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*This month's theme is Giving Children the Best Start in Life*



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## Consultations

- **The transition from child to adult health and social care services** Deadline 10 May [Read More](#)
- **Applying the new nutrient profiling model (NPM) to advertising and promotions restrictions** Deadline 17 June [Read More](#)
- **School Food Standards: updating the legislative framework** Deadline 12 June 2026 [Read More](#)
- **Clinical policy for prescribing of masculinising and feminising hormones for children and adolescents who have gender incongruence or dysphoria** Deadline 7 June 2026 [Read More](#)

## Child Health

- **DHSC: Independent review into mental health conditions, ADHD and autism: interim report** Sets out progress made on the independent review into mental health conditions, ADHD and autism, including: the main findings from the evidence so far, including gaps and uncertainties: what the review has learned from engagement and how different evidence is interpreted: priorities and questions for the next phase of the review. [Read More](#)
- **University of York: Strengths-based support for neurodivergent children and young people: evidence for reform** Neurodivergent children are more likely to experience mental health difficulties when their needs are not understood or supported. The problem is not neurodivergence itself but the lack of adjustment in schools and services. [Read More](#)
- **NHS England: Minimum standards for key-working services for autistic children and young people and children and young people with a learning disability** Every child or young person at potential or immediate risk of a mental health hospital admission and children and young people who are currently in an inpatient setting should be offered a key worker. [Read More](#)
- **DHSC: Government response to the Health and Social Care Committee's fifth report of session 2024 to 2026 'The First 1,000 Days: a renewed focus'** Endorsement for family hubs, start for life, increased health visiting improved vaccination uptake and integration between services. [Read More](#)



- **Independent report: Screen use by children aged under 5** The findings and recommendations of the Early Years Screen Time Advisory Group on the effects of all types of screen use in the early years of childhood. [Read More](#)
- **GOV.UK: Best Start Family Hubs and Healthy Babies: guidance for local authorities** How local authorities should implement Best Start Family Hubs and Healthy Babies services. Multiple papers here. [Read More](#)
- **Policy paper: Every child achieving and thriving** Reforms to the schools and SEND systems in England to ensure that every child can achieve and thrive. [Read More](#)
- **NHSR: Supporting young people to transition into adolescent and adult services** Sets out proposed actions for integrated care boards (ICBs), providers and clinical teams to enable safe and effective transition between services [Read More](#)
- **HoC Library: 2026 Schools White Paper: Plans for wider school reform** This briefing focuses on the white paper's wider proposals for reforms to schools [Read More](#)
- **Children's Commissioner: Children waiting to leave hospital** 'More than 1,000 children spent over a year in hospital, many are doing so not because they need to, but because safe or appropriate options have not been found for them outside of the ward'. This paper considers what needs to change to improve lives. [Read More](#)
- **NHS England: Children and young people's patient experience survey 2024: national qualitative report** The focus of this report is on the Children and Young People's Patient Experience Survey 2024, which captured feedback from 25,821 children and young people and their parents and carers. [Read More](#)
- **Bite Back: Quick cheap and profitable – Who is benefitting from the rise in grab-and-go canteen culture at the expense of child health** This research examines how commercial incentives are actively shaping the secondary school food marketplace around profit-making grab-and-go, how current provision affects young people, and what needs to change for it to better support students' health and wellbeing. [Read More](#)
- **The Food Foundation: How the quality of school food can be improved to increase uptake** School food is one of the greatest untapped opportunities in children's health and wellbeing policy. Every single school day, millions of children sit down to eat together – a captive moment to nourish growing bodies, build good habits, and show young people that healthy food can be delicious. [Read More](#)



## Public Health

- **DHSC Guidance: Providing healthcare public health advice to Integrated Care Boards** Healthcare public health is concerned with maximising the population benefits of healthcare and reducing health inequalities while meeting the needs of individuals and groups. [Read More](#)
- **Resolution Foundation: 'Bye Bye Baby' – Assessing Britain's falling birth rate since the early 2010s** This briefing explores Britain's recent baby bust and whether it should be a cause for concern for policymakers. [Read More](#)
- **Health Equity North: Ghost Towns – The Decline of the High Street and Health Inequalities** Over the last decade, our high streets have lost one in five retail units and shops, two in five banks, a quarter of their public toilets and one in six of their pharmacies. [Read More](#)
- **UN Global Compact: Social Mobility Consultations and Blueprint Report** This report examines the regional disparities shaping social mobility across the UK and sets out practical, place-based recommendations to drive meaningful change. [Read More](#)
- **GOV.UK: Protecting Lives, Building Hope – A Plan to Halve Knife Crime** 'Preventing further tragedies and building a society where children are not only free to live without knife violence, but free from the fear that knife violence will affect them.' [Read More](#)
- **DHSC: The Renewed Women's Health Strategy for England** The health of children linked to the health of their mothers. [Read More](#)
- **GOV.UK: Health protection in children and young people's settings, including education** A practical guide for staff on managing cases of infectious diseases in children and young people's settings, including education. [Read More](#)
- **GOV.UK: Green book chapter on Varicella** All you need to know. [Read More](#)

