

# Minding the Gap

Improving Health & Reducing Inequalities



## Yorkshire and the Humber Health and Wellbeing Monthly Update

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Welcome to the Yorkshire and the Humber Health and Wellbeing Monthly Update. This update is our way of sharing any good and emerging practice, new developments, updates and guidance. The update forms part of the Minding the Gap newsletter.

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Our newsletter is structured around four overarching themes:

- populations
- determinants of health and risk factors
- priority conditions and equitable services and
- workforce development.

## POPULATIONS

Improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for children & young people

Regional Lead: Gemma Mann (CYP)

### National Childhood Measurement Programme

Analysis of National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) data for children aged 4 years by sex, rural or urban classification, deprivation and ethnic group, academic year 2021 to 2022. [Analysis of NCMP data using WHO growth standards: 2021 to 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114444/analysis-of-ncmp-data-using-who-growth-standards-2021-to-2022.pdf)

Ad hoc analysis of child (aged 10 to 11 years) height by deprivation and ethnic group, calculated from the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). [Height by deprivation decile in children aged 10 to 11: April 2023 update - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/height-by-deprivation-decile-in-children-aged-10-to-11-april-2023-update)

A report that presents analysis of the changes in the prevalence of child obesity between 2019 to 2020 and 2021 to 2022. [National child measurement programme \(NCMP\): changes in the prevalence of child obesity between 2019 to 2020 and 2021 to 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-child-measurement-programme-ncmp-changes-in-the-prevalence-of-child-obesity-between-2019-to-2020-and-2021-to-2022)

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**Promoting healthy ageing across the lifecourse**  
**Regional Lead: Ali Iliff**

**Gender pensions gap in private pensions:** a new statistical release has defined, measured and contextualised the gender pensions gap across Great Britain. The most recent data (2018-2020) indicates a gender pensions gap of 35% and for employees eligible for auto-enrolment, a gender pensions gap of 32%. [The Gender Pensions Gap in Private Pensions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-gender-pensions-gap-in-private-pensions)

The **DWP's Pension Credit toolkit** (for anyone working with older adults with guidance and information to support those applying for Pension Credit) has been updated and can be accessed here: Pension Credit toolkit - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-toolkit)).

The **Good Practice Mentor (GPM) programme** is a project that brings together legacy, learning and resources from Ageing Better, a seven-year Test & Learn project that worked to reduce social isolation and loneliness in people aged over 50, and engaged more than 150,000 people in over 366 projects. Since March 2022 Good Practice Mentors have been sharing the learning, resources and skills needed to provide a collaborative local response to social isolation and loneliness among older people, as well as working on a national level, to address challenges faced by many larger organisations striving to reach, connect and empower older people in the community.

This new funding allows this work to continue with a small team of Good Practice Mentors from across the UK. The GPM team includes: South Yorkshire Housing Association; Age UK Camden; Leeds Older People's Forum; and Torbay Community Development Trust. Each partner brings a unique set of learning and skills to the project; together we offer a wide range of free training, bespoke support for your organisation and toolkits and resources to help you on your journey to reducing loneliness and isolation. For more information or an informal chat please contact [GPM@syha.co.uk](mailto:GPM@syha.co.uk)

**SCIE Co-production Week webinar: Tuesday 4 July. 11.30am**

Each year during Co-production Week SCIE host a discussion on co-production. This year's theme is 'Co-production in the real world'. What's going on around the country that's seeing real changes when it comes to putting citizens in the driving seat about the decisions made about them and their lives? During the webinar we'll be going

through the results of our big co-production survey – and taking your questions. Further details and registration details can be found here: [Webinar: Let's get real about co-production. The Co-production Week 2023 webinar | SCIE](#)

### **Local Government Capacity Centre summer learning programme: Why planning for later life is important**

Explore the importance of better planning for later living, understanding demand and how local government can respond to the challenge. With case studies and research supporting the evolution of different models for later living.

**Wednesday, 19 July 2023 - 2 to 3:30pm**

[Read more and book your place](#)

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### **Improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for inclusion health groups Regional Lead: Cathie Railton**

**BASHH has published its Clinical Standards for the Sexual Health Management of People involved in Sex Work –** [BASHH Clinical Standards for the Sexual Health Management of People Involved in Sex Work | British Association for Sexual Health and HIV](#)

**Modern Slavery Impact report:** The Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre (Modern Slavery PEC) have produced an [impact report](#), setting out what the Centre has done and achieved since it was set up in 2019 until the end of 2022. This covers impact on policy, laws and practice, research, building partnerships and survivor inclusion.

