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Guidance/Legislation/Policy/News

The King's Fund, [The Health and Care Act 2022: the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead](#), "Richard Murray, The King's Fund Chief Executive reflects upon what has happened up until this point with regards to the Health and Care Act and what this says about the government's approach to health and care and the key issues that are still ahead."

The King's Fund, [The Health and Care Act: six key questions](#), "This long read explains what the changes brought in by the Act mean in practice."

Supporting High Quality Integrated Service

NHS Confederation, [Integrated working to address frailty needs: Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership](#), "A case study from Bradford District and Craven on addressing frailty needs and improving outcomes through integrated working."

Policy Exchange, [Devolve to evolve: the future of specialised services within integrated care](#), "This report assesses the future for specialised services in the NHS in England."

The King's Fund, [How does the NHS in England work and how is it changing?](#), "The King's Fund have created an animation on what the key organisations that make up the NHS are and how they can collaborate with partners in the health and care system to deliver joined-up care."

NHS England, [Next steps for integrating primary care: Fuller Stocktake report](#), "The Fuller stocktake report outlines how integrated care systems can support primary care to work with other partners to improve population health and reduce health inequalities."

Public Policy Projects, [Integrating health and social care: a national care service](#), "This report from Public Policy Projects lays out practical recommendations which, if implemented, will help to ensure the successful integration of the health and social care systems."

COVID-19

NHS, [Guidance on 'pausing' LVS, HH/HH+ and VC sites](#), "Guidance on how local vaccination services (LVS), hospital hubs (HH), hospital hub+(HH+ and vaccination centres (VC) can be paused between April and September 2022."

NHS, [Interim Clinical Commissioning Policy: Baricitinib for patients hospitalised due to COVID-19 \(adults and children aged 2 years and over\)](#), "Baricitinib is recommended to be available as a treatment option through routine commissioning for adults and children (aged 2 years and over) hospitalised with COVID-19 in accordance with the criteria set out in this document."

BMA, [BMA Covid Review 1 – How well protected was the medical profession from COVID-19](#), "This report looks at whether the protection afforded to medical professionals over the pandemic was suitable and sufficient to counter the substantial risk to which they were exposed."

BMA, [BMA Covid Review 2 – The impact of the pandemic on the medical profession](#), “This report examines how medical professionals were impacted by the pandemic and outlines lessons to be learned, to consider how death, illness, financial harm, and threats to professional life may be mitigated in the future.”

Reducing Inequalities

Government Equalities Office, [First of its kind support service for victims of conversion therapy funded by government](#), “On Friday May 12 the Minister for Equalities, Mike Freer, announced that Galop has been selected to deliver a first of its kind, Government-funded support service for victims of conversion therapy.”

Integrated Care Journal, [Addressing health inequality through the lens of primary care](#), “A recent event, hosted by Public Policy Projects and Healthworks, convened a group of experts to explore how primary care services can be programmed to address health inequality.”

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), [Smoking and social housing: supporting residents, addressing inequalities](#), “This joint report by Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) and the Housing Learning and Improvement Network (LIN) outlines the case for reducing rates of smoking in the social housing sector and the action needed to achieve this.”

Midlands Decision Support Network, [Strategies to reduce inequalities in access to planned hospital procedures](#), “This report is aimed primarily at ICB members and hopes to address questions such as; how much additional care, and of what type, would be required to ‘level-up’ access to planned hospital procedures? Is levelling-up the only solution? What interventions exist that might help reduce inequities? How might an ICB go about setting its strategy? And once set, how should the strategy be monitored?”

Workforce/Healthcare Workforce

Royal College of Nursing, [Neurodiversity Guidance: for employers, managers, staff and students](#), “This guidance has been developed for staff and students who are neurodiverse and for the managers and employers who support them. It is intended for the health and care sector but its overarching principles will be helpful in other settings.”

NHS Employers, [Recruiting young people from care into NHS careers](#), “A case study on a unique pre-employment programme at Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust (NCA) that is providing career opportunities for young people.”

Mental Health Services

Department for Education, [Increased mental health support for children and young people](#), “On Friday May 12 the Department of Education announced a further £7 million for schools and colleges to train a senior mental health lead, bringing the total amount of funding for 2022/23 to £10 million.”

NHS Confederation, [Partnership working in Doncaster to support children and young people’s mental health](#), “A case study from Doncaster on how a multi-agency approach has led to reduced delays and improved access to health and support for children and young people in Doncaster.”

Centre for Mental Health, [Tackling mental health disparities](#), “The Centre for Mental Health sets out ten evidence-based actions that the government could take in the forthcoming white paper.”

NHS Confederation, [Healthy foundations: integrating housing as part of the mental health pathway](#), “This report explores the steps needed to achieve a more integrated and strategic approach between health, housing and social care.”

UK Parliament, [Mental Health Act Reform – race and ethnic inequalities](#), “This POSTnote outlines research on race and ethnic inequalities in relation to the Mental Health Act Reform and summarises proposals for reform and stakeholder views.”

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD), [A picture of health?: bridging the gap between physical and mental healthcare in adult mental health inpatient settings](#), “The aim of this report is to identify and explore remediable factors in the clinical and organisation of the physical healthcare provided to adult patients admitted to a mental health inpatient setting.”

Primary Care

Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, [Prostate specific antigen testing: summary guidance for GPs](#), “This information aims to support GPs to give clear and balanced advice to men without symptoms of prostate disease who ask about PSA testing.”

NHS England, [Building a team with the skills to boost primary care in West Leeds Primary Care Network](#), “A case study on West Leeds Primary Care Network (PCN) who have been introducing new roles into a multidisciplinary team that covers the whole PCN, pooling capacity, experience, knowledge and skills to deliver a seamless primary care service to patients.”

Social Care

The King’s Fund, [Reform of adult social care: some progress, but nowhere near enough](#), “The King’s Fund assesses whether the recent documents issued by the government which introduce major reform to adult social care are enough to tackle the eight deep-rooted problems in the sector.”

Maternity and Neonatal Services

Birthrights, [Systematic racism, not broken bodies: an inquiry into racial injustice and human rights in UK maternity care – Executive summary](#), “This year-long inquiry sets out to understand how the systematic racism that exists in the UK and in public services manifests within maternity care and to drive action to end it.”

Digital Technology

Nuffield Trust, [Supporting patient engagement with digital health care innovations: lessons from the Care City Test Bed](#), “The Care City Test Bed was a project involving the implementation of six digital innovations between June 2019 and August 2020. It aimed to test those innovations in a real-world setting to understand the factors that support patient and staff engagement in the use of digital health care innovations.”

Digital Boards, [Digital delivery principles](#), “In this guide, 8 principles have been set out to guide digital delivery. These principles are designed to help trusts realise the opportunities of digital transformation and to avoid common mistakes.”

NHS Providers, [Bringing together digital and quality improvement – how boards can connect the dots and create allies in service transformation](#), “This briefing sets out some key considerations for boards and trusts looking at digital ways of working and quality improvement (QI) approaches to transform services.”

Patient Coalition for AI, Data and Digital Tech in Health, [Putting Patients First: championing good practice in combatting digital health inequalities](#), “This reports aims to provide policy makers and the NHS with recommendations for how to implement learnings from programmes that have sought to combat digital health inequalities.”

Other Interesting Research

Alzheimer's Research UK, [The Impact of Dementia on Women: how women are disproportionately affected across their lives and what needs to change](#), "This analysis considers how women are impacted by dementia and what actions are needed to ensure that women have the best change to benefit from future research and treatments for dementia."

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