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*Pre- and post-election, there is a plethora of advice for new Government, not least the importance of investment in prevention, capital spending, and clinical catch-up from COVID and a decade of austerity.*

*All this within an equitable transition to a greener economy to tackle climate change and a more circular economy that generates wealth to provide better public services. A challenging agenda!*

*The section on offending highlights the youth justice strategy and framework which often gets overlooked, but is an important determinant for future health both for criminals and victims of crime.*



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## NHS FUTURE PRIORITIES:

- **European Observatory. A public debate on the future health priorities of the European Union: outcomes, insights and ideas for action.** A set of common concerns are emerging namely: non-communicable diseases; mental ill-health; equity; public health; prevention and health promotion; determinants of health; and health services and provision to meet patients' needs- [Future health priorities \(eurohealthobservatory.who.int\)](https://eurohealthobservatory.who.int)
- **Nuffield Trust report. The future for health after Brexit.** This research report published in April 2024 looks at the impact on the supply of medicines, workforce recruitment, and academic life sciences- [The future of health after Brexit \(nuffieldtrust.org.uk/\)](https://nuffieldtrust.org.uk/)
- **The Health Foundation. How can the next government improve hospital waits in England?** There are no quick fixes but the health service can recover with a long-term plan that combines the right mix of policy change, radical innovation and improvement, and long-term investment- [Hospital waits in England \(health.org.uk\)](https://health.org.uk)
- **Institute for Government. Capital spending in public services – fixing how the government invests in the NHS, schools and prisons.** The problems currently besetting public services have accumulated over many years. Better buildings, better IT and better equipment should mean better and more productive services- [Capital spending in public services \(instituteforgovernment.org.uk\)](https://instituteforgovernment.org.uk)
- **The Health Foundation. How much funding does the NHS need over the next decade?** This report explores two scenarios for funding the NHS in England over the next 10 years. It's clear that the new government will face difficult trade-offs between spending on the NHS and other vital public service and between overall public spending and levels of taxation- [NHS funding needs \(health.org.uk\)](https://health.org.uk)

## HEALTH DETERMINANTS:

- **Statista. Social media and children in the UK.** Not surprisingly, an October 2021 survey found that 87% of 15 to 16-year old children had their own social media profile. What was surprising was that almost a quarter of children aged three to four years of age had their own social media profiles, indicating that social media exposure begins at an early age- [Social media and children \(statista.com\)](https://statista.com)
- **The Food Foundation. A neglected generation: reversing the decline in children's health.** A more nourishing and more sustainable food system can underpin a healthy and prosperous society, but it needs bold policies and policymakers to make it happen. It's time for visionary leaders to make this a reality- [Reversing the decline in children's health \(foodfoundation.org.uk\)](https://foodfoundation.org.uk)

- **The Food Foundation. 10 cost free policies for nourishing the nation.** All sensible proposals- [Nourishing the nation \(foodfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.foodfoundation.org.uk)
- **National Academy for Social Prescribing. Social prescribing around the world. A world map of global developments in social prescribing across different health system contexts: 2024.** There is a global shift towards salutogenic models of health systems that prioritises health creation and disease prevention. As nations look to design and develop their health systems with a vision of health care that includes social prescribing, it's vital to collate global efforts and identify common best practices- [Social prescribing around the world \(socialprescribingacademy.org.uk\)](https://socialprescribingacademy.org.uk)

### POVERTY:

- **Joseph Rowntree Foundation. UK Poverty 2024.** This report looks at the current situation across different groups and regions, and the future prospects for poverty in the UK- [Essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK \(jrf.org.uk\)](https://www.jrf.org.uk)
- **Barnardos. The case for early support.** This paper highlights reflection and discussion by five charities about the concept of early support and how it might be achieved in reality- [The case for early support \(barnardos.org.uk\)](https://www.barnardos.org.uk)
- **The Food Foundation. A neglected generation: reversing the decline in children's health in England.** *"What is so deeply troubling about the health problems highlighted in this report is that they are largely preventable"*- [Children's health report \(foodfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.foodfoundation.org.uk)
- **Joseph Rowntree Foundation. The impact of hardship on primary schools and primary and community healthcare.** People going without essentials piles pressure on primary schools and GP surgeries, diverting resources and adding to workloads- [Deep poverty and destitution \(jrf.org.uk\)](https://www.jrf.org.uk)

### EQUITY:

- **Institute for Fiscal Studies. How do the last five years measure up on levelling up?** A comprehensive review of all the measures. *"In many policy areas, there has been - perhaps unsurprisingly - relatively limited progress towards the levelling up missions."*- [IFS Report R323 \(ifs.org.uk\)](https://www.ifs.org.uk)

### ICS/NHS WORKING:

- **Association of Directors of Public Health. Integrated Care Systems Survey Report.** Directors of Public Health (DsPH) were surveyed to investigate and understand their experiences when engaging with integrated care systems (ICS). 54 DsPH completed the survey, representing 36 of the 42 ICS regions in England- [ADPH ICS survey report \(adph.org.uk\)](https://www.adph.org.uk)

- **NHS Providers.** Providers delivery: achieving value for money. This report highlights a range of Trust-led initiatives that are aimed at targeting productivity growth- [Achieving value for money \(nhsproviders.org\)](https://www.nhsproviders.org)

## **OFFENDING:**

- **NHS England. Health and justice framework for integration 2022-2025: Improving lives – reducing inequality.** This framework highlights the complex relationship between health influences on offending (the focus on offending is not inclusive of children in secure settings for welfare reasons) and re-offending behavior, alongside wider social influences, such as poverty, housing, social exclusion and adverse childhood experiences (ACES)- [Improving lives - reducing inequality \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk)
- **Public Health England. Preventing offending and re-offending by children.** A resource to help local partnerships work together to support vulnerable children and young people and stop them offending and re-offending- [Supporting vulnerable children and young people \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- **Youth Justice Board. The Youth Justice Board strategy for delivering positive outcomes for children by reducing offending and creating safer communities.** The number of proven offences committed by children has fallen by approximately 65%, from 98,937 in 2012/13 to around 34,300 in 2022/23- [Preventing offending and reoffending in children \(assets.publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk)

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