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Integrated Care Systems/Integration

Nuffield Trust, [The state of community health services in England](#), “Community health services help people to stay healthy and live independently at home, but it has proved difficult to realise a long-standing ambition to deliver more services out of hospital. In this explainer, Sarah Scobie and Stephanie Kumpunen describe what community services are, who uses and provides them, who pays for them, and some of the challenges they face.”

Population Health

The Health Foundation, [Low life expectancy in the north east, and what to do about it – with Alice Wiseman and Professor Clare Bambra](#), Podcast, “Improvements to life expectancy slowed in the last decade, and in some communities even went into reverse. In England, the north east region has the lowest life expectancy. The last decade and a half has seen a worrying increase in mortality among younger people, and in particular men who are dying before their time. A big chunk of this excess mortality seems to be down to so called ‘deaths of despair’ – that’s deaths by suicide, violent injury and substance misuse. So what’s going on? And what can be done about it?”

NHS Performance/NHS Finance

Healthcare Improvement Scotland, [Adverse events and the importance of communication](#), Podcast, “In the first episode of the healthcare improvement podcast the hosts discussed adverse events and how to learn, and share what was learnt from the events that impact patients, families and carers. The team is joined by guests to discuss the ongoing work to standardise how NHS boards categorise adverse events and how to ensure that the right level of review is carried out, as well as healthcare professionals’ experience of engaging with the families of those affected by adverse events.”

The King’s Fund, [Patient waiting times](#), “The time it takes for a patient to be seen or treated by a particular service or health practitioner is often used, alongside other metrics, as one measure of quality of care. This nutshell created by The King’s Fund discusses what’s happening to patient waiting times.”

Department of Health and Social Care, [Medical technology strategy](#), “This document outlines how to ensure the health and social care system can reliably access safe, effective and innovative medical technologies that support the continued delivery of high-quality care, outstanding patient safety and excellent patient outcomes in a way that makes the best use of taxpayer money.”

National Audit Office, [Progress in improving mental health services in England](#), “This report focuses on the implementation of NHS commitments as set out in the *Five Year Forward View for Mental Health; Stepping forward to 2020/21: the mental health workforce plan for England*; and *The NHS Long Term Plan*. It examines whether the government has achieved value for money in its efforts to date to expand and improve NHS-funded mental health services.”

NHS England, [Reducing did not attend \(DNAs\) in outpatient services](#), “This guidance builds on experience from providers and systems and previous work by quality, service improvement and redesign. It outlines initial steps providers should take to reduce their DNA rates. This documents focusses on acute settings, although many of the same principles apply in other settings including diagnostics, primary, community and mental health.”

House of Commons Library, [Delayed hospital discharges and adult social care](#), “What is the government doing to reduce the number of people staying in hospital longer than necessary?”

Reform, [The A&E crisis: what’s really driving poor performance](#), “This short briefing paper seeks to understand what is actually happening in our emergency departments and, using publicly available data, challenges some of the arguments frequently heard about the A&E crisis.”

Institute for Fiscal Studies, [One year on from the backlog recovery plan: what next for NHS waiting lists?](#), “This report examines whether the NHS is on track to achieve the challenging ambitions laid out in its backlog recovery plan and presents a number of different scenarios for waiting lists over the next two years.”

Data

Nuffield Trust, [How long do Covid-19 patients spend in hospital](#), “Nearly three years since the first recorded case of Covid-19 in England, how long are patients with the virus staying in hospital? Updating their analysis from February 2021, Cyril Lobont and Eilis Keeble take a closer look at the length of hospital stay for Covid patients between March 2020 and October 2022.”

Equality and Equity

NHS Race & Health Observatory, [10 steps hospitals can take to tackle ethnic inequalities in waiting lists](#), “This infographic resource, designed in collaboration between the NHS Race & Health Observatory and The Nuffield Trust, aims to support the healthcare system by highlighting 10 key ways to tackle these disparities, and to take practical actions to address the ethnicity gap in care provision.”

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