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Guidance/Legislation/Policy/News

Department for Work and Pensions and Department of Health and Social Care, Who can issue fit notes: guidance for healthcare professionals and their employers, "This guidance has been developed to provide advice to doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, pharmacists, physiotherapists and their employers about certifying fit notes."

NHS England, Working in partnership with people and communities: statutory guidance, "This guidance is for Integrated Care Boards, NHS trusts, foundation trusts and NHS England. It supports effective partnership working with people and communities to improve services and meet the public involvement legal duties."

NHS England, Palliative and End of Life Care: Statutory guidance for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), "ICSs have a key role to play in ensuring that people with palliative and end of life care (PEoLC) needs can access and receive high quality personalised care and support and there is a duty for ICBs to commission palliative care services within ICSs – this guidance has been developed by NHS England to support that duty."

NHS England, Integrated Care Boards: counter fraud statutory guidance, "This document outlines counter fraud requirements for ICBs. It also describes the interaction and division of responsibilities between the counter fraud functions of ICBs and NHS England."

Supporting High Quality Integrated Service

NHS Confederation, What are Integrated Care Systems?, "From July 1st 2022, ICSs gained statutory footing, meaning they are now responsible for planning and funding health and care services in the area they cover. This document discusses what ICs are and how they will work."

NHS England, NHS Oversight Framework 2022/23, "These documents describe NHS England's approach to oversight of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and trusts for 2022/23."

NHS Confederation, NHS Oversight Framework 2022/23: what you need to know, "The NHS Oversight Framework describes NHS England's approach to oversight of integrated care boards and trusts for 2022/23. It builds on the approach outlined in the NHS System Oversight Framework 2021/22. This briefing highlights the main changes to the framework for 2022/23 and the implications for members."

The King's Fund, "Are ICSs getting off to the right start?, "Anna Charles and Richard Murray discuss what early indicators might signal whether ICSs are getting off to the right start?"

COVID-19

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Addressing backlogs and managing waiting lists during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, "This briefing is a valuable resource for policy-makers seeking to understand the extent of disruption to health services caused by COVID-19, the reasons behind this, and what different countries are doing in response."

Reducing Inequalities

NHS Confederation, [Moving from silos to system improvement: what healthcare leaders want to see from the health disparities white paper](#), "Four key priorities that the health disparities white paper must consider in order to create the conditions for a healthier population."

Department of Health and Social Care, [Women's health strategy for England](#), "This document sets out the government's strategy for women's health, encompassing their ambitions for the next 10 years, and detailing the actions that will be taken to improve the health and wellbeing of women and girls in England."

The King's Fund, [Towards a new partnership between disabled people and health and care services: getting our voices heard](#), "This long read sets out the findings of research carried out by The King's Fund and Disability Rights UK into how disabled people are currently involved in health and care system design, and what good might look like."

The Health Creation Alliance, [Engaging and supporting marginalised communities, supporting earlier diagnosis of cancer, and improving cardiovascular disease diagnosis and prevention: learning from the community response to COVID-19](#), "This report provides further insight and guidance on how the NHS can work with local communities as equal partners to improve the health and wellbeing among those with the poorest health outcomes."

NHS England, [Tackling inequalities in healthcare access, experience, and outcomes](#), "This document aims to support NHS systems in reducing healthcare inequalities and compliments the Healthcare Inequalities Improvement Dashboard and Actionable Insights Tool. Based on the analysis of 32 case study examples for tacking inequalities in healthcare, four themes emerged. These four themes are proposed as necessary foundations for sustained service level action."

The Health Foundation, [We can't wait for government to act on health inequalities](#), "In this blog, Jo Bibby, Director of Health at The Health Foundation states that there were a lot of hopes pinned on the health disparities white paper, but political instability in government has yet again got in the way of public health policy, what is certain though is the opportunity to act locally."

Workforce/Healthcare Workforce

The Health Foundation, [How many hospital beds will the NHS need over the coming decade? General and acute hospital beds in England (2018-2030)](#), "This report reviews past trends in hospital bed numbers and sets out projections for the number of general and acute beds required in 2030/31 under different assumptions about time patients spend in hospital. Under these projections, an additional 23,000 to 39,000 beds would be needed in 2030/31 to deliver 2018/19 rates of care."

The Health and Social Care Committee, [Workforce: recruitment, training and retention in health and social care](#), "The NHS is facing the greatest workforce crisis in their history. This report outlines the scale of the workforce crisis. As of September 2021, the NHS was advertising 99,460 vacant posts and for social care it was 105,000. Demand on the health and social care sector continues to grow relentlessly with an extra 475,000 jobs needed in health and 490,000 jobs needed in social care by the early part of the next decade."

The Health and Social Care Committee, [Expert Panel: evaluation of Government's commitments in the area of the health and social care workforce in England](#), "This report evaluates the government's progress against seven specific commitments made across three broad policy areas regarding the health and social care workforce. Overall the panel rated the government's progress in meeting these commitments as 'inadequate'."

Population Health

The King's Fund, [How do you measure the success of population health approaches?](#), "How do leaders measure the success of population health efforts? In this blog, Durka Dougall of the King's Fund outlines five key considerations for leaders wanting to assess the impact of this work on the communities they service."

Mental Health Services

The Health Foundation, [Improving children and young people's mental health services: local data insights from England, Scotland and Wales](), "This briefing presents analysis from the Health Foundation's Networked Data Lab (NDL) about children and young people's mental health."

Urgent and Emergency/Community Care

RedQuadrant, [Building the right support: an analysis of funding flows](), "This report seeks to examine the funding flows, and any related financial incentives and disincentives, that enable people to move out of hospital into homes with care and support, and develop the infrastructure of community services that prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and enable people to live ordinary lives in the community."

Collaborative Working

NHS Providers, [Providers in place-based partnerships: case studies of local collaboration](), "This briefing aims to support the development of successful place-based partnerships by articulating the essential contributions of trusts – as one of several key partners – and exploring how trusts' role at place might evolve over time. It sets out how Trusts' are involved in strategic place-based planning in partnership with others and in delivering joined up care."

The King's Fund, [A reflective learning framework for partnering: insights from the early work of the Health Communities Together partnerships](), "This framework outlines some of the core issues in establishing and progressing partnerships, that have been identified through the HCT programme. The framework comprises five questions, each question is followed by explanations and examples from the experiences of the HCT partnerships, and a set of 'points to consider', which partnerships could use as prompts for their thinking and discussion."

Other Interesting Research

Nuffield Trust, [Was the NHS overwhelmed last winter?](), "This briefing looks at what is traditionally thought of as the winter pressure period for the NHS, from December to early March. Data released since shows that the pressures have not reduced as we move into summer, creating a picture of an alarming spiral of pressure on the health and care system."

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