

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.

This update is structured around four overarching themes:

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

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POPULATIONS

Improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for children & young people

Regional Lead: Gemma Mann

No updates this month.

Promoting healthy ageing across the lifecourse

Regional Lead: Ali Iliff

NIHR ARC webinar on health inequalities in later life

This webinar, which focused on LGBTQ+ inclusive care, palliative care needs of ethnically diverse patients, and inequalities in dementia is now available to watch on demand. You can find out more about the three featured research projects and access the webinar recording [here](#).

New resources to support older LGBTQ+ people in social care

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has published a set of resources including an animated video depicting a range of social care assessment responses to Fran, an older LGBTQ+ adult, a graphic novel presenting some of the stories told by people older LGBTQ+ people in Birmingham University's Older Adult Social Care Assessment study, a three-part podcast and slides from the older LGBT People and Social Care conference. The resources can be accessed [here](#).

IFS report: How have pensioner incomes and poverty changed in recent years?

Pensioner incomes increased much faster than incomes of working-age people from the early 2000s until 2011. Since then, average incomes of pensioners have grown no faster than anyone else's – incomes of both pensioners and those of working age grew by 12–13% between 2011 and 2022.

However, over the same period, incomes at the 10th percentile of pensioner incomes grew by just 5%. This means that the gap between poorer pensioners and those on average incomes grew. Relative pensioner poverty also rose between 2011 and 2022 from 13% to 16%, equivalent to an additional 300,000 pensioners in poverty.

Our new report, part of our annual living standards, poverty and inequality report, examines the key trends in pensioner incomes and poverty over the past two decades. Read the report [here](#).

A recording of the accompanying webinar can be accessed [here](#).

International Longevity Centre (ILC): Going for Gold

With Paris hosting the 2024 Summer Olympics, there is an opportunity to engage with global policymakers on healthy ageing and the importance of physical activity and preventative health measures. Through ILC's [Going for gold](#) project, they have reframed the idea of healthy ageing, using the Olympics as a conduit to ask if healthy ageing and prevention were Olympic sports, who would win?

They have produced a "Healthy Ageing Medal Table" that ranks countries and territories on eight different healthy ageing disciplines – described as if they were 'sporting' categories:

- **Jab-elin:** how well nations perform on coverage across five childhood immunisation programmes.
- **Archery:** how well nations perform on meeting WHO immunisation targets for measles and influenza (flu).
- **Prevention Triathlon:** how nations score on the prevalence of three lifestyle circumstances related to prevention (diet, diabetes and tobacco use).
- **Sport climbing:** how far how countries have 'climbed' the Healthy Ageing and Prevention Index.
- **Race walking:** how well nations perform when it comes to physical activity.
- **Marathon:** how well nations perform on healthy life expectancy.
- **100m sprint:** nations with the most centenarians as a percentage of their population.
- **Relay race:** how economic and political blocs perform on the ILC's Healthy Ageing and Prevention Index.

Humber and North Yorkshire Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Collaborative annual conference.

Booking is now open for the annual conference: Dementia: Hope of a Life Still to be Lived, Thursday 21st November 9.15am – 1pm

The conference will feature a range of national and local speakers, and an exciting keynote speaker who will be announced soon. Please see the attached letter to find out more.

To book your place, please follow [this link](#).

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

Information, guidance and resources

Healthy Start eligibility for families who cannot access public funds: DHSC have launched a [consultation](#) which seeks views on whether eligibility for Healthy Start should be extended to include others who are prevented from accessing public funds due to immigration controls. This is a good opportunity to input information about migrants in vulnerable circumstances such as those seeking asylum and those with NRPF. Please do share.

The [consultation](#) closes on Wednesday 23 October 2024.

Some national migrant updates post-election:

- The new Govt. Ministers: Yvette Cooper is the Home Secretary, Dame Angela Eagle the Minister for irregular Migration – Seema Malhotra – regular migration.
- The Rwanda Scheme is no longer going ahead.
- There is continued commitment to hotels closing and more accommodation in communities.
- Bibby Stockholm is closing - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/contract-for-bibby-stockholm-not-renewed-past-january-2025>.