**Leaflet to support Afghans to find a settled home:** The Home Office have produced [a leaflet for Afghans to find a settled home](#). This relates to those who have come to the UK through ARAP or ACRS and eligible British Nationals who are temporarily staying in hotels or serviced accommodation. The leaflet has also been made available in Pashto and Dari.

**The Vita Network have launched their SafeCARE Toolkit**, a resource for NHS healthcare professionals to advocate for the provision of equal and SafeCARE for all patients, regardless of immigration status, within their clinical workplaces. Click [here](#) to access the toolkit.

**UKHSA have published a new [Adverse Weather and Health Plan](#)**, which brings together and builds on the Cold Weather Plan for England and the Heatwave Plan for England. Alongside it, they published specific guidance to assist professionals in protecting vulnerable people from the health impacts of severe heat in England. One of the resources is focused on people who are homeless or sleep rough, which you can read more about here: [Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: people homeless and sleeping rough](#).

**Groundswell video for GPs on multiple disadvantage:** Groundswell have produced a [short video on top tips for GPs on how to support people with multiple disadvantage](#).

**E-learning module to support the care of people experiencing homelessness:**

Pathway has collaborated with its Homeless Health Consortium partners Groundswell and Homeless Link, Change Communication, and in association with the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, to develop and launch a [free E-Learning module](#) to help A&E staff to make some simple changes that can improve care for people experiencing homelessness. It has also been produced to tie-in with the NHSE Urgent and Emergency Care Toolkit '[Supporting people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping](#)'. You can also read this [blog](#) by Sam Dorney-Smith, Pathway Nursing Practice Lead and course author, talking about the importance of this course in developing Inclusion Health care in emergency departments.

**New Economic and Financial Exclusion Briefing:** Gypsies and Travellers in England experience economic and financial exclusion, from being restricted from loans and bank accounts to poor employment opportunities. This report from Friends, Families & Travellers outlines the barriers faced and how to bring about change. [Read](#).

**Save the date – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for the Yorkshire Integration Festival:**

Following the phenomenal success of last year's event, the Yorkshire Integration Festival 2023 is heading to the Peace Gardens and Winter Garden in Sheffield on Saturday 30th September 2023. This family-friendly event will celebrate the integration of refugees, and all our communities in Yorkshire and Humber, through music, food, performances and other activities - further details about the programme will be released in the coming months. The Festival will be open to the public and admission will be free so we'd be grateful if you could share this information with your networks.

Migration Yorkshire are also now accepting expressions of interest from performers, migrant community groups and local small businesses to be involved with the event and are particularly keen to hear from those with a refugee background. If you, or anyone in your networks, would like to be involved, please email [events@migrationyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:events@migrationyorkshire.org.uk) by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 with the details.

**YH workshops to support Autumn/Winter vaccination programme for 2023/24:** aimed at those who come into contact with low vaccine and screening uptake populations such as inclusion health groups. Dates available are from the 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. More information available [here](#).

**The Lancet have published an article on decriminalisation of sex work and impacts on health:** [Protecting the health of sex workers in the EU - The Lancet](#)

**Factsheets for proposed new accommodation sites for asylum seekers:** [Asylum accommodation factsheets - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**Letter from Minister Jenrick about amendments to the Illegal Migration Bill:** [Minister of State for Immigration, Robert Jenrick has written to Stephen Kinnock MP setting out the government amendments to the Illegal Migration Bill tabled for report stage in the House of Commons](#)

**Change in licensing for HMOs accommodating asylum seekers:** The government is seeking to temporarily exempt asylum accommodation from House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licensing requirements in order to speed up provision of dispersed accommodation. Read the response from the [LGA](#) and the [Guardian](#).

