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This month's theme is maximising young people's potential



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Consultations

- **Growing Up in the Online World: A National Consultation** Consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 26 May 2026**. [Read More](#)

Child Health

- **National maternity and neonatal investigation: Independent Investigation into Maternity and Neonatal Services in England – Interim Report** This interim report provides the background and changing context in which maternity and neonatal care is provided and examines six factors that could be contributing to the pressures on the maternity and neonatal system. [Read More](#)
- **ADC: Addressing School Absence in Clinical Practice** School absence is a major challenge, with one in five pupils persistently absent in 2022/2023. School attendance is an important predictor of long-term educational, health, economic and social outcomes in children and young people. [Read More](#)
- **RCPCH: The role of paediatricians in supporting children’s school attendance: Position statement** Across the UK persistent school absence has increased to >20%. [Read More](#)
- **HoC research briefing: 2026 Schools White Paper: Plans for wider school reform** This White Paper sets out long-term reforms to the school system in England. It includes a major section on reform to special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision [Read More](#)
- **HoC Research Briefing. Duties to report child abuse in England** A briefing on reporting child abuse in England, including the government's plans to introduce a mandatory reporting duty [Read More](#)
- **Health Foundation: Why are a growing number of young people who are NEET reporting work-limiting health conditions?** 2.8% of all 16–24-year-olds, 44% reporting a work-limiting health condition has increased steadily over the past decade, in 2025 largely driven by mental health and neurodevelopmental conditions. [Read More](#)
- **Camilla Kingdon: Review of children’s hearing services in England** A comprehensive review with 10 recommendations. [Read More](#)

Public Health

- **Global Obesity Observatory: Obesity Atlas 2026** The prevalence of obesity among school-age children has increased from 4% in 1975 to nearly 20% in 2022 and for the



first time in history, more children globally will be living with obesity than with underweight. [Read More](#)

- **HoL: Media Literacy: Lords Communications and Digital Committee report** The committee's report raises concerns about public risk from misinformation, disinformation and online harms and proposes embedding media literacy across the national curriculum. [Read More](#)
- **Natural England: Healthy Outdoors – A guide for measuring health outcomes when evaluating outdoor interventions (NECR725)** A practical resource designed to encourage more consistent measurement of the impact of outdoor interventions on people's health and wellbeing. [Read More](#)
- **Deloitte: Delivery That Matters – The State of the State 2026** Useful graphics. [Read More](#)
- **UKSHA: Water Fluoridation – Health Monitoring Report for England 2026** This Health Monitoring Report aimed to monitor the health effects of water fluoridation schemes, and to assess the associations between concentrations of fluoride in public water supplies and selected dental and non-dental health outcomes. [Read More](#)

NHS 10-Year Plan

- **Health Services Safety Investigations Body: Building investigation excellence: our strategy for strengthening the capability of healthcare investigations** The HSSIB outlines its strategy to move from reactive to proactive, to an integrated approach, to drive sustainable improvement and system learning in patient safety. [Read More](#)
- **Medical Technology Group: System That Learns: Embedding Best Practice Across the NHS** This paper illustrates how culture determines delivery: where learning and dissemination are strong, improvement follows; where they are weak, variation persists. [Read More](#)
- **Policy Exchange: How to Save the NHS in 1,000 Days** Adopting a Dutch-style social insurance model for healthcare. [Read More](#)
- **Health Foundation: From Diagnosis to Delivery** A framework for accelerating NHS productivity growth. [Read More](#)

Poverty and Inequity

- **HoC: Constituency data on child poverty** Small area-level data on child poverty in the UK. [Read More](#)

Sustainable Development



- **Global Designing Cities Initiative: Designing for Safe Speeds** This paper complements previous publications this time with a focus on holistic street design and emphasises speed management, one of the most critical factors in reducing traffic violence and saving lives. [Read More](#)
- **Health Declares Climate and Ecological Emergency: How to Get Your Royal College to Declare a Climate & Ecological Emergency** A series of case studies based on how groups of healthcare professionals successfully managed to lobby their Royal College to declare a climate & ecological emergency. [Read More](#)

Featured Website

- **Food Standards Agency** <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

BACAPH News

- The Executive Committee congratulates Committee members Dr Katrina Roberts and Dr Joe Williams on securing consultant posts.
- Don't miss the next BACAPH Webinar on **30th April from 13.00-14.00**. Speaker: Professor Lorna Fraser on Prevalence and Complexity of life-Limiting Conditions in Children in England. See attached flyer for full details and joining link.

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