- The Home Office have changed terminology from 'legal and illegal' migration to 'regular and irregular' migration.
- A [new regulation](#) has been passed into law which allows the Home Office to consider asylum applications made post 20 July 2023. This was prevented by the Illegal Migration Act and everyone was deemed 'inadmissible'. Critically, this means that we'll see numbers of decisions coming through again but with this comes the risk of homelessness whatever the decision. Please do engage with LA homelessness leads and migration leads to mitigate against this where possible.

You can read the Home Secretary's statement in Parliament, given on 22nd July here - [Border Security and Asylum - Hansard - UK Parliament](#).

Improving support for people experiencing homelessness in A&E settings: Homeless Link and Pathway have produced three new videos looking at the experience of those facing homelessness in A&E, and how staff can support them. The videos discuss the key challenges around mental capacity assessment, self-neglect as a safeguarding issue, and the need for training for A&E staff. Crucially, they also look at the stigma often faced by people experiencing homelessness when presenting, and the unacceptable danger of self-discharge given negative experiences of health care.

There are three videos of different lengths, which can be viewed here:

- <https://vimeo.com/975101786>
- <https://vimeo.com/975098695>
- <https://vimeo.com/975118809>

Tying in with these new videos, you can also find a set of [new dedicated A&E resources](#) on the Homeless Link website. These include informative posters, a new podcast and social media assets to help spread the word.

You can access a [free e-learning on the Fairhealth website](#) specifically designed to help staff support people experiencing homelessness in A&E settings. Developed by Homeless Health Consortium partners Pathway, Groundswell and Homeless Link, Change Communication, and in association with the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, this fantastic course gives an overview of the issues before detailing the simple changes that can help A&E staff to improve care

Events and learning

The Yorkshire Integration Festival returns for its third year

This free, family-friendly event is a celebration of the positive impact made by migrants and refugees in Yorkshire and Humber, showcasing the diverse range of cultures and customs that make our region a special place to live. This year's Festival will be on Saturday 21 September at The Piece Hall, Halifax, and will feature artists, performers, exhibitors and small-business traders from across the Yorkshire and Humber region. [More details on the Festival website.](#)



City of Sanctuary Maternity Stream event, 11th Nov 2024 (London)

Please see more details [here](#).

Research

Suffering and squalor: The impact on mental health of living in hotel asylum accommodation

The [Helen Bamber Foundation](#) (HBF) and [Asylum Aid](#) have recently published a research report outlining the worrying impact Home Office-provided asylum accommodation has on the mental health of asylum seekers.

The study analyzed clinical data from 110 participants and found higher levels of mental health difficulties for people seeking asylum living in hotels compared to those living in alternative housing. Those living in hotels reported feeling unsafe, lacking privacy, not being able to meet their basic needs, and feeling as if they were imprisoned.

You can find out more about the report and access the full piece [here](#).

National Audit Office report

[The report](#) looks at how DLUHC (now renamed MHCLG) is working with government departments and LAs in a way that maximizes government's ability to tackle homelessness. The effectiveness of government in tackling homelessness is mentioned.

Navigating the NRM, Consent and the Transition to Adulthood, The Children's Society: A [new resource](#) from the Child Exploitation Prevention Programme has been launched.

Groundswell's coproduced charter to end homelessness written with Amnesty International

Please read more [here](#).

DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH & RISK FACTORS

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

Webinar: Making a difference in Housing, Health, and Planning

12 November 2024 at 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

This [webinar](#) has been developed with the Royal Town and Planning Institute and Public Health partners in the North, including the Planning Healthy Places Community of Improvement. It is free to attend so please share widely with partners and colleagues.

Free webinar: Planning for healthy places: a practical guide for local authorities on embedding health in Local Plans from TRUUD and the TCPA

This free webinar will explore a new framework for creating healthy Local Plans, co-authored by TRUUD and the TCPA, who working with a number of local authorities across England have developed this document for local authority officers from planning and public health full of practical evidence, guidance, and inspiration to show how, working together, it can be done.

