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*“In view of the children, young people and the built environment inquiry, the focus this month is on housing, homes and determinants”.*



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## **DETERMINANTS, HOMES, and HOUSING:**

- **Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee Commons Select Committee Consultation. Children, young people and the built environment inquiry.** Deadline for responses Tuesday 2 January 2024: [Children, young people and the built environment - Committees - UK Parliament](#)
- **The Association of Directors of Public Health Policy Position: Built Environment.** A summary of health and housing interventions- [Built-Environment-Policy-Position-Statement-2023.pdf \(adph.org.uk\)](#)
- **UCL. Design for all – a place to call home.** An investigation into the health, social and economic impacts of homelessness and precarious housing, along with strategies for how to build affordable and sustainable dwellings for those in the UK in greatest need: a review of literature and projects- [ucl-report-a-place-to-call-home.pdf \(nihr.ac.uk\)](#)
- **A neighbourhood strategy for national renewal. Final report of the APPG for ‘left behind’ neighbourhoods’ inquiry into levelling up.** This report makes a compelling case for remaking the levelling up agenda to put ‘left behind’ areas front and centre of a new mission of national renewal- [A-Neighbourhood-Strategy-for-National-Renewal.pdf \(appg-leftbehindneighbourhoods.org.uk\)](#)
- **Overcrowded housing (England).** An explanation of the statutory overcrowding standard in England, efforts to update the standard, and Government approaches to tackling overcrowding- <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN01013/SN01013.pdf>
- **Health Foundation. Briefing: addressing the leading risk factors for ill health – a framework for local government action.** This briefing aims to support local authorities in England to maximise their local scope for action to improve health and tackle inequalities by addressing tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food- [Briefing: Addressing the leading risk factors for ill health – a framework for local government action](#)
- **Children’s Commissioner England. Homeless 16- and 17-year olds in need of care.** Data revealed that in 2022-23 a total of 6,469 children aged 16 and 17 sought help from their local authority, or were referred by another person or agency for help, because they were homeless or were threatened with homelessness. Family breakdown was the commonest reason- [cco-homeless-16-and-17-year-olds.pdf \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Acting on the social determinants of health to reduce health inequalities.** The four case studies featured here show the type of action that can be taken by health providers to improve employment, increase income, improve education, and reduce air pollution. Learning from what has worked in these trusts and how they have implemented their work is essential to spread this innovation and ensure best practice is shared- [UCLpartners Social Determinants of Health Report October 2023 \(pcdn.co\)](#)

- **NHS Providers. Reducing health inequalities experienced by children and young people.**  
"There are effective opportunities to intervene to support children and young people with long-term health conditions and to encourage positive habits relating to engagement with healthcare services and techniques for young people to self-manage their own health." Examples page12-[children-and-young-people-health-inequalities.pdf \(nhsproviders.org\)](#)
- **OXERA 2023 The economic cost of health inequalities IN England.** This report estimates the economic costs of health inequalities in England, focusing on the financial impact of avoidable deaths due to deprivation-related health disparities. In particular, measures aimed at preventing ill health are effective in reducing avoidable deaths- [Our Standard Report template \(oxera.com\)](#)
- **The Association of Directors of Public Health. Policy Position: Best Start in Life – the first 1,001 days.** A whole system approach is needed to address the determinants of child health, with joint working between the NHS, housing, education, social services, voluntary, police and youth justice sectors- [Best-Start-in-Life-Policy-Position-Statement-2023-1.pdf \(adph.org.uk\)](#)
- **Wall to Wall Support: Joining up public services and housing for vulnerable children, young people and families.** This report sets out the essential need for reform in public services and housing for vulnerable young people and families. A lack of joined-up services is costing the government between £1.5 billion and £4.3 billion every year in direct costs alone- [Wall-to-Wall-Support\\_Report.pdf \(demos.co.uk\)](#)

### CLIMATE CHANGE:

- **NHS Net Zero Travel and Transport Strategy.** The NHS Fleet travels 460,000,000 miles a year- [NHS Net Zero Travel and Transport Strategy \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)
- **UNICEF. Children displaced in a changing climate.** Floods, fires, storms and drought caused an estimated 43.1 million internal displacements of children linked to weather-related disasters over a six-year period – the equivalent to approximately 20,000 child displacements per day- [Children displaced in a changing climate | UNICEF](#)
- **Preserving the world for future generations: Children and young people's perspective on how to tackle climate change.** How CYP - both in the UK and internationally - perceive and understand climate change- [climate-change-cyp-voice-report-final.pdf \(rcpch.ac.uk\)](#)

### SAFEGUARDING RELATED:

- **Children at the Table: A roadmap for putting children at the heart of the next Government.** 4 National charities are calling for a personal pledge by the next Prime Minister and Chancellor to be champions for children, to put children at the heart of their next Government and drive forward the scale of change we need to ensure children are safer, happier, healthier and have

more equal access to opportunities- [PuttingChildren\\_YP\\_AtHeartOfGov.pdf \(childrenatthetable.org.uk\)](#)

