



# Office for Health Improvement & Disparities



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Welcome to the Yorkshire and Humber Health and Wellbeing monthly update. Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter. The monthly update is our way of sharing any good and emerging practice, new developments, updates, and guidance. The update is circulated at the beginning of each month with the previous month's updates.

If we have anything that needs to be shared urgently, we will circulate as soon as possible.

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## Cost of Living

System wide News, updates, and guidance

Sign up to [this](#) newsletter to receive monthly updates

### [Citizens Advice Cost of Living Data Dashboard | Flourish.](#)

Regularly updated dashboard on the cost-of-living crisis produced by Citizens Advice

### [Money Helper Cost of Living Campaign](#)

Money Helper offers free, clear, and impartial money guidance direct to people through their digital channels, printed guides, and consumer helplines.

### [Help With Energy Bills: Information for People on Prepayment Meters](#)

The following message and link can be used to ensure that people on prepayment meters (and other forms of payment) receive their government discount:

Make sure you receive your government discount to help you pay for your energy bills. If you have a prepayment meter, you should be receiving discount vouchers from your electricity supplier. Please see [here](#) further information on the Energy Bills Support Scheme.



## Healthy Places and Sustainable Communities

Team Leads: Nicola Corrigan / Karen Horrocks

*The impact of the environmental determinants of health on our lives are far reaching. By considering how the places in which we live, work, and play impacts on our health and the inequalities that exist, we can support health improvement for our populations.*

## Healthy Places and Community Based Approaches

Lead: Karen Horrocks

### [Tranche 4 of the Active Travel Fund](#)

This government fund provides £200 million to improve walking and cycling routes and boost local economies

### [Local Government Association Local Planning Data Tool](#)

This tool provides very useful housing and planning related data at Local Authority Level.



**Research Summary: Exploring the Impact of Housing Insecurity on the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young people: A Systematic Review**

The aim of this review by the School of Health and Related Research (SCHARR) was to identify, appraise and synthesise existing research evidence exploring the relationship between housing insecurity and the health and wellbeing of children and young people. It will be of interest to practitioners and policy makers in housing, and children and families.

Use [this link](#) and click on Research Summary.

**Report: Transformations in Community Collaboration: Lessons From COVID-19 Champions Programmes Across London**

This report documents and celebrates what happened within each London borough during these unprecedented times and provides insights and resources for the development of Community Champions programmes moving forward.

**Community Ownership Fund, Round 2**

DLUHC has today announced the third application window of Round 2 for the Community Ownership Fund. The government is providing £150 million over four years to support community groups to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost. Voluntary and community groups can apply for match funding to acquire important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community. The Fund will run until 2024/25 and DLUHC intend to run 3 bidding windows each year for applicants to submit a full application to the Fund.

The deadline for applications for this funding round is 14 April 2023.

**Office for Place Established**

As part of DLUHC, The Office for Place has been established to help deliver on the recommendations from the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission.

**Biodiversity and Nature Recovery Show and Tell**

**Thursday 20 April 2023, 10.30am – 12.00pm**

In this webinar, you will hear from a range of councils about their approaches and experiences delivering biodiversity and nature recovery activities to date.

**North East and Yorkshire Thriving Communities: Social Prescribing Information Session**

**March 13th, 2023, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm**

This Information Session is being hosted by VONNE who coordinates the North East and Yorkshire Thriving Communities Network for voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCSFE) organisations, and health and care sector colleagues with an interest or



working in social prescribing. This event is for you if you have questions about social prescribing, how it works, how it is funded, and who is involved.

### [Thriving Communities Green Social Prescribing Webinar](#)

**March 21st, 2023, from 10:00am to 11:00am**

As the profile of nature-based interventions grows, and the evidence of the effectiveness of green and blue social prescribing on health and wellbeing continues to amass nationally, the Thriving Communities team are bringing together colleagues from across the North East and Yorkshire region to showcase some of the amazing work, networks, and mapping that has been taking place in our region recently and highlight how you can connect into this work moving forward

### [House of Commons Research Briefing: Health Inequalities Cold or Damp Homes](#)

Cold or damp homes can exacerbate existing health inequalities. This briefing discusses the prevalence, cause, and health impacts of cold or damp homes in the UK, with a focus on England.