[Click here to book](#)

Health Impact Assessment Insights: Yorkshire and Humber colleagues featured in new piece of work by TRUUD

We know that Health Impact Assessments can be a valuable tool to influence the health of communities across many generations. TRUUD has worked with the Local Government Association and Office of Health Improvement and Disparities to create a series of films on HIAs. For everyone involved in development and planning, the aim of these films is to give helpful practical illustrations of how HIAs are being embedded in local policies and used in practice.

Access the films [here](#).

Green Infrastructure webinar (Wednesday 4th September)

Join Natural England's Green Infrastructure team for their Greener Towns and Cities webinar: An update on the GI Framework. Please read more [here](#).

The webinar will include inspiring case study films, talks on integrated policy delivery, (such as Biodiversity Net Gain) and an update on new resources including the GI Mapping Database version 2.1 and much more.

Please sign up [here](#).

Webinar: Building healthy homes locally

The TCPA has produced a [technical guide](#) which explains in detail why and how the Healthy Homes Principles can be applied in local policy and practice.

This [webinar](#) will share some of the highlights from the guide.

New Guidance for Local Authorities: Creating spaces that work for women and girls

The [handbook](#) has been produced to provide practical tools for creating more equitable and inclusive urban places that take into consideration needs of women and girls.

Building on Covid-19 – what next for community-centred approaches to health?

This [blog about community approaches](#) is from the Helen Gilbert at the King's Fund.

Frameworks UK- communicating about the building blocks of health

This [simple guide](#) gives five practical tips for communicating about health.

Decent and affordable homes for all: five proposals for a fairer housing system - Nationwide Foundation

Nationwide Foundation recently launched their [new report](#), Decent and affordable homes for all. It outlines five proposals for the new government that they believe have the collective potential to overhaul the current failing system.

Homes for all: a vision for England's Housing System

This [report](#) outlines a vision for housing with 25 outcomes.. It is linked to the above report.

Health Foundation Resource: Explore how our surroundings shape our health

The Health Foundation have launched a [free resource](#) exploring how our surroundings shape our health, and the extent of inequalities across different features of neighbourhoods.

Getting started with design codes – events this autumn

The Office for Place have announced that they will be running a new series of events this autumn to support councils to begin creating their own local design codes. These events will run alongside a series of new tools, templates and guidance.

The sessions will be held online, are free to attend, open to all, and will run weekly from the start of October and into November. All sessions will take place from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Please find the schedule [here](#).

Achieving our Smokefree 2030 ambition

Stoptober 2024: Join the Movement to Help Smokers Quit for Good

Stoptober, the Department of Health and Social Care's annual stop smoking campaign, is back this October, and we need your support to make it a success. Based on evidence that reaching 28 days smoke-free makes you five times more likely to quit for good, Stoptober has already helped over 2.5 million people attempt to quit smoking since its launch in 2012.

This year we're rallying the remaining smokers in England—over 5 million people—to take the first step towards a healthier future. Despite a decline in smoking rates, smoking remains the leading cause of preventable illness and death in the country.

Recent data shows that willpower alone, though commonly relied upon, is the least effective method for quitting. That's why Stoptober is focused on promoting the wide range of support available to help more people quit successfully.

Get Involved: Promote Stoptober in Your Community

OHID is preparing a variety of campaign assets to help you promote Stoptober in your local area, which will soon be available on the Campaign Resource Centre. These resources will remind smokers that completing Stoptober (28 days smoke-free) makes them five times more likely to quit permanently. OHID is also creating materials that highlight useful quitting tips, the health benefits of quitting, and the different types of support available.

Now is the perfect time to start planning how Stoptober can work in your community. Whether you're part of a Local Authority, NHS Trust, Integrated Care Board (ICB), service provider, or employer, there are many ways to engage your audience. In past campaigns, effective partner activities have included:

- **Creating Displays:** Use visual materials to raise awareness.
- **Organising Community Outreach:** Host events or workshops to reach smokers directly.
- **Scheduling Content:** Update newsletters, websites, and intranets with Stoptober content.
- **Social Media Campaigns:** Plan takeovers and daily updates throughout October.

