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This month's theme is Early Years and Beyond



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Consultations

- **Smoke-free, heated tobacco-free and vape-free places in England** Seeking views on proposals to extend smoke-free laws to certain outdoor public places and introduce heated tobacco-free and vape-free restrictions. Consultation closes at **11:59pm on 8 May 2026**. [Read More](#)

Child Health

- **HoC: First 1000 Days: a renewed focus** This inquiry sets out to understand what progress has been made since the predecessor Committee's 2019 report and what action is needed to deliver the government's ambition of giving every child the best start in life. [Read More](#)
- **GOV.UK: Delivery of the healthy child programme** The principles underlying the programme and the expectations that public health nursing teams are expected to meet when delivering services in England. [Read More](#)
- **GOV.UK: Healthy child programme: ages 0 to 19 high-impact area framework** The areas of public health where health visiting and school nursing teams in England can have the greatest impact.
 - Introduction to the high-impact areas: [Read More](#)
 - High-impact areas for health visiting: [Read More](#)
 - High-impact areas for school nursing: [Read More](#)
- **NSPCC: Early years policy development in Scotland since devolution** This report explores the early years policy and initiatives implemented by the Scottish Government, and previously the Scottish Executive and makes recommendations for prioritising support for children under five and their families. [Read More](#)
- **CMH: Why babies' first relationships matter** This study examines the current evidence base on the contribution of specialised parent–infant relationship teams to improved family outcomes as well as the broader system-level impacts. [Read More](#)
- **Estimated annual deaths and hospitalisations prevented by routine childhood immunisation, England, 2026** The estimate is that each year at least 4,960 deaths (Table 1) and at least 228,447 hospitalisations (Table 2) in England, have been prevented by the routine pre-school vaccination programme. [Read More](#)
- **Kings Fund: What is the state of children's health in England?** 'Overall, the system that supports the health and wellbeing of children is under pressure. Demand is rising, waiting times are growing, and access to services is uneven.' [Read More](#)
- **HoC Library: School meals and nutritional standards (England)** The main recent policy developments regarding school meals in England, including the revised school food standards and provision of free school meals. [Read More](#)



- **HoC Library: Mobile phones in schools (England)** This short briefing provides an overview of the current position in England, recent discussion in parliament, and introduces some relevant research. [Read More](#)
- **DoE: Reforms to the schools and SEND systems in England to ensure that every child can achieve and thrive** Details of the government's proposed reforms. [Read More](#)
- **A System at a Crossroads: An Assessment of the Strategic Design and Delivery of Children's Mental Health Services Through a Child's Rights-based Approach** NICCY's periodic review on the deep-rooted challenges and barriers facing children and young people's mental health services. This report builds upon NICCY's original "[Still Waiting" investigation from 2018](#), which identified critical shortcomings in the region's mental health support for young people. [Read More](#)
- **NHS Confederation. Transforming access to children and young people's mental health support** Evidence and insight on the importance of early intervention for children and young people with mental health issues. [Read More](#)
- **NHSE: Report of the independent ADHD Taskforce Part 1+2.** The independent ADHD Taskforce was commissioned by NHS England in 2024, as part of a series of measures to address concerns about timely access to diagnosis and support, and the impact of unsupported ADHD on individuals, services and the wider economy. [Read More](#)

Public Health

- **DHSC Guidance: Providing healthcare public health advice to integrated care boards** This guidance explains how local authorities should give healthcare public health advice to integrated care boards. [Read More](#)
- **DHSC: Public health nursing commissioning guidance** Research estimates that public health expenditure delivers an additional year of perfect health (at population level) for approximately £3,800 which is approximately 3 to 4 times more productive than NHS healthcare spend. [Read More](#)
- **ONS: Beyond GDP insights – UK headline measures of National Wellbeing: February 2026** Exploring quality of life and progress beyond GDP in the UK, drawing on the new quarterly headline national well-being measures. Explore the dashboard. [Read More](#)