### [Talking about homes: the foundation for a decent life](#)

The toolkit from Frameworks UK and The Joseph Rowntree Foundation offers practical examples to bring to life the five framing principles for explaining about homes and the housing crisis. These frames are designed to support communicators and campaigners in the housing sector and beyond. The recording of the webinar can be watched [here](#).

### [LGA Webinar: Developing a kerbside strategy](#)

This workshop on 30th March is for councillors and officers to hear from Lambeth Council about its pioneering kerbside strategy that aims to reclaim at least 25 percent of this space from vehicle parking and introduce sustainability measures to fulfil climate, social and public health ambitions.



## Prevention and Key Risk Factors

Team Lead: Scott Crosby

*Addressing the broad individual, environmental, societal, and commercial factors that influence and drive addiction and its consequences, to reduce inequalities and improve the health, safety, and well-being of our population.*

## Commercial Determinants of Health & Gambling-Related Harms

Lead: Simone Arratoonian

### Commercial Determinants of Health

'The Lancet' is hosting a webinar to launch a series on the commercial determinants of health on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, bringing together speakers from SPECTRUM Consortium, including Anna Gilmore from the University of Bath and Jenn Lacy Nichols from the University of Melbourne, Australia. The session includes discussion on the future role of the commercial sector on global health and health equity, and a live Q&A session. [Register your place for 'People, profits and health' here.](#)

### Commercial Determinants of Health – Sport

Find out more about the role and impact of sports sponsorship in this webinar hosted by Healthy Stadia in collaboration with the University of Glasgow, to be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 2pm**. Drawing heavily from a new book, authored by Robin Ireland (Honorary Research Fellow, University of Glasgow, and Director of Research, Healthy Stadia), the webinar will advocate for a more ethical approach to sponsorship and the need for governing bodies of sport to understand their role in promoting potentially harmful products to fans.

The webinar will provide a brief history of advertising and marketing in sport, and a cross-examination of the English Premier League and related marketing around alcohol, gambling, and soft drinks, with recommendations for better regulatory measures.

Speakers include Robin Ireland, Monika Kosinska (Head of Economic and Commercial Determinants, WHO), Emma Boyland (Professor of Food Marketing and Child Health, University of Liverpool) and Patrick Gasser (former Director, UEFA Football and Social Responsibility Unit). **Register your place [here.](#)**

### Gambling Harms Research – Suicide

Wardle et al (March 2023) recently published the results of a [longitudinal study](#) of 1941 young adults – the 'Emerging Adults Gambling Survey' - looking at problem level gambling and suicide attempts. The survey which was conducted over two phases (summer 2019 and a year later) examined PGSI (Problem Gambling Severity Index) scores alongside prevalence of attempted suicide, adjusting for wellbeing, anxiousness, impulsivity and perceived loneliness. Although any intervention needed to reduce harms was not in scope of



this paper, the results showed that an increase in PGSI scores over time was associated with suicide attempt at the second phase, regardless of baseline score.

## Tobacco Control: Smokefree 2030

Lead: Scott Crosby

### **ASH Announce Smokefree NHS Network**

ASH have announced the launch of our new Smokefree NHS Network. [Join here](#) for an online event on **27th March 12:30-14:00**.

The Smokefree NHS Network will support members to initiate, establish & embed high quality, well-led tobacco dependency treatment services in secondary care settings, by:

- Providing a collaborative learning environment and regular interactive meetings
- Sharing case studies
- Providing opportunities for members to share their knowledge and learning

The Smokefree NHS Network will focus on cross-cutting topics that are relevant to maternity, mental health and the acute setting, and topics of specific relevance to the acute setting. Topics that are only relevant to maternity or mental health will continue to be discussed at maternity or mental health network meetings.

### **No Smoking Day 2023**

No Smoking Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March is focusing on the increased risk of dementia caused by smoking.

The No Smoking Day communications toolkit is [here](#).

### **Vaping School Resources**

Smokefree Sheffield have developed a number of resources to support schools, colleges, parents, and carers, with support from ASH, Breathe and a number of local authorities across Yorkshire and Humber.

These were developed in response to requests for help in dealing with youth vaping. They are designed to support carers and educators, including PSHE and safeguarding leads, to have evidence-based conversations and enable children and young people to make informed decisions about smoking and vaping.