Face-to-face interactions have proven to be particularly effective in encouraging quit attempts and informing smokers about the support available.

Let's make Stoptober 2024 the most impactful yet by working together to support smokers on their journey to quit. Stay tuned for more updates and resources as October approaches.

Preventing Gambling-Related Harm
Regional Lead: Simone Arratoonian

Gambling Survey for Great Britain

This July, the Gambling Commission released the results of the new iteration of the [annual survey](#) about gambling participation and behaviours. The results of the survey, completed online and on paper, should not be compared to previous versions due to new methodology; this will be a baseline for comparison with future trends. The survey will be repeated annually and replaces the quarterly telephone survey.

There are some [caveats](#) which should be explored prior to use – it only relates to people aged 18 and over; should not be used as a measure of addiction to gambling or to calculate an overall rate of gambling harm in GB. PGSI estimates of harm should only be used with caution until further work is completed.

The results can however be used to look at patterns and consequences experienced by gambling. Access the interactive dashboard [here](#).

ASA guidelines on gambling ‘posts’

A [useful article](#) from the Advertising Standards Authority clarifies the advertising code for gambling companies and their obligations. Often posts on social media masquerade as editorials or opinion pieces, but actually serve as marketing – something to look out for. The ASA points out that such posts – including ‘memes’ and humorous content - will be regarded as advertising if they are considered to be ‘selling something’. If content is connected to a product or service, then it will be subject to the CAP Code (UK Code of Non-broadcast Advertising and Direct and Promotional Marketing).

As a reminder, [the rules](#) for such marketing set out that it:

- Should be ‘socially responsible’ and protect children, young people and anyone with vulnerabilities from being harmed, or exploit their lack of knowledge
- Should not portray, condone or encourage gambling behaviour that is ‘socially irresponsible’ (could lead to financial, social or emotional harm)
- Must not suggest that gambling can provide an escape from problems or financial concerns, or lead to sexual success or enhance personal qualities
- Must not portray gambling as more important than other parts of life such as family, or commitments like work, or suggest it as a rite of passage or part of peer expectations
- Should not appeal to children or young people, be linked with youth culture or include characters or people who appeal to younger age groups – this includes featuring a young person or directed at them
- Must not exploit cultural beliefs e.g. about luck
- Should not condone or encourage anti-social or criminal behaviour

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

Food Active Bulletin

Food Active is a healthier weight programme of work delivered by the Health Equalities Group (HEG), advocating for local, regional and national action to promote healthier weight and reduce health inequalities. Read their latest updates and sign up [here](#)

Yorkshire Obesity Research Alliance (YORA)

Read the latest briefing from the YORA team for Summer 2024 also get one of the very last tickets to the YORA Conference. To be held at Leeds Beckett Universities Rose Bowl on 12th September 2024. [Register here for more details](#)

Food Ladders

The Food Ladders framework is a way of structuring activity at the local scale to help increase food security and build resilience within communities. In September 2024, a toolkit for local government will be launched to facilitate the use of the food ladders. If you would like to know more about the food ladders and food insecurity in economically wealthy countries and understand the implications of food insecurity for health and well-being, please visit [Http://geofoodie.org](http://geofoodie.org).

In the meantime, please [watch and share this animation](#).

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

Early Prison Releases - SDS40

The Lord Chancellor has announced her intention to lay a Statutory Instrument (SI) before Parliament at the earliest opportunity after the King's Speech, to reduce the time those sentenced to eligible standard determinate sentences (SDS) serve in prison from 50% to 40% of that sentence (SDS40 for shorthand).

This is because of the current prison capacity pressures, which have remained acute and the measures we have implemented to manage this have placed additional pressures on our partners, as well as having implications for public protection, the safety and decency of prisons and the ability to rehabilitate prisoners.

The change will apply to future convictions and sentences but will also be applied retrospectively to the sentences being served for eligible offences by current prisoners. This is necessary to prevent the prison estate reaching critical capacity, and to restore proper headroom.