Equity

- **JAMA Editorial: Advancing the Science and Scholarship of Health Equity** This is article considers the 4 features that challenge the field: limited methodological transparency, unclear definitions of key social constructs, narrow contextual framing, and overstatement of policy relevance. It concludes 'Our goal collectively should be to advance discovery science and produce knowledge that makes inequity newly impossible to ignore'. [Read More](#)

Poverty

- **JRF: UK Poverty 2026: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK** This report sets out the nature of poverty in the UK, and evaluates changes under the last Conservative-led government. It also sets out the scale of action necessary for the current government to deliver the change it has promised. [Read More](#)
- **Resolution Foundation. Unsung Britain A portrait of the country's poorer half** This book examines the evolving characteristics of the 13 million working-age families across the poorer half of the UK – how they earn, save, spend and how they've responded to cost-of-living challenges. [Read More](#)
- **HoC Library: High cost of living: Impact on households** This briefing covers how the high period of inflation in the UK from 2021 to 2024 continues to affect household incomes, spending, poverty, savings and debt. [Read More](#)

NHS 10-Year Plan

- **Health Foundation: From diagnosis to delivery** A framework for accelerating NHS productivity growth. [Read More](#)
- **DHSC: Impact statement: the 10-Year Health Plan for England** This impact statement explains the rationale for, and potential effects of, a number of measures outlined in the plan. It broadly follows the same structure as the plan and should be read alongside that document to understand the proposals and their context more fully. [Read More](#)
- **Picker: State of Person-Centred Care 2025** This report brings together the results from nine national patient and staff experience surveys that Picker coordinated across 2024 and 2025 on behalf of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and NHS England (NHSE), with examples of best practice. [Read More](#) Principles here: [Read More](#)
- **NHS Confederation: Accelerating estate solutions for neighbourhood health centre delivery** Using NHS and partner estates effectively is key to succeeding in delivering one of the 10 Year Health Plan's ambitions. [Read More](#)
- **RCGP: Solving the maze – A joint project by the RCGP and the Patients Association** 'We want a general practice that is truly accessible and navigable for all' [Read More](#)
- **Nuffield Trust. Commissioning: lessons from the last 30 years and implications for the new role of ICBs** Given past and international experience, what needs to happen for commissioning to work more effectively than it appears to have done in the past? Reflections from Nigel Edwards. [Read More](#)

Sustainable Development

- **BMJ: Environmental Lessons Learned and Applied (ELLA): a new framework for identifying, prioritising and implementing decarbonisation interventions in clinical care pathways.** A multidisciplinary framework for designing rapidly deployable, scalable



and context-specific decarbonisation interventions for clinical care has been developed within the National Health Service, devised at a care pathway level to identify modifiable emissions hotspots while addressing wider priority outcomes and implementation. [Read More](#)

- **Lancet: Livelihood implications of dietary shifts to animal-source food alternatives: a scoping review** Examines the preparations for employment in future food production systems. [Read More](#)
- **Lancet: Global health burdens of plastics: a lifecycle assessment model from 2016 to 2040** Quantifying human health impacts throughout plastics lifecycles can inform global action against pollution that promotes sustainability across environmental, economic, and health concerns. [Read More](#)
- **The Lancet Commission on improving population health post-COVID-19** This report considers the three intimately interconnected major global threats to population health: non-communicable diseases, outbreaks of infectious diseases, and environmental degradation and the opportunities for synergistic actions to address them. [Read More](#)
- **Climate change and mental health: thematic assessment report** This report synthesises the evidence base relating to climate change and mental health [Read More](#)

Websites of the Month

- **Centre for Population Health Reading Room.** [Read More](#)
- **Born Green Generation** We unite hospitals, professionals, and parents to protect future generations from harmful plastics and chemicals, proving that toxic-free healthcare is possible. [Read More](#)

BACAPH Webinar

- **The next webinar is planned for Thursday 30th April at 1.00pm. Further details will be provided shortly.**

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