The documents are available [here](#).

The animation is available [here](#).

E-cigarettes are proven to be an effective method for adults to quit smoking and are much less harmful than smoking. Smoking remains a big killer, accounting for 15% of all deaths in



the UK in 2019 and killing up to two thirds of persistent smokers prematurely.

Uptake of smoking and vaping in young people is most common among older teenagers, although it can occur earlier. Most youth vaping is experimental and most young people who vape have already tried smoking, which is far more harmful and is highly addictive.

However, although vaping is significantly less harmful than smoking, vapes are not recommended for use by children and young people, or anyone who has never smoked, as vaping is not risk free.



## Health and Wellbeing Across the Life Course

Team Lead: Alison Iliff

*Ensuring that our children have the best start in life and are ready to start school, that our young people are supported so they enter adulthood physically and mentally resilient, ready to start work, that adults are able to secure and maintain a good job and a home, and that older adults have fulfilling, productive and connected lives.*

### Healthy Ageing

Lead: Alison Iliff

#### **Brain Health**

A Brain Health conversation session will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00-1.00pm**, with Professor Muir Grey speaking about the Live Longer Better programme and how it aims to maintain good brain health in later life. Join the meeting on this [MS Teams link](#).

#### **UKHSA Current Awareness bulletin: Healthy Ageing**

UKHSA library service publishes a monthly Healthy Ageing Current Awareness update highlighting the latest research from age-related guidance and journals. This publication, and updates for a range of other topics, can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Live Longer Better National Event**

Live Longer Better Thought Leadership National Event, **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.00-11.30**. This webinar will share learning from the Live Longer Better movement and how it aims to impact the government ambition for everyone to have five extra years of healthy, independent life by 2035 and to narrow the gap between the richest and poorest. Register to attend [here](#).



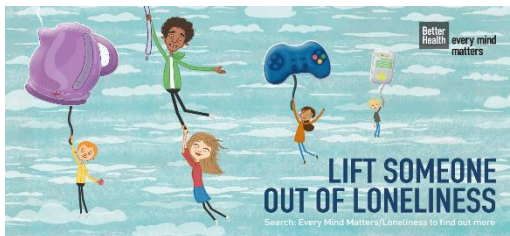
### [Ageism: What's the harm?](#)

**Ageism** affects people of all ages, but its damaging impact is often felt most strongly as people age, whether through discrimination in the workplace or being denied access to potentially life-saving healthcare. The Centre for Ageing Better's latest **report** [Ageism: What's the harm?](#) examines the impact that ageism has on our lives and on society.

## Public Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

Lead: Laura Hodgson

### **Lift Someone out of Loneliness Campaign**



Loneliness can have a huge impact on our wellbeing, but there are lots of simple actions you can take to help lift yourself or others out of loneliness. Following the success of last year's national campaign, which saw some very positive steps towards people taking action to help feelings of loneliness, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport will soon be launching their new loneliness campaign activity as part of the Better Health - Every Mind Matters campaign.

The campaign primarily aims to reach 16-34 year olds by encouraging them to 'Lift Someone Out of Loneliness', knowing that this will likely help their own feelings of loneliness. This is based on recent research that shows that people in this demographic are at higher risk of feeling lonely compared to other age groups, but less likely to seek advice and support. We will once again be pointing people towards the [Every Mind Matters loneliness webpage](#) where there is advice for ways to help yourself or others who may be feeling lonely and suggested support routes. The multi-channel campaign will **run until 13th March 2023**.

The new and updated campaign toolkit for 2023, with updated key messaging, assets and draft social media copy is now available to download on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) for you to use from 30th January. After several requests, we have also developed 'Lift someone out of loneliness' campaign posters which can also be downloaded on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). If you require further information at this stage, please contact [campaigns@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:campaigns@dcms.gov.uk).





### **Internet Safety, Suicide and Self-Harm E-Learning**

A new 30-minute online course has been launched by Health Education England, together with the Samaritans, to help anyone across the health, social care and volunteer community who provides support around suicide and self-harm learn how to have conversations around safe internet use. It has been developed with over 200 practitioners as well as people with lived experience of internet use relating to suicide and self-harm. Read more [here](#).