The changes will have two commencement dates for two tranches – SDS40 will apply to those serving sentences under 5 years from 10 September (tranche 1) and apply to other eligible prisoners (5 years and more) from 22 October (tranche 2). A proportion of these prisoners will be due for immediate release on the two commencement dates.

We are working with partners, including Prison DART Teams and Community SMS providers to support with identifying how many of those identified will be transferred from Custody to Community SMS with an ongoing Treatment / Recovery need to enable safe practices to be maintained, and to engage them with Community SMS and that Continuity of Care is maintained.

HMPPS are working to identify how many people per area will have a continuation in to Substance misuse service and are supporting both Prison and community teams with engaging all released. This is an agenda item and is discussed in a variety of meetings including Y&H Continuity of Care meetings, CDPs but also each area should establish their own dedicated SDS40 meetings to plan for this.

Please read more [here](#).

Promoting physical activity
Regional Lead: Nicola Corrigan

Wild Swimming

[This blog post](#) has essential tips and advice if you're thinking of dipping your feet in the cool water of Britain's beaches, lakes and rivers. Read UKSHA's tips on reducing your risk of becoming ill after open water swimming.

Physical Activity Clinical Champions

New monthly newsletter, bringing you all the latest key information involving PACC. Read and sign up to the mailing list [here](#).

Also find out more about what the PACCs are up to by visiting their [brand new website](#).

Yorkshire Sport Foundation Weekly Bulletin

Sign up to receive all the information for physical activity in West and South Yorkshire [here](#).

Co-creating Family BYC for South Asian & Black Communities: Lessons

Learn about co-developing Family BYC, a cricket program for South Asian & Black communities, highlighting inclusivity, unity, and community. Through real-world examples, attendees will gain an understanding of the challenges and triumphs in creating a sport-based initiative that bridges generational gaps and fosters unity within diverse communities.

[Register for your free place here](#).

Tackling racism, discrimination and their outcomes

Regional Lead: Abi Brown

UK racist riots – Runnymede Trust; a message from the CEO

Runnymede Trust CEO Dr Shabna Begum shares reflections following the recent UK riots, including a sharing a response video to politicians and other articles which the Trust have contributed to.

You can read more and find the other articles [here](#).

Child health experts call on new government to urgently address inequalities in rising infant mortality – Health Equity North Report

National figures on infant deaths in 2022 reveal that, after a brief hiatus, infant mortality is rising once again, exposing stark inequalities across society.

Analysis by Health Equity North (HEN) found the most deprived parts of the country, the North of England and Black and Asian ethnic groups experienced an increase in the infant mortality rates (IMR). Health Equity North has shared a series of policy asks which if implemented could help tackle the increases in IMR across the country.

Please find the report and recommendations for regional and central government and the wider health system [here](#).

Creating fair employment and good work for all

Regional Lead: Nicola Corrigan

Back to Work

Government reforms to deliver an ambition of an 80% employment rate, supported by a White Paper which will build on manifesto commitments of a three-pillared approach to support people into work:

- A new national jobs and career service to help get more people into work, and on in their work.
- New work, health and skills plans for the economically inactive, led by Mayors and local areas.
- A youth guarantee for all young people aged 18 to 21

The plans also include a new Labour Market Advisory Board which will provide insight, expertise, and challenge to the DWP plans and help drive change. Read more about this [here](#)

Health Anchors Learning Network

The Health Anchors Learning Network (HALN) is a UK-wide network for people responsible for, or interested in, embedding anchor approaches in their roles.

The network provides spaces and opportunities for participants to learn with peers and experts about how anchor organisations can consciously use their resources, influence and work in partnership to improve the social determinants of health and help reduce inequalities. Sign up to become a member [here](#).

Childcare accessibility by neighbourhood

Accessible childcare can be crucial for parents and guardians who want to return to work, increase their hours, or even enter the labour market for the first time. A primary challenge for families is whether they can access suitable childcare locally. Analysis with Ofsted shows areas with lower levels of access to childcare were generally more likely to have lower disposable household incomes, on average, and a higher proportion of children living in poverty.