**The NHSE Yorkshire and the Humber Mental Health Clinical Network has teamed up with SOLACE** to support refugees and asylum seeker access to mental health services in the region, by equipping clinicians with awareness and skills to support the refugee and asylum seeker community. If you would like further details please contact: [heather.stonebank@nhs.net](mailto:heather.stonebank@nhs.net)

### **[Faculty of Public Health Statement on the Conflict in the Sudan - FPH](#)**

**Migration Yorkshire has a new [briefing on the Illegal Migration Bill](#)** which is published on their website. They are able to come speak to partners and their teams directly about the Bill should anyone want a more detailed discussion on the proposals and the potential impacts. Please contact Stefan Robert [stefan.robert@migrationyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:stefan.robert@migrationyorkshire.org.uk) for further information.

**North West Health Needs Assessment for Ukrainian Refugees:** This was completed between January and March 2023 and aims to recognise needs and to recommend potential activities which may improve the health of Ukrainian refugees in the North West. Whilst it is focused on the North West, many of the issues and recommendations are useful to other regions too. If you would like to see the report please contact [cathie.railton@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:cathie.railton@dhsc.gov.uk).

**Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month:** To celebrate, [Leeds Gate](#) are hosting heritage sessions, arts and sports activities and family picnics across West Yorkshire as well as a touring performance of [Queenie And The Pooka](#) taking place in four libraries across Leeds. [Click here for more information.](#)

**National survey highlights racism Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people face.** Led by the [Centre on the Dynamics of Diversity](#), and supported by [Friends, Families and Travellers](#), the EVENS survey revealed that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people experience some of the highest levels of racial abuse and socio-economic deprivation across health, employment and education. Find out more [here](#).

**NHS Confederation blog on Inclusion Health: In advance of the [NHS Confed Expo](#)** in June, Dr Ines Campos-Matos, Deputy Director for Inclusion Health in OHID produced a [blog](#) for the NHS Confederation. It sets out the importance of integrating services to improve experiences for people in inclusion health groups and for the health and care system as a whole.

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# DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH & RISK FACTORS

**Creating and developing healthy and sustainable places and communities**  
**Regional Lead: Karen Horrocks**

## [Active Travel Research Showcase](#)

Researchers from the Active Travel Academy were in **central Birmingham (a venue near New St station) on Wednesday 21st June** to share findings from the wide range of work they have been doing. A unique opportunity for practitioners and fellow researchers to engage with the latest research from the Active Travel Academy at the University of Westminster and to discuss the most pressing questions for future research.

## [May 2023 – update on government’s work to improve the quality of social housing](#)

This is an update on the programme of reform to improve the quality of social housing, including "Awaab's Law" which will introduce specific time limits for landlords to investigate and repair hazards. Every month, progress will be shared on these pages.

## [Four Million Homes- Guidance and Training on social housing residents' rights](#)

This new website has free webinars, guidance and training events for social housing tenants and the people who work with them.

## **Overcrowding in England**

This [briefing from the National Housing Federation](#) presents survey data and explores the impact overcrowding has on a family’s physical and mental health, wellbeing, daily lives and relationships.

## [Renters reform bill introduced to parliament](#)

This bill introduces some significant potential changes in relation to the private rented sector, including a new housing ombudsman and a national property portal, an end to Section 21 “no fault” evictions plus other changes to notice periods and processes for eviction, the introduction of the decent homes standard to the private rented sector, and changes to enforcement in Local Authorities. There are a number of [guides](#) that provide more information.

## [Ask about Asthma Week and Event](#)

For 2023, the #AskAboutAsthma campaign will run from 11 – 17 September and includes a virtual one-day conference. This year’s theme is “Widening our view”. They will be shining a light on the wider factors of children and young people’s asthma care including housing, mould and vaping. “Widening our view” also helps to raise the profile of asthma; reaching out to everyone who has asthma, their friends, families and the whole system that cares for them.

## [Health Foundation Housing Resource](#)

This interactive resource provides a good summary of the key issues linking health to housing, including downloadable charts and data, and policy suggestions. It is a good resource for anyone learning about health and housing and for looking good evidence-based summaries for their own work.

## **Adverse Weather Plan**

Adverse weather matters for our health. There is a strong evidence base showing us that periods of very hot or cold weather or flooding present a wide range of direct and indirect health risks. [Come rain or shine, adverse weather matters for our health - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#) This blog explains the direct and indirect health impacts of very hot and very cold weather in a simple and accessible way. It also introduces the new national [Adverse Health and Weather Plan](#) and the [Evidence Review](#), which is particularly useful for evidence around the health impacts of hot and cold weather. The [hot weather guidance and advice](#) includes useful action cards and advice.