### **Zero Hours Contracts and Mental Health – New Report From the Mental Health Foundation**

We know that poorly paid and insecure work is linked to poor mental well-being, but there is limited research on the specific mental health effects of a zero-hours contract. The Mental Health Foundation have explored the existing research and found that among 17 relevant studies, eight found a significant link between zero-hours contracts and reporting a mental health difficulty or low well-being. Only two studies could not find any association between being on a zero-hours contract and reporting poorer mental health. Please find the full report [here](#).

### **Rollout of NHS Talking Therapies (Formerly IAPT) - Rebranding and Resources**

The rollout of the IAPT rebrand to NHS Talking Therapies began last month. Dr Adrian Whittington, National Clinical Lead for Psychological Professions, and Professor David Clark, Clinical Advisor for NHS Talking Therapies, announced the new name with a news piece on the [NHS England website](#). The name was chosen after a public consultation with close to 4,000 responses, including an online survey and a series of focus groups led by an independent research group. The rebrand roll out has now begun and will continue over the next 12 months. NHS England are supporting services to implement the changes with resources and guidance, including visual materials, key messages, and suggested copy for websites. These resources can be downloaded from the FutureNHS platform [here](#).

### **New Zealand Living Standards Framework Update and First Wellbeing Report**

National Wellbeing is how we're doing as individuals, communities and as a nation, and how sustainable that is for the future. We believe improving wellbeing is the goal of all public and civil society action, and that an evidence-informed approach based on what works should be used to inform these choices. For the first time the New Zealand Treasury has published a [Wellbeing Report](#), which uses the country's updated [Living Standards Framework](#) to assess the effects of Governmental policy on quality of life. The UK equivalent of the Living Standards Framework is the [Office for National Statistics Measuring National Wellbeing Programme](#).

What Works Wellbeing's Executive Director, Nancy Hey, outlines key updates and insights from the New Zealand report, drawing parallels with the measurement and practical use of wellbeing in policy in the UK.



### **Community Mental Health Transformation - Planning for 2023/24 Online Session**

On 7 February national NHS England colleagues hosted a Community Mental Health Transformation Planning for 23/24 webinar. The slides and recording have been uploaded to the Adult Mental Health [NHS Future Collaboration Platform](#).

### **IPS for SMI New Guidance**

Accessible via the Future NHS collaboration platform, an [infographic](#) and [new guidance](#) have been developed to outline how Individual Placement and Support (IPS) – the NHS’s supported employment service for people with severe mental illness – can aid ICSs to advance mental health care and address inequalities. This guidance has been developed in partnership with commissioners, systems, providers, researchers/experts of the IPS model, and service users. As epitomised by Debrah, an IPS service user, paid employment can be a vital part of a person’s recovery from mental health: “I feel so happy to be working after so many years of not being well. I see myself in this job for a long time. Being in work means so much to me.”

### **Loneliness in Young People: Mental Health and Loneliness in Scottish Schools**

Please see [here](#) for a blog on collaborative research which is the first to explore whether the impact of loneliness on young people's mental health is the same across different school contexts. This pioneering project is a collaboration between the What Works Centre for Wellbeing, the Campaign to End Loneliness, the University of Manchester, and Economic and Social Research Council. It is led by Dr Emily Long at the Institute of Health & Wellbeing Social Sciences at Glasgow University.

### **What Works in Early Intervention Mental Health Support for LGBTQ+ Young People? Guidance for NHS Commissioners**

The [commissioning guidance](#) that was discussed at the Queer Futures 2 webinar held in October 2022 has now been released. Please see [here](#) for the webinar recording.

### **Battle Scars Self-Harm Support**

Supporting anybody affected by self-harm, Battle Scars are a small, dedicated, 100% survivor-led and run charity offering local, regional, national as well as international support around self-harm. Please see [here](#) for more information.

### **Why People Die by Suicide and What we can do to Prevent it Webinar**

Please see [here](#) for a webinar recording by Prof Rory O’Connor from the University of Glasgow regarding why people die by suicide and what we can do to prevent it.

### **Understanding the Need and Barriers to Accessing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services for People Seeking Asylum Webinar**

This British Red Cross webinar took place on 19 January and the recording and slides are available on the [Futures platform](#).