[Explore the ONS interactive tool](#) to compare levels of childcare accessibility between neighbourhoods across England.

Making recruitment in government more neuroinclusive

How a cross-government team developed an interactive, accessible tool to help people request adjustments as part of the recruitment process. Read more about how to improve inclusivity in your workplace [here](#)

Ensuring a healthy standard of living for all

Regional Lead: Toni Williams & Karen Horrocks

No updates this month.

PRIORITY CONDITIONS AND EQUITABLE SERVICES

Promoting public mental health and wellbeing

Regional Lead: Ali Iliff

Analysis of Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) data and mental health

This [Guardian](#) article details work underway in YAS to look at health inequalities and highlight areas where further work may be needed. It has identified that a significant number of people are seen by the ambulance service for mental health needs that are (appropriately) not transported to hospital. Comparisons of the number of individuals seen by the service with the number on primary care mental health registers suggest our estimates around prevalence of mental health condition may be low.

Working together for better mental health research: perspectives from policy and practice (Tuesday 17th September)

The Department of Sociological Studies (at The University of Sheffield), the Healthy Lifespan Institute (HELSI), and the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB invite you to Working together for better mental health research: perspectives from policy and practice. This exciting partnership event will bring together professionals working in policy and practice, people with lived experience, and academic researchers, to discuss health inequalities with a specific focus on mental health. If you work in policy and practice, or research mental health and wellbeing, please join us!

We will discuss the most significant issues in practice for individuals and communities, and what practitioners, commissioners, those with lived experience, and researchers identify as the most pressing areas for research.

The event will be opened by Gail Teasdale (Humber and North Yorkshire Programme Lead for Children and Young People's Mental Health and All Age Mental Health Inequalities) and following discussion will centre around the issues raised in the below panels.

Further details and a link to register can be found here [here](#).

Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner Role

The North East and Yorkshire Region are hosting an interactive on-line session to discuss the Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner Role on 19th September 2024, 11.00-12.00.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner (MHWP) was introduced as part of the Community Mental Health Transformation. MHWPs are trained to work with adults and older adults with severe mental health problems. They deliver a menu of psychological interventions and once qualified can coordinate care. The new role has been welcomed in some services where MHWPs are demonstrating a significant

positive impact, however, as with all new roles, the introduction hasn't been without challenges. As well as practical challenges with recruiting MHWPs because of local HR protocols there remains a lack of clarity about what MHWPs can and can't do, who they should be working with, supervision and management arrangements and their options for career progression.

This session is to support managers and other stakeholders who want more information on the role and would like to know how to employ and maximise the benefits of MHWPs in services. As well as information sharing, there will be opportunities for discussion and Q&As. To join the meeting please use this [link](#).

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Improving sexual and reproductive health

Regional Lead: Georgina Wilkinson

Tracking the syphilis epidemic in England report

This [report](#) examines the epidemiology of syphilis in England presented by demographic characteristics to illustrate how different groups are affected. Key points include:

- in 2023, diagnoses of infectious syphilis increased to 9,513, up 9.4% compared to 2022 (8,693)
- the number of infectious syphilis diagnoses remained greatest among GBMSM, and people aged 25 to 34 years
- recent increases have been relatively higher among heterosexual people; between 2022 and 2023 infectious syphilis diagnoses increased by 29% (641 to 825) among WSM and 17% (967 to 1,133) among MSW, compared to 7% for GBMSM (6,081 to 6,527)

Ceftriaxone-resistant gonorrhoea in England report

This [report](#) and [press release](#) have been published. It describes the increase in antibiotic resistant gonorrhoea in England, including extensively-drug resistant cases.

Interim Local Authority SPLASH reports published

These are available in the reports section of the [Sexual and Reproductive Health profiles](#). They have been updated to include the 2023 data for STIs and 2022/2023 data for under-18 births.