## NHS 10-Year Plan

- **The King's Fund: How to navigate the political pitfalls of health legislation** This blog explores some of the challenges the government will face in passing health legislation through parliament – and how ministers can tackle those challenges. [Read More](#)
- **The Health Foundation: From diagnosis to delivery – A framework for accelerating NHS productivity growth** Considers a framework based on what matters most: 1. having the right staff to deliver care (*workforce*) 2. fit-for-



purpose equipment and buildings for staff (*capital*) 3. the right digital tools and new ways of working (*technology and innovation*) 4. the leadership, objectives, accountability and resources to drive forward change. [Read More](#)

- **UCL: Health of the Health System Index** this report shows that without deliberate attention to the health of the health system itself, policy ambitions for recovery, integration, digital transformation, and prevention will remain at risk.
- **Verdant: Waste Not – How the UK government can save money and support public services** This paper conservatively estimates over £30 billion in potential annual savings: not from cutting public services, but from tackling the real waste in how government procures goods, fights fraud, and collects tax. [Read More](#)
- **Policy paper: Neighbourhood Health Framework** The aim is to support greater consistency by building on existing best practice. At the same time, where neighbourhood health is scarce, the guidance is designed to support local leaders to accelerate the creation of provision. [Read More](#)
- **NHS England: Neighbourhood health centre guidance for regions and integrated care boards** Sets out the strategic framework for how ICBs and NHS England regions, working with providers, should identify and develop NHC schemes to support neighbourhood health. [Read More](#)
- **NHS England: Guidance on neighbourhood multidisciplinary teams for children and young people** Service design and implementation will depend on local factors including demographics, population needs, the local healthcare infrastructure, the resources available, geography and capital considerations. This paper considers some of the options available. [Read More](#)
- **Nuffield Trust: Unpacking the neighbourhood health framework: the good, the bad and the puzzling** Sets out the new framework, highlighting what's promising, what's problematic and what's still unclear in the new guidance – and what we think it means for local systems trying to work out what comes next. [Read More](#)
- **IPPR: Bismarck versus Beveridge revisited: Does the model shape the outcome?** Analysis of 22 countries reveals tax-funded healthcare systems are cheaper and have lower admin costs. [Read More](#)
- **NHS England: Fit for the Future – towards population health delivery models** This paper sets out how the population-based delivery models can be used by integrated care boards and providers to organise services around defined populations, improving routine care while supporting long-term conditions and providing better alternatives to hospital treatment. [Read More](#)
- **Health Foundation: Integrated care systems in England: where next?** Conclusion: providing clarity and stability to ICSs about their future role and



structure – then leaving it alone for as long as possible – should be a priority for the government. [Read More](#)

## Poverty and Inequity

- **The Health Foundation: Evidence Hub – What drives health inequalities?** Good for trainees. Data, insights and analysis exploring how the circumstances in which we live shape our health. [Read More](#)

## Sustainable Development

- **Lancet: The 2026 Europe report of the *Lancet* Countdown on health and climate change: narrowing window for decisive health action** The report features seven new indicators, methodological updates, extended time series for existing indicators, and highlights inequalities in health risks and impacts where possible. [Read More](#)
- **HoC Library: Nature-based solutions for climate change** These approaches harness nature to address issues such as climate change, and can also contribute to improvements in health and wellbeing, development and infrastructure. [Read More](#)
- **Kings Fund and Centre for Sustainable Healthcare: Environmental sustainability in the NHS: A new approach to national leadership and accountability** This research examined accountability arrangements for environmental sustainability in the NHS in England, focusing on the mechanisms and practices used to hold trusts and integrated care boards to account. [Read More](#)

## Featured Website

**The Outcomes Lab: Test, Learn and Grow** <https://golab.bsg.ox.ac.uk/about/test-learn-and-grow/>

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