## **[Homes England Summer Learning Programme](#)**

Homes England has set up a summer learning programme to support authorities and partners and help develop high-quality homes and communities. Themes include inclusive design, placemaking, green infrastructure and planning for later life.

## **Low Carbon Advertising Policies**

This recent [report from 'Badvertising'](#) shares progress made by local councils taking action to restrict advertising related to products linked to environmental damage. Legal advice is shared to support councils in their efforts, demonstrating that they are 'within rights to introduce low carbon advertising policies in line with anti-pollution goals', deeming this 'rational and proportionate' with low risk of successful legal challenge. For those looking to develop similar approaches, an example of a helpful [policy from Cambridgeshire County Council](#) is offered, as well as a toolkit to develop [Low Carbon Advertising Policies](#).

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## **Achieving our Smokefree 2030 ambition Regional Lead: Scott Crosby**

### **Chief Medical Officer for England on vaping**

Professor Sir Chris Whitty writes for The Times that marketing vapes to children is unacceptable - they should only have a role in helping smokers quit. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/chief-medical-officer-for-england-on-vaping>

### **Prevention at scale through ICSs: lessons from tobacco control**

The independent review of integrated care systems (ICSs) led by Patricia Hewitt, published earlier this month, reinforces the crucial role that ICSs have to play in prevention of ill health. But while there is widespread agreement that this is important, what has sometimes been less clear is exactly what that role should look like, and how it is distinct from the role of local authority public health teams. It's a key question as ICS leaders grapple with the wider issue of what should happen at system, place and neighbourhood level. Recent examples from tobacco control highlight how ICSs can complement and reinforce work at other levels and help deliver potentially significant population health benefits by doing so. [Prevention at scale through ICSs: lessons from tobacco control | The King's Fund \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](#)

## **The Time for Action on Prevention is now**

Professor Stephen Eames CBE Chief Executive Officer for the Humber and North Yorkshire urges action on prevention: [The time for action on prevention is now | NHS Confederation](#)

## **NHSE has published Version 3 of the Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle**

*Element 1: Reducing smoking during pregnancy* has been updated to include the full Long Term Plan tobacco treatment pathway in addition to CO testing and opt-out referral. The full list of interventions is pasted below. View the [Smoking in Pregnancy Challenge Group](#) website for information and resources to help you support pregnant women to quit smoking. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/saving-babies-lives-version-three/>

## **Updated guidance for government engagement with the tobacco industry**

The UK government published [Guidance for government engagement with the tobacco industry](#). This document sets out how the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) limits interactions with the tobacco industry, in line with the requirements of article 5.3 of the World Health Organization (WHO) [Framework Convention on Tobacco Control](#) (FCTC) and in accordance with the [WHO Guidelines for implementation of article 5.3](#).

Also, since DHSC is the custodian of the WHO FCTC for the UK government, this guidance is provided to all UK government officials to ensure that they understand what action they should take to adhere to article 5.3. The guidance *“should be read and followed by all UK government officials who interact with either the tobacco industry or people who have affiliations with the tobacco industry.”* The guidance spells out that Article 1 of the FCTC defines the tobacco industry as “tobacco manufacturers, wholesale distributors and importers of tobacco products” and goes on to say that this includes, but is not limited to:

- organisations or individuals with commercial or vested interests in the tobacco industry
- those that receive funding from the tobacco industry
- those that work to further the interests of the tobacco industry, including organisations with directors from the tobacco industry
- tobacco growers
- associations or other entities representing any of the above
- industry lobbyists.

This guidance also makes reference to the WHO FCTC Article 5.3 guidelines saying that: *‘All parties to the FCTC, including the UK, agreed the text of the guidelines through consensus and that they should be implemented by all relevant branches of government. The agreed position is set out in the introduction to the guidelines and states: “The guidelines are applicable to government officials, representatives and employees of any national, state, municipal, local or other public or semi/quasi-public institution or body within the jurisdiction of a Party, and to any person acting on their behalf. Any government branch (executive, legislative and judiciary) responsible for setting and implementing tobacco control policies and for protecting those policies against tobacco industry interests should be accountable.”*



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## Reducing Gambling Related Harm Regional Lead: Simone Arratoonian

### **Gambling-Related Harms: Treatment Data Dashboard**

A Power BI dashboard displaying data for gambling treatment is available to colleagues from local authorities working in Y&H. This dashboard access is limited as a proof of concept and due to caveats about quality of this data, we are restricting its use initially to x2 verified gambling leads per local authority. The Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service (LKIS NEY) will seek feedback from users as part of this, so if you have access, please be prepared to offer your input. If the dashboard proves to be useful, a prioritisation process will be completed to assess whether ongoing resource can be provided to support its use in future. If you have not sought access for your local authority yet and still require this, please contact [simone.arratoonian@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:simone.arratoonian@dhsc.gov.uk) in the first instance.

