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Integrated Care Systems/Integration

NHS Confederation, [People, partnerships and place: how can ICSs turn the rhetoric into reality?](#), “This project aimed to understand the perceptions and experiences of people working and leading health and care services on the risks to the current integrated care reforms.”

Workforce/Leadership

Nuffield Trust, [Brexit, Covid and the UK’s reliance on international recruitment](#), “The Nuffield Trust’s recent report considered the impact of Brexit on health across three major areas, including staffing. In this guest blog, Professor James Buchan focuses on the largest health professional labour market, which is nurses, and argues that the UK must get smarter and safer in how it uses international recruitment.”

Population Health

Mental Health Foundation, [Mental health and the cost-of-living crisis: another pandemic in the making?](#), “This policy briefing paper provides an overview of the current and likely effects of the so-called ‘Cost-of-Living Crisis’ on mental health. In this paper, the Foundation proposes policy recommendations for action to prevent and limit the severity of mental health problems in the context of this crisis. It concludes with suggestions for next steps.”

NHS Confederation, [Transforming lives, improving health outcomes: tackling the true cost of variations in uptake of innovative medicines](#), “Ensuring patients are able to access and benefit from innovative medicines – wherever they live in the UK. Joint NHS Confederation and ABPI report.”

NHS Confederation, [What our joint vision means for people and communities this winter](#), “Amid the most challenging winter for the social care and health system, national health and care partners explore what is needed to turn the tide.”

NHS Performance/NHS Finance

Nuffield Trust, [More myths: introducing payments, cutting back on managers or bringing in tax breaks for private care will fix the NHS](#), “In the final part of his series looking at common critiques of the NHS and why they’re mistaken, Nigel Edwards examines the subject of introducing payments for treatment, tackles the claim that managers are to blame for the NHS’s problems, and discusses the impact of bringing in tax breaks for private care.”

House of Lords, [Emergency healthcare: a national emergency](#), “The state of emergency healthcare is a national emergency. It requires an emergency response from the Government. This action plan sets out how, in the short-term, the Government can address some immediate challenges, and in the long-term can begin developing a new model for emergency health services which are fit for purpose.”

The King’s Fund, [Independent health care and the NHS](#), “This briefing sets out some of the trends in public and private spending on independent sector health care providers. It considers what factors may be driving these trends, looks at the impact this has on household spending among different groups, and considers some of the implications for the public and the NHS.”

NHS England, [Foundation trust capital resource limits – statutory guidance](#), “The Health and Care Act 2022 includes a new discretionary power allowing NHS England to make an order imposing a limit on the capital expenditure of an NHS foundation trust. This statutory guidance explains the circumstances in which this order is likely to be made and the method used to determine the limit.”

Data

Nuffield Trust, [Chart of the week: Are there enough intensive care beds available for children this winter?](#), “It’s not just adults who are affected by the current situation in the NHS – children are too. In this chart of the week, Liz Fishers looks at how many intensive care beds are available for children across the whole of England this winter.”

HSJ, [Inside NHS England’s £500m data gamble](#), Podcast, “Bids are open for NHS England’s new £480m national data platform – will it make the NHS better connected and more efficient, or is it a national vanity project? Discussion also occurs around who the successful bidders might be.”

Transformation/Digital

Health Education England, [Harnessing digital technologies for workforce development, education and training: an overview](#), “This paper shines a light on how the Directorate of Innovations, Digital and Transformation is making a difference now, re-shaping the world of education, training and workforce redesign, putting in place the building blocks which will enable the system to solve its wicked problems. It is helping to build digital capability, maximizing the benefits of new technologies, developing a culture of ‘digital first’.”

Equality and Equity

The Health Foundation, [Leave no one behind: the state of health and health inequalities in Scotland](#), “This report provides a picture of past and present health and inequalities to inform future efforts to improve both. It draws on perceptions of the barriers to progress from relevant stakeholders and concludes by considering how Scotland can build on strong policy intent to reduce stubbornly high inequalities and close the gap in health outcomes.”

NHS Business Services Authority, [Healthcare inequalities: access to NHS prescribing and exemption schemes in England](#), “This report examines overall prescribing, uptake of prescription exemption schemes and prescribing patterns in medications associated with the management of three of the ‘5’ focus areas of the Core20PLUS5 approach: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), hypertension, and severe mental illness (SMI), in the Core20 target population versus the non-Core20 population.”

NHS Race & Health Observatory, [Digital apps and reducing ethnic health inequalities: driving progress through digital, design, and organisational transformation](#), “This report focuses on the role digital can play in understanding and addressing ethnic health inequalities. Throughout the report, when talking about ‘digital’, it is referring to healthcare services that are delivered through online and mobile channels. ‘Digital’ is also referred to as an organisational strategy enabling how digital services are delivered.”

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