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LOOKING AHEAD:

- Department of Health & Social Care. **Road to recovery: the government's 2025 mandate to NHS England.** The mandate lays the foundation for longer-term reform as part of our health mission, focusing on bringing care closer to communities, prioritising prevention over treatment, embracing digital transformation, and embedding financial discipline within the system- [Road to recovery \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/road-to-recovery)
- NHS England. **2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance.** Priorities are cutting waiting times, improving access to primary care, and improving urgent and emergency care- [NHS priorities and planning \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publications/2025-26-priorities-and-operational-planning-guidance/)
- The King's Fund. **The 10 Year Health Plan: our recommendations.** Sets out the key recommendations The King's Fund is making to the government to support the development of the 10 year health plan and realise these shifts- [10 year health plan recommendations \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/10-year-health-plan-recommendations)
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government et al. **National Planning Policy Framework.** The revised National Planning Policy Framework sets out government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. Chapter 8 is 'Promoting healthy and safe communities'. This includes stronger and clearer powers for local authorities to block new fast food outlets near schools (paragraph 97), alongside a strengthened public health narrative (paragraph 96 (c)). It goes further than the ambition set out in the Child Health Action Plan in that – i) it does not just focus on schools, but adds reference to other places where children and young people congregate; ii) it addresses the impacts of a high concentration of hot food takeaways; and iii) it introduces a specific reference to health inequalities- [National Planning Policy Framework \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework)
- NHS England. **Neighbourhood health guidelines 2025/26.** Guidelines to support the move to a neighbourhood health service that will deliver more care at home or closer to home, improve people's access, experience and outcomes, and ensure the sustainability of health and social care delivery- [Neighbourhood health guidelines \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publications/neighbourhood-health-guidelines-2025-26/)
- Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC). **The future is out there: Joining up health and care for the benefit of all.** This is the third in a series of AoMRC papers which explore how we might create a sustainable NHS which is truly fit for the second half of the 21st century- [The future is out there \(aomrc.org.uk\)](https://www.aomrc.org.uk/publications/the-future-is-out-there)
- Department of Health and Social Care. **NHS public health functions agreements.** Agreements setting out the outcomes to be achieved and the funding provided for NHS England to commission public health services- [NHS public health functions agreements \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-public-health-functions-agreements)
- Department of Health and Social Care. **Public health commissioning in the NHS: 2024 to 2025.** Information about NHS England's objectives and funding arrangements as it commissions public health services- [Public health commissioning \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-health-commissioning-in-the-nhs-2024-to-2025)

- Nuffield Trust. **Fairer funding for general practice in England: what's the problem, why is it so hard to fix, and what should the government do?** The briefing, produced in collaboration with the Health Equity Evidence Centre, proposes replacing the Carr-Hill with a modern, needs-based formula- [Fairer funding for general practice \(nuffieldtrust.org.uk\)](https://nuffieldtrust.org.uk/fairer-funding-for-general-practice)

PATIENT SAFETY:

- Imperial. **National State of Patient Safety 2024: Prioritising improvement efforts in a system under stress.** “Local NHS organisations must be supported to adopt evidence-based interventions to tackle the most common safety problems causing significant harm to patients. National organisations must agree on a focused set of patient safety improvement priorities for the system to rally around”- [National state of patient safety \(imperial.ac.uk\)](https://imperial.ac.uk/national-state-of-patient-safety)

CLINICAL:

- House of Commons Library. **Duties to report child abuse in England.** This does not impose a legislative requirement to report abuse, but creates an expectation that those working with children will comply with the guidance unless there are exceptional circumstances- [Duties to report child abuse in England \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk/duties-to-report-child-abuse-in-england)
- House of Commons Library. **Local area data: Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).** This dashboard provides local data on SEND incidence, funding, performance and provision in England- [SEND data dashboard \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk/send-data-dashboard)
- House of Commons Library. **School attendance in England.** An overview of school attendance rules in England, and concerns about increased persistent and severe absence since the COVID pandemic- [School attendance in England \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk/school-attendance-in-england)
- NCMD (National Child Mortality Database). **Child deaths due to asthma or anaphylaxis.** NCMD programme thematic report data from April 2019 to March 2023. A child dies from asthma every month in England- [Child deaths due to asthma \(ncmd.info\)](https://ncmd.info/child-deaths-due-to-asthma)
- House of Lords Library. **What is the future of human life expectancy?** Are we nearing the ceiling of life expectancy or will a new wave of research change everything?- [Human life expectancy \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk/human-life-expectancy)
- The Lancet. **Child-first societies are safe societies for all.** From violence prevention to management of children engaging in risky or criminal behavior, the many vulnerabilities due to age, socioeconomic status, disability, and race and ethnicity, must be recognized and grappled with to create a system that provides both safety and security for children to thrive- [Child-first societies are safe societies for all \(thelancet.com\)](https://thelancet.com/child-first-societies-are-safe-societies-for-all)