### **Gambling-Related Harms: Gambling Market Data**

The Gambling Commission recently released [market impact data](#) for the period March 2020 to March 2023 inclusive, incorporating online and land-based venue data. Comparing Quarter 4 of this year with 2022, the data shows increase across the board: in Gross Gambling Yield of 5% to £1.3 billion, a 9% increase in total bets and/or spins and an 11% increase in active accounts. There has been an increase in profit from slot machines (2% to £552m) with a 15% increase in monthly active accounts. Worryingly, online slot sessions in excess of 1 hour increased by 10% to 8.8million.

### **Enforcement**

During May, the Gambling Commission took action against two operators: PPB Counterparty Services Ltd – trading as Paddy Power and Betfair – send promotional push notifications to customers who had self-excluded including those who had linked to GAMSTOP. The company received a £490,000 fine. Skill On Net Limited were fined a total of £305,150 for failures in social responsibility and money laundering, with insufficient policies and controls in place to avoid risk, resulting in multiple breaches including risk of harm to customers. The company demonstrated an extended period of non-compliance even after special measures were introduced.

### **Online Game Design**

In October 2021, the Gambling Commission introduced new rules relating to online slots, banning features which speed up play or give the illusion of control over the outcome, slot spin speeds faster than 2.5 seconds, autoplay (leading to losing track of play) and sounds/imagery which portray a win when the return is equal to or below the stake placed. Additional measures required display of total wins and losses during a session, and a ban on 'reverse withdrawals'. The [assessment of these measures](#) was recently concluded, and no additional adverse consequence have been noted in response. The report describes some evidence of reduced play intensity, no compensatory increase in staking activity, and no impact on enjoyment (in fact, the reverse).

In terms of play, although sessions over 1 hour decreased as a proportion of total sessions played (from 7.8% to 6.9%), the actual number of sessions this length

increased due to the greater number of slot sessions played (popularity - up from 32.6m sessions to 39.2m over a 6-month period). Impact on losses to players is also marginal, with players losing >£1000 per month reduced from 1.9% to 1.7%, and those losing >£200 reduced by 0.3% to 10% in the 6 months following the changes. Thus, although the data shows an overall reduction in spins at and no additional adverse impact on customers, it is unclear how much this will reduce harm over the longer term without additional protections. The report does however demonstrate that introducing such features does *not* result in customers moving to unregulated and unlicensed products or increase simultaneous play on other tabs – as is often cited by those opposed to regulatory measures.

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## **Taking a whole systems approach to healthy weight** **Regional Lead: Nicola Corrigan**

### **[Restricting promotions of products high in fat, sugar or salt by location and by volume price: implementation guidance](#)**

This guidance document has been developed to: help illustrate how the provisions of the [Food \(Promotion and Placement\) \(England\) Regulations 2021](#) (the regulations) work and to provide assistance to those affected by the regulations in understanding and applying them.

### **Obesity Health Alliance Manifesto**

The Obesity Health Alliance calls on all political parties to commit to taking bold, effective action to address the high levels of diet-related ill health in the UK and the effect this is having on our economy and society. [OHA-Manifesto-23.05.23.pdf \(obesityhealthalliance.org.uk\)](#)

### **The Genetics of Obesity**

This event will focus on the useful and actionable implications of the genetic influence on common obesity and the substantial heritability of variation in body weight. We will hear from experts in genetics/biology of obesity, as well as a patient representative who will share her experience of living with obesity and her views on how it would have affected both her perceptions and care if she had understood the biology and genetics of obesity. [Webinar: ASO Webinar - The Genetics of Obesity: Practical Implications for clinical practice and research by Red Hot Irons Ltd](#)

### **[Obesity Profile update: May 2023](#)**

In this update to the Obesity Profile the following indicators have been revised and updated: percentage of adults (aged 18+) classified as overweight or obese; percentage of adults (aged 18+) classified as obese.

