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POLICY

- The Health Foundation. **Options for a future public health system in England.** Four key structural challenges: the system is fragmented; there is a perceived absence of system leadership; there is a lack of political independence; and there is limited cross government coordination- [Future public health system \(health.org.uk\)](https://www.health.org.uk/news/articles-and-opinions/future-public-health-system)
- National Children's Bureau. **The healthiest generation of children ever: A roadmap for the health system.** "Babies, children and young people make up around 25% of the population, yet they only account for 11% of NHS expenditure"- [A roadmap for the health system \(ncb.org.uk\)](https://www.ncb.org.uk/publications/roadmap-for-the-health-system)
- The King's Fund. **Implementing a long-term plan for health: what can we learn from international examples?** Six key priorities: 1. Embed a clear vision and stick to it; 2) think beyond healthcare; 3) engage patients, communities and health care staff in both the development and implementation of the plan; 4) ensure implementation is a key focus from the outset; 5) allow plans to be adapted locally; 5) measure implementation and evaluate the plan's success- [Implementing a long-term plan for health \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/implementing-a-long-term-plan-for-health)
- IPPR. **From the frontline: Empowering staff to drive the NHS reform agenda.** This report attempts to break free from the cyclical history of NHS 'reform'. It puts forward a new approach that is based on ideas of democracy and decentralisation as a way to achieve better resource allocation and decision-making throughout the NHS- [From the frontline \(ippr.org\)](https://www.ippr.org/publications/from-the-frontline)
- Department of Health and Social Care. **The Tobacco and Vapes Bill: creating a smoke-free UK and tackling youth vaping.** Smoking ban introduced to protect children and the most vulnerable- [Tobacco and vapes bill policy paper \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/tobacco-and-vapes-bill)
- Department for Education. **Keeping children safe, helping families thrive.** A policy statement setting out the government's commitment to whole system reform of the children's social care system- [Keeping children safe policy paper \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/keeping-children-safe)
- DEMOS. **Tech that liberates: A new vision for embedding AI in public service reform.** DEMOS sets out a systemic vision for embedding AI in public services that will not only improve the quality of services, but will strengthen the foundations of our reformed public services- [Tech that liberates \(demos.co.uk\)](https://www.demos.co.uk/publications/tech-that-liberates)
- The NSPCC. **Opening doors: access to early childhood services for families impacted by poverty in the UK.** Research and recommendations for government- [Opening doors \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/research/opening-doors)
- The Health Foundation. **Social care commissions: looking back to move forward.** England's social care system is in desperate need of reform and investment. This long read summarises previous reviews of social care policy and their range of approaches to developing reform proposals- [Social care commissions \(health.org.uk\)](https://www.health.org.uk/news/articles-and-opinions/social-care-commissions)

CLINICAL:

- **MIND. The big mental health report 2024.** This report brings together the latest evidence on the current state of the nation's mental health and its mental health services, alongside insights from people with lived experience of mental health difficulties- [The big mental health report \(mind.org.uk\)](https://mind.org.uk)
- House of Commons Library. **Sexual and reproductive health statistics for England.** A summary of statistics on sexual and reproductive health in England, with a focus on sexually transmitted infections (STIs)- [Sexual and reproductive health stats research briefing \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk)
- House of Commons Library. **Safeguarding in English schools.** Information on the safeguarding duties of English schools, governing bodies and staff, including during recruitment, and in dealing with allegations- [Safeguarding in English schools research briefing \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk)
- House of Lords Library. **Domestic abuse: Supporting victims and survivors.** An estimated 2.3 million people aged 16 years and over experienced domestic abuse in the year ending March 2024- [Supporting victims and survivors \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk)
- House of Commons Library. **How does the definition of domestic abuse apply to under 16s?** This insight looks at the statutory definition of domestic abuse and how it applies to teenage relationships- [Domestic abuse and under 16s \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk)
- World Health Organization. **Teens, screens and mental health.** The report defines problematic social media use as a pattern of behavior characterized by addiction-like symptoms. These include an inability to control social media usage, experiencing withdrawal when not using it, neglecting other activities in favour of social media, and facing negative consequences in daily life due to excessive use- [Teens, screens and mental health \(who.int\)](https://who.int)
- UK Health Security Agency. **Tuberculosis (TB): diagnosis, screening, management and data.** Information on the diagnosis, screening, epidemiology and public health strategy for tuberculosis and other mycobacterial diseases- [Tuberculosis \(gov.uk\)](https://gov.uk)

EQUITY:

