

Reports

[Health state life expectancies in England, Northern Ireland and Wales: between 2011 to 2013 and 2020 to 2022](#)

The number of years people are expected to spend in different health states in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, and English regions.

[Health inequalities in 2040](#)

Current and projected patterns of illness by deprivation in England.

Guidance

[Psychological therapies for severe mental health problems – implementation guidance 2024](#)

This guidance is for NHS-commissioned mental health provider organisations, integrated care boards (ICBs), regional NHS England offices and chief psychological professions officers in mental health trusts. It aims to support mental health providers to deliver the NHS long term plan objective to increase access to psychological therapies for people with severe mental health problems, as part of a wider transformation of adult and older adult community mental health services.

[COVID-19 vaccination: spring 2024 campaign resources](#)

Information on the spring 2024 campaign for eligible individuals.

Publications

[Mental health services struggle to meet demand, according to a major survey](#)

The results of the Community Mental Health Survey 2023 come at a time when access to and the quality of mental health care continues to be a concern and public satisfaction with the NHS and social care is reported to be at a 40-year low. The results from this survey do little to alleviate these concerns.

[Women's health hubs](#)

The recently published 2024/25 Operational planning guidance asks integrated care boards (ICBs) to “establish and develop at least one women’s health hub in every ICB by the end of December 2024 in line with the core specification, improving access, experience and quality of care” and sets the expectation that at least 75% of ICBs have a hub in place by July 2024 that meets minimum requirements. This letter provides further guidance on hub requirements.

Calls for Evidence

[Duty of candour review](#)

This call for evidence forms part of a review by the Department of Health and Social Care to consider the operation (including compliance and enforcement) of the statutory duty of candour (‘the duty’) for health and social care providers in England. The review was announced in the government’s response to the Hillsborough disaster report on 6 December 2023. The terms of reference for the review were published on the same day.

Blogs

[How to make social prescribing effective for older people experiencing financial hardship](#)

Social determinants – the conditions in which we live and age – have a real impact on physical and mental health, including health inequalities. For many people aged 65 and over, financial hardship and poverty contribute significantly to poorer physical and mental health.



News

[Government confirms scope of Essex mental health inquiry](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has today published the [terms of reference for the statutory inquiry following the deaths of mental health inpatients in Essex](#). The inquiry - which is chaired by Baroness Lampard CBE - was set up to understand the events that led to the tragic deaths of mental health inpatients under the care of NHS trusts in Essex between 2000 and 2023.

[NHS England responds to the publication of the independent review of gender identity services for children and young people](#)

An NHS spokesperson said: "NHS England is very grateful to Dr Cass and her team for their comprehensive work on this important review over the past four years.

[Senior nurses and midwives call for action on smoking and vaping](#)

The Chief Nursing Officers and Senior Midwives of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have spoken out in support of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill.

[MPs to vote on landmark bill to create smokefree generation](#)

MPs will vote today (16 April 2024) on world-leading legislation to protect future generations across the UK from the harmful effects of smoking. The Tobacco and Vapes Bill would make it an offence to sell tobacco products to anyone born after 1 January 2009 - children aged 15 or younger today. Smoking itself would not be criminalised and anyone who can legally buy tobacco today will never be prevented from doing so in the future by the legislation. If passed, the bill will progress to the next stage, bringing the UK closer to creating the first smokefree generation.

[Chief Medical Officer for England on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill](#)

Professor Sir Chris Whitty writes for The Guardian on smoking addiction and MPs' historic opportunity to vote on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill.

[Diagnostic checks rolled out to 160 sites under CDC programme](#)

Community diagnostic centre (CDC) sites have already delivered over 7 million tests, checks and scans to patients across England.

[NHS reminds those eligible to get Covid jab with over 700,000 booked in first week](#)

More than 700,000 eligible individuals have booked an appointment to get their spring Covid-19 vaccine since the National Booking System opened on Monday (15 April). The NHS is encouraging everyone eligible to book a slot to get vaccinated as soon as possible via the NHS website, on the NHS App or by ringing 119 free of charge.

[NHS self-referral for tests and appointments for hundreds of thousands of patients](#)

Hundreds of thousands more people a month will have the option to refer themselves for key services such as help with incontinence, podiatry, or hearing tests without needing to see a GP, as part of the NHS primary care access recovery plan.

[Mind calls on UK's Covid-19 Inquiry to consider mental health impact of pandemic](#)

Mind, alongside 30 other organisations, is calling on the UK's Covid-19 Inquiry to prioritise mental health after it rowed back on previous commitments to consider it in Module 3 – the 'Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on healthcare systems'.

[Government must follow evidence on mental ill health and work, says Centre for Mental Health](#)

The Prime Minister's comments about mental health and work are not based on robust evidence and could lead to policies and practices that do more harm than good, Centre for Mental Health has warned.