Data is presented at upper and lower tier local authority, region and England for the years 2015 to 2022. England level data on inequalities is also included for these indicators, displaying data by index of multiple deprivation decile, ethnic group, working status, disability, level of education, socioeconomic class, age and sex.

### **Healthier Choices Campaigns**

Helping and supporting families to make healthier choices by moving more and eating well. Marketing materials include the Children's Healthier Eating Toolkit, Food Scanner

App posters, NCMP posters and leaflets, social media toolkits and digital assets. [Campaign Resource Centre](#)

### **Healthy Steps Step This Way**

Sign up for Healthy Steps Step this way online programme. Healthy Steps, an eight-week email programme to support families to make healthier choices, including easy tips, budget-friendly recipes, family challenges and more [Healthy Steps - Step this way.](#)

### **E-learning for Adult Obesity**

This is a bite-sized session to give health and care professionals an overview of adult obesity - including key evidence, data and signposting to trusted resources to help prevent illness, protect health and promote wellbeing. [HEE elfh Hub \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#)

### **Food Active**

Food Active is a healthier weight programme of work delivered by the Health Equalities Group, advocating for action to promote healthier weight, regionally and nationally. [Food Active Bulletin: May 2023](#)

### **YORA Newsletter**

The monthly YORA newsletter is back! In each newsletter we will succinctly update you at the start of each month on relevant upcoming events and funding opportunities, and the activities of the 4 themes. [YORA Newsletter 2023 \(parc-hub.co.uk\)](#)

### **[FixOurFood Spring Newsletter 2023](#)**

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. We are rapidly approaching the half way mark in the five-year FixOurFood programme and all the research teams are very busy! We have captured some of the activity here, but don't forget to visit our website – we will be uploading regular updates and blogs. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to those who may be interested and encourage them to subscribe to receive future bulletins. If you have any queries about the programme, please email us: [fixourfood@york.ac.uk](mailto:fixourfood@york.ac.uk).

### **[A Red Card For Junk Food | Bite Back 2030](#)**

In 2022, Bite Back commissioned a piece of qualitative research to help bring to life just some of the ways in which food and drink companies are targeting young people through sports marketing. Through the eyes of young sports fans they set out to find out how food and drink brands associate their products with sports, and which are most associated with football - the nation's most popular sport.

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**Reducing inequalities through action on drugs and alcohol**  
**Regional Lead: Andy Maddison**

### **Commercial Determinants – Alcohol Marketing to Sexual and Gender Minorities**

If you missed the excellent webinar last month from the Institute of Alcohol Studies, you can [catch up here](#) and share onwards. Dr David Whiteley from Glasgow Caledonian University presents a scoping review, examining how alcohol companies target gender and sexually diverse minorities, and their related risks of harm from

alcohol, before exploring the regulatory context. You can also find the related briefing from IAS here: [LGBTQ+ People and Alcohol](#) . The IAS website has a [dedicated section](#) where you can explore by topic your area of interest – looking at themes including availability, marketing and health, as well as facts about the alcohol industry.

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**Promoting physical activity**  
**Regional Lead: Nicola Corrigan**

**Major Conditions Strategy and Physical Activity**

Co-created as a communication by Sport England, The Richmond Group of Charities, Active Partnerships National Team, ukactive and NHS Horizons is to make you aware of the [Major Conditions Strategy Call for Evidence](#) which is being developed by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). As a collective, we want to encourage submissions that articulate **Why Physical Activity** must be an integral part of the Major Conditions Strategy and give the consultation team examples of the ways this could happen. Link [here](#).

**Yorkshire Sports Foundation have updated their Strategy and Vision:**

[YSF-OUR-STRATEGY-2022-AND-BEYOND.pdf \(yorkshiresport.org\)](#)

**[YOHPAKE lunch and learn 31st May 2023 - YouTube](#)**

This YoHPAKE Lunch and Learn session focuses on how the Mixed Ability model interacts with health and social care and explores the impacts of IMAS' placements and training on health and care professionals as well as the IMAS Trainers.

**[Effectiveness of dance interventions on falls prevention](#)**

This report presents independent research funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Policy Research Unit in Older People and Frailty.