- UK Health Security Agency. **UKHSA Health Equity for Health Security Strategy 2023 to 2026.** Outlines roadmap for an enabling environment to achieve more equitable health security outcomes, in line with UKHSA's mission to protect every person in every community- [Health equity for health security \(gov.uk\)](https://gov.uk)

NUTRITION:

- Office for Health Improvement and Disparities. **Obesity profile: November 2024 update-** [Child obesity \(gov.uk\)](https://gov.uk)



- The Lancet. **Planet-friendly school meals: opportunities to improve children's health and leverage change in food systems.** School meals, mostly state-funded, reach 418 million children every day worldwide offering an opportunity to improve diet quality, and ultimately nutrition and health, and act as a catalyst for food systems transformation contributing to meeting global climate, food, and biodiversity goals- [Planet-friendly school meals \(lancet.com\)](https://www.lancet.com)
- Department of Health and Social Care et al. **Birth defects prevented by fortifying flour with folic acid.** New legislation being introduced will require millers and flour producers to fortify non-wholemeal wheat flour with folic acid from the end of 2026 to prevent around 200 cases of neural tube defects every year- [Preventing birth defects \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- The Food Foundation. **Children's Food Policy Library.** Here you will find an interactive dashboard which chronicles the ups and downs of children's food policy in England over the last 140 years- [Children's food policy library \(foodfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.foodfoundation.org.uk)

QUALITY AND OUTCOMES:

- The Commonwealth Fund. **Mirror, Mirror 2024: A Portrait of the Failing U.S. Health System.** Comparing performance in 10 nations including the UK- [Comparing health system performance \(commonwealthfund.org\)](https://www.commonwealthfund.org)

HEALTH DATA:

- HDR UK. **The Sudlow Review - Uniting the UK's Health Data: A Huge Opportunity for Society.** The review's findings sets out a bold vision for overcoming the barriers and inefficiencies that currently delay the safe and secure use of health data to improve lives with five key recommendations to transform the national health data ecosystem- [The Sudlow Review \(hdruk.ac.uk\)](https://www.hdruk.ac.uk)

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

- The Health Foundation. **Policy levers for a net zero NHS: four priorities for the future.** This long read assesses how national policy levers are currently being used in relation to net zero health care, where the gaps are and what could be changed to make faster progress- [Policy levers for a net zero NHS \(health.org.uk\)](https://www.health.org.uk)
- House of Commons Library. **What was agreed at COP29?** The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) was held from 11 to 22 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan. This briefing covers new developments from the conference and their reception- [What was agreed at COP29? \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk)

- Global Compact Network UK. **SDG Storytelling for Sustainability.** Studies show that stories are remembered up to 22 times more than facts alone. When data and stories are used together, there is the potential to bring figures to life, moving stakeholders both intellectually and emotionally- [Storytelling for sustainability \(unglobalcompact.org.uk\)](https://unglobalcompact.org.uk)

SERIES OF PAPERS ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

- The Lancet. **The first and next 1000 days: a continuum for child development in early life.** Overview of the centrality of the first 1000 days – from conception to 2 years of age – for early childhood development is recognized in global research, policy, and practice as a crucial period for physical growth and brain development in children- [The first and next 1000 days \(thelancet.com\)](https://www.thelancet.com)
- The Lancet. **The next 1000 days: building on early investments for the health and development of young children.** Focuses on the transition to the next 1000 days of the life course. Describes why this developmental period matters, identifies the environments of care, risks, and protective factors that shape children’s development, estimates the number of children who receive adequate nurturing care, and examines whether current interventions are meeting children’s needs- [The next 1000 days \(thelancet.com\)](https://www.thelancet.com)
- The Lancet. **The cost of not investing in the next 1000 days: implications for policy and practice.** This paper summarises the benefits and costs of key strategies to support children’s development in this age range- [Cost of not investing in next 1000 days \(thelancet.com\)](https://www.thelancet.com)
- The Lancet. **The world in 2024 was not all right for children.** November 2024 marks the 35th anniversary of the UNCRC. Through rising mental ill health, eating disorders, obesity, self-harm, academic disengagement, and excessive online activities, children and young people are showing us that the world in 2024 is not all right. Children’s wellbeing is being eroded by learnt adult biases that discriminate against the natural beautiful diversity of our human race- [The world in 2024 was not all right for children \(thelancet.com\)](https://www.thelancet.com)
- The Lancet. **Creating child-inclusive societies.** In a global landscape defined by polycrisis, children are being failed. To address this failure, we ask an ambitious yet fundamental question: how do we create child-inclusive societies where every child thrives and has the best start in life, where intergenerational disadvantage is redressed, and where child poverty is ended?- [Creating child-inclusive societies \(thelancet.com\)](https://www.thelancet.com)

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