastating way, losing their lives as a result.

Collective Voice responds to the Government's Prevention Green Paper

24 Jul 2019

Source: Collective Voice:

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

With complex issues such as substance use, which are driven by an array of factors including adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma, a correspondingly complex understanding of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing is essential. In the document's discussion of mental ill health these are touched on, but they are lacking from its consideration of substance use. The role of poverty and social exclusion in entrenching these issues is also not explored.

Statistics

Public health outcomes framework: August 2019 data update

06 Aug 2019

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

The Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) examines indicators that help health and care professionals and the public to understand trends in public health.

Women's health

'Waist size not BMI predicts early death risk in postmenopausal women,' study claims

25 Jul 2019

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

"Middle-aged women with waists over 35 inches have a 30% higher risk of early death," reports the Mail Online.

Diabetic women more likely to have stillborn baby, study finds

30 Jul 2019

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

Diabetic women are more than four times more likely to have a stillborn baby than those without the condition, a new study has found.

How I save babies' lives using GPS trackers

31 Jul 2019

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

In some communities in rural Kenya, pregnant women move with their cattle, which means they can't always access maternal care.

[Home births at risk as midwife service collapses](#)

31 Jul 2019

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

Hundreds of mothers-to-be have lost access to their midwives after a community service was forced to close.

[Birth rate in England and Wales hits record low](#)

01 Aug 2019

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

The birth rate in England and Wales - measured as a proportion of the total population - hit a new low in 2018, according to the Office for National Statistics.

[Period Poverty Taskforce meets for the first time](#)

23 Jul 2019

Source: Government Equalities Office:

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

The newly formed Period Poverty Taskforce met for the first time today (23rd July). Announced earlier this year, the taskforce will focus its efforts on tackling the issue of period poverty and wider stigma around menstruation in the UK.

[Latest experimental statistics about female genital mutilation published](#)

25 Jul 2019

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

New official figures published today provide experimental statistics on female genital mutilation (FGM) in England, from April 2018 to March 2019.

[Why family-friendly policies are critical to increasing breastfeeding rates worldwide – UNICEF](#)

01 Aug 2019

Source: UNICEF: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/>

From supporting healthy brain development in babies and young children, protecting infants against infection, decreasing the risk of obesity and disease, reducing healthcare costs, and protecting nursing mothers against ovarian cancer and breast cancer, the benefits of breastfeeding for children and mothers are widespread. Yet, policies that support breastfeeding – such as paid parental leave and breastfeeding breaks – are not yet available to most mothers worldwide.

Workplace health

[1 in 12 workers not getting legal holiday entitlement, warns TUC](#)

27 Jul 2019

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

New TUC analysis published today (Friday) reveals that 1 in 12 UK workers are not getting their legal holiday entitlement.

[Workforce Race Equality Standard 2018/19](#)

02 Aug 2019

Source: Care Quality Commission:

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

We are pleased to publish our Workforce Race Equality Standard (WRES) report for 2018/19.

Local news: []

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