**[Guidance to help make leisure facilities safer for women and girls | Sport England](#)**

This Girl Can has teamed up with Ukactive to produce guidance for leisure facilities on how to make women and girls feel safer while getting active.

**[Women should be involved in park design to combat safety fears, says study - BBC News](#)**

Research by the University of Leeds suggested four out of five women felt vulnerable in parks after dark. The study, commissioned by West Yorkshire mayor Tracy Brabin, called for better lighting, lower hedges and "escape routes" in green spaces.

**[Uniting the Movement impact report published | Sport England](#)**

The update explains what Sport England have achieved over the last year and highlights the impact of working with their partners in the physical activity sector.

## [CoP presentation May 2023 - Active Hospitals Collaborative Forum - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)

Slides from the Active Hospitals Community of Practice event on 18th of May 2023. Main themes were sustainability and finding out what CoP members needed to support them going forward.

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### **Tackling racism, discrimination and their outcomes**

**Regional Lead: Abi Brown**

The [O'Neill–Lancet Commission on Racism, Structural Discrimination, and Global Health](#) puts forward racism as *'one of the most consequential transnational phenomena to impact the health and lives of afflicted communities globally'*.

The Commission aims to explore the impact of discrimination across structural determinants of health at intranational, international, and supranational levels.

The objectives of the Commission can be found [here](#).

In addition, the [Lancet Series on racism, xenophobia, discrimination and health](#) has joined to characterise pathways of discrimination in health systems and other structures.

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### **Creating fair employment and good work for all**

**Regional Lead: Nicola Corrigan**

## [Supporting people with mental health problems back into work, 28 February 2023 | Local Government Association](#)

Presentations from this event hosted by the LGA

## [Equality, diversity and inclusion in the Workplace | Factsheets | CIPD](#)

This factsheet explores what workplace equality inclusion and diversity (EDI) means, and how an effective strategy is essential to an organisation's business objectives. It looks at the rationale for action and outlines steps organisations can take to implement and manage a successful EDI strategy, from recruitment, selection, retention, communication and training to addressing workplace behaviour and evaluating progress.

## [Views and insights | CIPD](#)

Explore the CIPD's collected perspective on the key issues impacting work, including recommendations, supporting evidence and links to resources for policymakers and employers.

### **[Musculoskeletal health: local profiles - OHID \(phe.org.uk\)](#)**

Musculoskeletal conditions are the leading cause of pain and disability in England and account for one of the highest causes of sickness absence and productivity loss. The aim of this tool is to provide meaningful data, on a single platform, to enable the commissioning of high value musculoskeletal services.

### **[NEY Good Work Community of Practice - NEY Anchor Organisations Network - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)**

The purpose of the CoP is to provide peer support and practical mechanisms for health and non-health organisations to create good work opportunities, provide equality of opportunity and maximise scope for local people to secure good jobs. This platform provides an opportunity to share examples of what is happening in local areas, identify strengths and opportunities in relation to 'good work' and strengthen partnerships with organisations that support good and inclusive employment practices/employee wellbeing.

### **[Improving workplace health in your locality - what would good look like?](#)**

This exclusive webinar is for public health professionals who wish to understand worklessness due to ill health; the Government's response (e.g. Occupational Health incentives, revising fit note sign off); how Public Health teams can approach the issue locally (e.g. link with DWP, work coaches and Job Centre plus teams, put in place an award process, learn from the West Midlands Mental health productivity pilot etc) and opportunities (e.g. fit note review).

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## **Ensuring a healthy standard of living for all**

**Regional Lead: Toni Williams & Karen Horrocks**

### **Online Session with OHID Y&H: Yorkshire Water Financial Support 3rd July, 1pm-2pm**

You are invited to attend a free online session with a member of Yorkshire Water's Community Support Team who will share information about Yorkshire Water's Support schemes and who qualifies. It will be useful to community champions, community workers and people working face to face with communities. It should also be of interest to anyone working on cost-of-living issues. To book a place please email [Karen.horrocks@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.horrocks@dhsc.gov.uk)

### **[Government encourages prepayment meter customers to redeem vouchers – reminder](#)**

The government is encouraging households on traditional prepayment meters to redeem their energy bill support vouchers, with £160 million remaining to be claimed. The vouchers allow eligible customers to access discounts of up to £400 on their energy costs, which direct debit customers will have automatically received this winter. The scheme will remain open until 30 June and customers can redeem the vouchers at their local Post Office or PayPoint.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has produced factsheets [for advisors](#) and [for consumers](#) on a traditional prepayment meter to help applicants

receive the government discount vouchers. Councils are encouraged to share this information as appropriate.