- Department for Education. **Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill 2024: policy summary.** The intention is to put in place a package of support to drive high and rising standards throughout our education and care systems so that every child can achieve and thrive. The ambitions of the Bill are set out in seven key parts: 1) Making a child-centred government; 2) Keeping families together and children safe; 3) Supporting children in the care system to thrive; 4) Cracking down on excessive profit making; 5) Driving high and rising standards for every child; 6) Removing barriers to opportunity in schools; and 7) Creating a safer and higher quality education system for every child- [Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/childrens-wellbeing-and-schools-bill-2024)

PUBLIC HEALTH:

- UK Health Security Agency. **Syndromic surveillance: systems and analyses.** These syndromic surveillance systems provide information for public health action about the spread of illness across England- [Syndromic surveillance \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/syndromic-surveillance)
- The Health Foundation. **Counting what matters: how to classify, account and track spending for prevention.** This new briefing paper in collaboration with Demos explores the challenge of measurement and makes a series of recommendations, including a ‘Public Investment Act’, to show how this could be achieved- [Counting what matters \(health.org.uk\)](https://www.health.org.uk/publications/counting-what-matters) and [demos.co.uk](https://www.demos.co.uk/publications/counting-what-matters)
- House of Commons Library. **Local government air quality responsibilities.** Local authorities must monitor and improve air quality to meet objectives. This briefing gives an overview of the local air quality management regime- [Air quality \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk/publications/14062/related/1406201)
- Department of Health and Social Care. **Chief Medical Officer’s annual report 2024: health in cities.** The report outlines a broad range of health opportunities and challenges for city populations, and includes case studies from core cities in England- [Health in cities \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-in-cities)
- Global Designing Cities Initiative. **How to engage kids in street design.** This handbook offers strategies and tools for cities to engage children in the street design process, demonstrating how their perspectives can create streets that are safer, more inclusive, and more enjoyable for all ages- [Street design \(globaldesigningcities.org\)](https://globaldesigningcities.org/publications/how-to-engage-kids-in-street-design)
- Global Designing Cities Initiative. **How to evaluate street transformations near schools.** This handbook provides guidance on evaluating street transformations near schools to measure impact, gather stories, and champion safer, healthier, and more enjoyable streets for kids- [Street transformation \(globaldesigningcities.org\)](https://globaldesigningcities.org/publications/how-to-evaluate-street-transformations-near-schools)
- Department of Health and Social Care et al. **Press release: Local public health services given £200 million boost.** Local communities to receive funding for family and school nurses, sexual health clinics and other public health services- [Public health funding \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/press-releases/2024/04/24/local-public-health-services-given-200-million-boost)

EQUITY:

- Institute of Health Equity. **Building health equity: The role of the property sector in improving health.** The review lays out a way forward to enable the property sector and national and local governments to work in partnership and put health equity, wellbeing and environmental sustainability at the heart of how the UK builds homes and shapes neighbourhoods- [Building health equity \(instituteofhealthequity.org\)](https://instituteofhealthequity.org)

WORKFORCE:

- Institute for Healthcare Improvement. **Guiding principles for improving health care workforce well-being.** This paper describes five guiding principles for health care organisations seeking to initiate or advance workforce well-being interventions to improve mental health, reduce burnout and address moral injury- [Improving health care workforce wellbeing \(ihi.org\)](https://ihi.org)

CLIMATE CHANGE:

- Health Care Without Harm. **HCWH Europe launches practical guide for building climate-resilient health systems.** A comprehensive resource designed to help healthcare systems across Europe strengthen their resilience to the impacts of climate change- [Building climate resilient health systems \(europe.noharm.org\)](https://europe.noharm.org)
- House of Lords Library. **Housing: Supply, quality and community impact.** This paper considers how new homes can impact on surrounding communities, affecting factors such as green spaces, local infrastructure and public services- [Housing \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk)
- House of Lords Library. **Noise and light pollution: What's the harm?** Noise and light pollution can be harmful to both humans and wildlife. This briefing looks at their effects and how noise and light are regulated- [Noise and light pollution \(parliament.uk\)](https://parliament.uk)

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