Sexual Health Week 2024: (9th-15th September)

The theme for this year is 'Are You Feeling it?' Brook, who coordinate the campaign each year, explain that for years a holistic approach has been taken to sexual health,

recognising that physical and emotional wellbeing are inseparable. But with mental health in decline and STIs on the rise, it's more important than ever to talk about how the two intersect. That's why for Sexual Health Week 2024: Are You Feeling It? The aim is to shine a light on the inextricable links between mental health and sexual health and demonstrate the positive impact of early intervention. More details available [here](#).

Improving health and reducing inequalities through health and care services

Regional Lead: Toni Williams

No updates this month.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO TACKLE HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Regional Lead: Chris Sharp

UKHSA Conference 2025 - Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 March

The [UKHSA Conference 2025](#) is a unique opportunity to explore the full spectrum of UKHSA's work. From science-driven research to effective policy implementation.

Come to the conference if you are a:

- ❖ public health professional within local government, the NHS or a public health charity
- ❖ researcher or academic
- ❖ policymaker
- ❖ industry or commercial representative
- ❖ Abstract submission: [Open](#)

ANY OTHER RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Y&H ADPH Launch their Position Statement on Commercial Determinants of Health

“£53 billion of combined industry revenue is estimated to be made from sales [of alcohol, tobacco, and unhealthy food] at levels harmful to health in the UK each year”
– [ASH, OHA and AHA, 2023](#)

Industries have a huge impact on the places in which we are born, live, grow, and work. Their influence shapes the choices we make, the products we consume, and ultimately affects our health. These commercial determinants of health (CDOH) present a huge economic cost to our society and cause significant premature death and disease - especially amongst disadvantaged groups.

Yorkshire & Humber ADPH and Public Health Network have published their [Position Statement](#) on CDOH rooted in available evidence which sets out the public health approach to counter commercial practices and tactics harmful to health.

Join us on Wednesday 18th September 10-11:30am via Teams for the launch event, where we will hear from Dr Nason Maani about the ‘public health playbook’ and levers available to counter harmful industry tactics, and Laura Wilkins about upcoming national ADPH work to support local action. We will also introduce the report and how it is already supporting local action.

Please sign up [here](#).

Please note that sign-ups from representatives of unhealthy commodity industries will not be accepted. No speakers at this event represent or are known to be affiliated with any such industries. This event will not be recorded.

Imagine your life at 25: Gender conformity and later-life outcomes – Institute for Fiscal Studies – working paper

Using thousands of essays written by 11-year-olds in 1969, the IFS construct an index measuring girls’ conformity to gender norms then prevalent in Britain.

Read more [here](#).

Memory Services Spotlight Audit 2023 – Royal College of Psychiatrists: National Report Publication

This spotlight audit examined waiting times, access to assessments, treatment and post-diagnostic support for people with dementia in memory assessment services, following up from the previous round of audit in 2021.

You can read the publication [here](#).

PANORAMIC study learnings are key to pandemic preparedness – NIHR

[This NIHR paper](#) shares learnings and recommendations from the delivery of a major COVID-19 research trial that has been published on NIHR Open Research.

Children must be protected from exposure to unhealthy foods on YouTube, suggests Paediatric Obesity study – World Obesity

A study published in Paediatric Obesity, 'Prevalence of food and beverage brands in "made-for-kids" child-influencer YouTube videos: 2019-2020', suggests that despite a policy banning food advertising on 'made-for-kids' channels in 2020 restricting food advertising to children on YouTube, there are still extensive food-related appearances in videos posted by top child influencers.

The need for this study stemmed from concerns raised by child health experts about the negative effects of children's exposure to unhealthy digital food marketing, including advertising and branded product placements on child-oriented videos.

Find out more about the study [here](#).

Socioeconomic differences in acceptability and preferences for policies that aim to reduce socioeconomic health inequalities – research paper in BMJ Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

This paper investigated policies range from structural policies, requiring no individual agency, to agentic policies, which depend on the individual agency for behaviour change.

This was an online survey amongst Dutch adults with results highlighting that people in lower socioeconomic positions were more likely to accept and favour structural socioeconomic policies, whereas those in higher socioeconomic positions were more likely to accept and favour structural housing and neighbourhood, structural and agento-structural behavioural, and agentic policies.

Please read the paper [here](#).