### **Mental Health and the Cost-of-Living Crisis Report**

Please see [here](#) for a policy briefing that explains the evidence linking financial stress to mental health problems, the impact the cost-of-living crisis is likely to have on public mental health, and recommendations to prevent widespread poor mental health.

## **Sexual Health Impacts Across the Life Course**

Yorkshire and the Humber Sexual Health Facilitator: Georgina Wilkinson

### **Mpox and Sexual Health: Outreach and Engagement Fund**

Details of the successful projects are provided in this [press release](#), including two in Yorkshire & Humber.

### **Sexualities, Sexual Health, and Sex & Relationships Education Symposium - 23 June**

This half day event, *Sexualities, Sexual Health, and Sex & Relationships Education Symposium* is taking place at Sheffield Hallam University on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. The event is free. For more details, to register and/or submit an abstract, [click here](#).

### **Fingertips Sexual & Reproductive Health Profile Update**

The [SRH Profile](#) on Fingertips has been updated. The SPLASH report with the most recent data has been added – [here](#) – select the geography box to choose different LAs. In addition, a range of [reproductive health indicators](#) have been updated and a number of new indicators have been added as follows:

New indicator - Women prescribed injectable contraception at SRH services: rate per 1,000

New indicator - Women prescribed short-acting combined hormonal contraception at SRH services: rate per 1,000

New indicator - Women prescribed injectable contraception in GP practices: rate per 1,000

New indicator - Women prescribed short-acting combined hormonal contraception in GP practices: rate per 1,000

New indicator - Women prescribed progesterone only pill at SRH services: rate per 1,000

New indicator - Women prescribed progesterone only pill in GP practices: rate per 1,000



## Inclusion Health

Leads: Cathie Railton and Andy Maddison

*Inclusion health is a term used to describe people who are socially excluded, typically experience multiple overlapping risk factors for poor health, experience stigma and discrimination and often have much worse health outcomes than the general population. We are working to ensure that the health and wellbeing needs of inclusion health groups are systematically addressed across all programmes – planning, commissioning, and service delivery through a collaborative and cross-partnership approach.*

### Resources, Information and Guidance

#### **New Short Film ‘Less?’ Aims to Support NHS Staff Caring for People Experiencing Homelessness**

The new short film ‘Less?’ tells the stories of Jamesy, Jeff, Julian and Mandy and movingly documents their journeys to health after overcoming homelessness. The film aims to raise awareness among health service staff of the pressing issues of homelessness and the importance of compassionate care.

#### **The OHID Inclusion Health Analysis Team Have Launched [Spotlight](#),**

Spotlight is a public facing dashboard reporting on an initial batch of approximately 60 indicators related to the health of inclusion health groups, spanning access and utilisation of healthcare, health outcomes, and wider determinants of health. The initial release covers public-facing data obtained from government departments and academia. Further development of Spotlight will occur in an iterative manner dependent on government and stakeholder priorities and data availability.

#### **[Home is at the Heart of Inclusion Health – Here's Why | The King's Fund \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](#)**

Jackie Stevens, Associate Director of strategic work programmes, at Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICS writes about work to make home the heart of inclusion health in one integrated care system.

#### **New Report Available on [Domestic Homicide Reviews Relevant to Individuals Involved in the Sex Industry](#).**

[Beyond the Streets](#) developed this report to investigate the prevalence of involvement in the sex industry amongst publicly available domestic homicide reviews (DHRs) in England. This report explores the commonalities in the lived experiences of the people involved in the sex industry within DHRs and examines agency responses to these individuals in order to share the learning emerging from these reviews more widely.



### **COVID Tests for Homelessness Settings**

Staff, residents and service users continue to be eligible for free COVID-19 tests. Guidance on how organisations can register and order kits can be found [here](#).

### **The Centre for Homelessness Impact and The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence**

The Centre for Homelessness Impact has published a helpful manual along with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence on Integrating Health and Social Care for People Experiencing Homelessness

You can find further details and download the manual [here](#)

### **WHO Refugee and Migrant Health Toolkit**

WHO have developed a [Refugee and migrant health toolkit](#), a web-based one-stop comprehensive platform of tools and resources, to support the global, regional, and country efforts in implementing health and migration-related activities.