### [Shopping prices comparison tool - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

The shopping prices comparison tool has been built to help people understand why their household might have experienced inflation. This interactive shows how the average price of different items has changed in the last year by using the [published item level indices and price information we collect monthly](#).

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## PRIORITY CONDITIONS AND EQUITABLE SERVICES

### Promoting public mental health and wellbeing

Regional Lead: Ali Iliff

#### **National Mental Health Programme Demand Signalling**

The Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) Programme is accepting stage one applications to this funding opportunity. NHS England Demand Signalling aims to identify, prioritise and outline the most important research questions and innovation challenges that need addressing to deliver the NHS Long Term Plan.

For this call, research proposals should address one or more of these Mental Health Demand Signalling research priorities (see commissioning brief for full details):

- Mental health inequalities
- Workforce
- Digital technology for mental health
- Challenges utilising outcome data.

Stage one deadline: 1pm on 20th September 2023. For more details please see: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/2378-national-mental-health-programme-demand-signalling/33583/?source=chainmail>

#### **SOLACE e-learning: refugee and asylum seeker mental health**

SOLACE is offering two online courses on understanding the mental health needs of refugees and asylum seekers and on effective therapeutic support for asylum seekers. You can sign up for the training here: [Training | Solace \(solace-uk.org.uk\)](https://www.solace-uk.org.uk/training)

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### Improving sexual and reproductive health

Regional Lead: Georgina Wilkinson

**Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) & screening for chlamydia in England: 2022 Report & Data Tables**

The 2022 data for STIs and the National Chlamydia Screening Programme have been published along with this press release: [Gonorrhoea and syphilis at record levels in 2022](#).

Gonorrhoea diagnoses increased to 82,592 in 2022, an increase of 50.3% compared to 2021 (54,961) and 16.1% compared to 2019 (prior to the COVID-19 pandemic). This is the highest number of diagnoses in any one year since records began in 1918. Infectious syphilis diagnoses increased to 8,692 in 2022, up 15.2% compared to 2021 (7,543) and 8.1% compared to 2019. This is the largest annual number since 1948. People aged 15-24 remain most likely to be diagnosed with STIs. In 2022, there were over 400 diagnoses of STIs made each day among young people.

Data from GUMCAD and the annual report can be found [here](#). Data from CTAD can be found [here](#). The [Sexual and Reproductive Health Profiles](#) have also been updated.

### **HIV Action Plan: annual update to Parliament**

The HIV Action Plan (December 2021), set out the government's aim to achieve an 80% reduction in new HIV infections in England by 2025. This is the first [annual update](#) to provide a summary of the work undertaken towards the objectives during 2022/23, a [press release](#) has also been published.

### **Latest mpox cases a reminder that the infection has not gone away**

This [press release](#) sets out the latest data and regular updates are published [here](#).

### **Brook launches contraception survey – deadline 6 July**

This [survey](#) is for those aged 16-24 who live in England or Wales, and is gathering views and experiences in relation to sex, condoms and/or contraception. Please share through your networks.

### **Sexual health: How councils are driving innovation through partnership working**

The LGA have [published a series of case studies](#) to highlight the varied ways councils are working with trusted partners to help communities access sexual and reproductive health services.

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**Improving health and reducing inequalities through health and care services**

**Regional Lead: Toni Williams**

No updates this month.

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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO TACKLE HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

**Regional Lead: Chris Sharp**



No updates this month.

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## ANY OTHER RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

### **Commercial Determinants and Local Government**

This paper from [McKevitt et al \(2023\)](#) reviews available literature on the direct and indirect interactions between harmful commodity industries (HCIs) and local government in England, proposing a typology to demonstrate the influence of such industries on health behaviours and outcomes at local level. This provides a useful conceptual starting point which could be further enhanced by additional documented evidence of interactions from stakeholder engagement not previously captured; and strengthen the case for policy to reduce potential negative influence of HCIs on population health.