- **An overview of child protection legislation in England.** This briefing gives a very broad overview of the legislative framework for child protection and child safeguarding in England. It is intended as a short introduction to some of the key areas, rather than a comprehensive guide- [SN06787.pdf \(parliament.uk\)](#)
- **Children, violence & vulnerability 2023.** The second annual Youth Endowment Fund report into young people's experiences of violence- [YEF\\_Children\\_violence\\_and\\_vulnerability\\_2023\\_FINAL.pdf \(youthendowmentfund.org.uk\)](#)
- **Child Death Review Data Release: Year ending 31 March 2023-** [Child death data release 2023 | National Child Mortality Database \(ncmd.info\)](#)
- **The social cost of youth work cuts: Preventing youth offending through youth work.** Despite 18–25-year-olds making up less than 10% of the UK population they account for almost a third of all police cautions and 20% of convictions- [NYA-Report-The-social-cost-of-youth-work-cuts—Preventing-youth-offending-through-youth-work.pdf \(amazonaws.com\)](#)
- **2023- Children in need.** This is annual release contains statistics on children in need in England, in 2023, over 403,000 children were classed as in need and just under 51,000 children were on protection plans- [Children in need, Reporting year 2023 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Policy paper Suicide prevention strategy: action plan.** A 100 point action plan for ICSs. A focus on schools and colleges for young people- [Suicide prevention strategy: action plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **MBRRACE Maternal, Newborn and Infant Clinical Outcome Review Programme. Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care State of the Nation Surveillance Report Surveillance findings from the UK Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths 2019-21.** Lessons learned to inform maternity care from the UK and Ireland Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and Morbidity 2019-21. 241 women died during or up to six weeks after pregnancy among 2,066,997 women giving birth in the UK. 11.7 women per 100,000 died during pregnancy or up to six weeks after childbirth or the end of pregnancy- [MBRRACE-UK Maternal Compiled Report 2023.pdf \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- **Recipe for Change Building support for an industry levy to help make our food healthier.** Recipe for Change is a campaign which is calling for a new food industry levy to help make our

food healthier, while raising revenue that can be invested back into children's health- [recipe-for-change-launch-report-Sep23.pdf \(sustainweb.org\)](#)

- **Health Foundation. Nine major challenges facing health and care in England and NESTA Health Choices-** [Health the-fundamentals.pdf \(options2040.co.uk\)](#) & [Health Choices in Options template \(options2040.co.uk\)](#)
- **Local stop smoking services and support: additional funding.** Information about a new grant totaling £70 million per year over the financial years of 2024 to 2025 through to 2028 to 2029- [Local stop smoking services and support: funding allocations and methodology - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Baroness Hollins' final report: My heart breaks - solitary confinement in hospital has no therapeutic benefit for people with a learning disability and autistic people.** A proposed code of practice framework from Baroness Hollins on the use of long-term segregation for people with a learning disability and/or autistic people with 113 recommendations together with the Government response- [Baroness Hollins' final report: My heart breaks - solitary confinement in hospital has no therapeutic benefit for people with a learning disability and autistic people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and [Letter from Maria Caulfield MP, Women's Minister \(GEO\) and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Mental Health and Women's Health Strategy, to Baroness Hollins, Chairperson of the Independent Care \(Education\) and Treatment Review - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Physical education, physical activity and sport in schools.** This briefing provides information on policies and practice relating to physical education, physical activity and sport in schools in England- [SN06836.pdf \(parliament.uk\)](#)
- **Health Foundation. Briefing: Improvement as mainstream business.** Improvement approaches are not just a mechanism for improving care processes and pathways and tackling variation, they are indispensable when it comes to tackling the biggest delivery and transformation challenges- [ImprovementsAsMainstreamBusiness\\_WEB.pdf \(health.org.uk\)](#)
- **Childhood varicella vaccination programme: JCVI advice, 14 November 2023.** The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) statement setting out its recommendation on a universal varicella (chickenpox) vaccination programme- [JCVI statement on a childhood varicella \(chickenpox\) vaccination programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Measles: guidance, data and analysis. The symptoms, diagnosis, management, surveillance and epidemiology of measles.** All you need to know!- [Measles: guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Reducing the risk of human infection from pet rodents.** Sensible advice- [Reducing the risk of human infection from pet rodents \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)



- **KingsFund. Spending on public health.** See the trends over the last decade- [Spending on public health | The King's Fund \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](#)
- **Health at a Glance 2023 OECD INDICATORS.** A fascinating comprehensive set of indicators on population health and health system performance across OECD members. Which country has the highest daily consumption of five or more portions of fruit and vegetables among adults? Which country has the highest number of beds per 1000 population? All there- [Health at a Glance 2023 : OECD Indicators | Health at a Glance | OECD iLibrary \(oecd-ilibrary.org\)](#)
- **ONS. National Child Measurement Programme, England, 2022/23 School Year.** For children living in the most deprived areas, obesity prevalence was twice as high compared with those living in the least deprived areas- [National Child Measurement Programme, England, 2022/23 School Year - NHS Digital](#)
- **ESRC NIHR. The Transitions that Matter.** A review of transitions with implications for integrated care- [WP4 FINAL V2.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- **Paul Kissack. Chief Executive of Joseph Rowntree Foundation.** Lives less ordinary: why government should embrace human complexity. An interesting reflection on the role of public service reform on improving lives- [Lives less ordinary: why government should embrace human complexity | UCL Policy Lab - UCL – University College London](#)

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