WHO have also released a short video showcasing the toolkit, which is available on [YouTube](#).

### **Groundswell Launched New Podcast Series Exploring the Topic of 'Recovery'**

As part of their ongoing Listen Up! lived-experience led project, Groundswell have launched their new podcast series exploring the topic of 'Recovery'. Featuring powerful stories from six Listen Up! reporters, all of whom have experience of homelessness, the podcasts explore what recovery from homelessness, addiction and trauma means as well as what hinders and helps aid recovery.

You can listen to the podcasts [here](#), and click [here](#) to find out more about the Listen Up! project and the fantastic work it is doing.

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Plus, Groundswell have also updated their resources hub with 15 brand new resources, all able to be viewed online, downloaded, or printed off, and covering a variety of health issues. Click [here](#) to visit the hub.



### [Streamlined Asylum Processing \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

The Home Office have published guidance for their staff to encourage decision-makers to take positive decisions on claims without conducting a personal interview where it is appropriate to do so. The Home Office recognises that claimants from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Libya, Syria, and Yemen are the most likely individuals to which omitting a personal interview will be appropriate. For this reason, these countries have been specified for inclusion in the streamlined asylum process.

There is a news piece regarding this - [Asylum claims for 12,000 to be considered without face-to-face interview - BBC News](#)

### **OHID Analysis of Preconception Health Among Migrant Women in England**

OHID has published an analysis of preconception indicators among women who are likely to be migrants including social factors, health behaviours and pre-existing medical conditions. The analysis can be used to inform work to improve the health of migrant women preparing for pregnancy, during pregnancy and between pregnancies. See the [gov.uk page](#) to access the resource.

### **Events**

#### **Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health 2023 Conference, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Click [here](#) to take a look and here to [register](#) for the event.

#### **Solace: Free Online Courses**

[Click here](#) to explore these two new free online courses: Understanding Refugee and Asylum Seeker Mental Health and Effective Therapeutic Support for Asylum Seekers.

#### **Challenges Faced by LGBTIQ+ Migrants and Asylum Seekers**

University College London (UCL) hosted a Policy and Practice seminar on 26<sup>th</sup> January where panellists from across UCL discussed the unique challenges that LGBTIQ+ migrants and asylum seekers face in their home countries, in the course of migration, and in receiving countries. A recording from the event is available on [YouTube](#).



### **No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Network Training Sessions**

The NRPF Network are delivering 8 training sessions to support options for people with no recourse to public funds, including Hong Kong British Nationals Overseas (BN(O))

A list of dates and registration links for all session are below. Please share it within your networks.

	Date	How to book – Eventbrite link
1	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 10am-12pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535486343067">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535486343067</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535486343067">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535486343067</a>
2	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm-4pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535498860507">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535498860507</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535498860507">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535498860507</a>
3	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm-4pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535525219347">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535525219347</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535525219347">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535525219347</a>
4	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm-4pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535526854237">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535526854237</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535526854237">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535526854237</a>
5	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm-4pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535543905237">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535543905237</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535543905237">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535543905237</a>
6	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 10am-12pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535556362497">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535556362497</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535556362497">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535556362497</a>
7	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2pm-4pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535557596187">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535557596187</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535557596187">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-support-options-for-people-with-nrpf-including-bnos-tickets-535557596187</a>
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### **Maternity Action and Legal Action Group NHS Charging Conference**

Maternity Action and Legal Action Group are holding a free, online NHS Charging Conference which will take place on Friday 3rd March from 10 am until 1 pm.

This event is free, link [here](#).



### Various

#### [‘They just vanish’: whistleblowers met by wall of complacency over missing migrant children | Immigration and asylum | The Guardian](#)

An article from The Guardian regarding missing asylum-seeking children from UK hotels:

#### [Refugee Mental Health and Place Network \(kcl.ac.uk\)](#)

This is a growing network of researchers and community organisations exploring post-migration factors and refugee mental health. If you would like to join their mailing list, please email [Guntars.Ermansons@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Guntars.Ermansons@kcl.ac.uk)

#### [Sex Workers Health: Time to Act - The Lancet Public Health](#)

An editorial on sex workers from The Lancet Public Health

#### [Home Office publishes details of £70m contract to house asylum seekers | Immigration and asylum | The Guardian](#)

#### [Doctors of the World \(DOTW\) Recruiting for Policy and Advocacy Manager – Participation Lead](#)

Doctors of the World (DOTW) are recruiting for a [Policy and Advocacy Manager – Participation Lead](#) role to work with people with lived experience of migration and / or healthcare exclusion and to shape DOTW as an organisation and to influence external decision-makers. Closing date is 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023



## Data, Documents, Letters, Reports and General Information

#### [Diphtheria: Cases Among Asylum Seekers in England, 2022 and 2023](#)

An increase in cases of toxigenic *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* has been identified among asylum seekers arriving into England in 2022 and 2023.

From: [UK Health Security Agency](#)

Published: 28 November 2022

Last updated: 14 February 2023 — [See all updates](#)





### [Diphtheria: Public Health Control and Management in England](#)

Guidelines on the control of diphtheria in England including investigation and management of cases and close contacts.

From: [UK Health Security Agency](#)

Published: 30 April 2014

Last updated: 15 February 2023 — [See all updates](#)

### [Radiation Workers and Their Health: National Study](#)

The national registry for radiation workers (NRRW) is a long-term follow-up study of the health of radiation workers in the UK.

From: [UK Health Security Agency](#)

Published: 1 July 2013

Last updated: 16 February 2023 — [See all updates](#)

### [Weekly All-Cause Mortality Surveillance: 2022 to 2023](#)

How the actual number of deaths in England compare to expected numbers for each week.

From: [UK Health Security Agency](#)

Published: 14 July 2022

Last updated: 23 February 2023 — [See all updates](#)

### [New Report: Mental Health Foundation](#)

[This report from the Mental Health Foundation](#) focuses on mental health and the cost-of-living crisis, showing that 12 per cent of people are exercising less often, and 30 per cent of adults in the UK have poorer quality sleep.

### [Disability Research Project Aims to Transform Access and Inclusion in Museums](#)

A [research project has been launched exploring how access and inclusion can be transformed](#) by putting disability at the center of museum practice. The £1 million [Sensational Museum](#) project, which will acknowledge the diversity and difference of all visitors, begins in April and will run until July 2025. It will focus on two key areas: how museums manage the objects in their collections and how the stories behind these objects are communicated to the public.



### **National Academy of Social Prescribing: Social Prescribing Day: 9 March 2023**

[Social Prescribing Day](#) will be a celebration of social prescribing, demonstrating the amazing impact it can have on people's health and wellbeing.

### **Childhood Vaccines Parental Attitudes Survey 2022**

We recently commissioned an [online survey to find out what parents think about vaccination](#). We commissioned the commercial parenting organisation, Bounty, to send an invitation email and survey link to parents registered with their organisation who had children aged between 2 months and under 5 years.

The findings show that parents had a high level of confidence in the vaccine programme:

95% agree vaccines work

91% think vaccines are safe

90% agree they trust vaccines

Read the [full report](#) along with a downloadable [slide set](#) and [infographics](#) of the survey findings are available to download.

### **Norovirus**

Laboratory testing shows a sharp increase in reports of confirmed cases of norovirus – the most common infectious cause of vomiting and diarrhoea.

National surveillance data shows laboratory reports of the virus are significantly higher than the average at this time of year and the highest we have seen at this time of year in over a decade. Most reported cases are in the over 65s and there has also been a rise in reported outbreaks, particularly in care home settings. We are reminding health and social care settings of the [existing guidance on managing norovirus outbreaks to help stop the spread of infection](#).

For more information on Norovirus, [read our blog](#). You can also download and use our social media assets with helpful guidance on reducing norovirus transmission below:

[Graphic 1](#)

[Graphic 2](#)

[Suggested post copy and alternate image text](#)



### **JCVI Advises an Autumn COVID-19 Vaccine Booster**

In its interim advice to government on the [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination programme](#) for 2023, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that plans should be made for those at higher risk of severe COVID-19 to be offered a booster vaccination this autumn (2023).

The JCVI also advised that for a smaller group of people, such as those who are older and those who are immunosuppressed, an extra booster vaccine dose in the spring should also be planned for. Advice regarding the spring 2023 COVID-19 programme will be provided shortly.

Read more in our [news story](#).

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