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The focus of this Bulletin is determinants and prevention policies. The theme of health in all policies as well as all policies for health continues to reinforce the importance of tackling health determinant for both health, sustainability and future productivity.



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DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND PREVENTION POLICIES:

- **International Journal of Birth and Parent Education. Decision time for folic acid fortification: Intentionally inadequate vs fully effective.** As Decision Time rapidly approaches in the UK, the time has arrived to advocate for, and insist upon, fully effective fortification– [Decision time for folic acid fortification \(ijbpe.com\)](http://ijbpe.com)
- **European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. Health for All Policies: The Co-Benefits of Intersectoral Action.** Health for All Policies changes the argument about inter-sectoral action, from one focusing on health and the health sector to one based on co-benefits – a ‘Health for All Policies’ approach- [Health for all policies \(www.eurohealthobservatory.who.int\)](http://www.eurohealthobservatory.who.int)
- **Health Foundation briefing. Addressing the leading risk factors for ill health – supporting local government to do more.** This briefing outlines 5 proposals for national policy that would allow local government in England to do more to reduce harm from tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food- [Framework for local government action \(health.org.uk\)](http://health.org.uk)
- **ADC. Investigating the air quality surrounding new schools in England: polluted playgrounds and school buildings are a source of avoidable harm.** Guidance and legislation on air quality around schools urgently needs to be updated- [Archives of disease in childhood \(pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov\)](http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)
- **HoC research briefing. Who is experiencing food insecurity in the UK?** This insight discusses why food insecurity has risen and which groups are most likely to not have food security- [Food insecurity in the UK \(commonslibrary.parliament.uk\)](http://commonslibrary.parliament.uk)
- **WHO. A focus on adolescent substance use in Europe, central Asia and Canada.** This international report from a 2021 to 2022 survey describes the status of adolescent substance use (cigarette smoking, electronic cigarette use, alcohol consumption, drunkenness and cannabis use), the role of gender, age and social inequality, and how adolescent substance use has changed over time- [Health behaviour in school-aged children \(who.int\)](http://who.int)
- **Sport England. Active Lives Adult Survey.** This report underlines that many longstanding inequalities remain, with women, those from lower socio-economic groups and Black and Asian people still less likely to be active than others- [Active Lives Adult Survey \(sportengland.org\)](http://sportengland.org)
- **HoC data dashboard. Local area data: fuel poverty.** This page provides fuel poverty statistics for constituencies in England and local authorities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland- [Fuel poverty \(commonslibrary.parliament.uk\)](http://commonslibrary.parliament.uk)
- **RCPC policy report. Equal protection from assault in England and Northern Ireland: prohibiting physical punishment of all children.** The evidence behind the policy proposal- [Equal protection from assault \(rcpch.ac.uk\)](http://rcpch.ac.uk)

- **NSPCC briefing. Child deaths due to abuse or neglect.** This briefing looks at what data and statistics are available about child deaths due to abuse or neglect- [Child deaths \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

CLINICAL:

- **Cass Review. Final report.** This report describes what is known about the young people who are seeking NHS support around their gender identity and sets out the recommended clinical approach to care and support they should expect, the interventions that should be available, and how services should be organized across the country- [Cass report \(cass.independent-review.uk\)](https://www.cass.independent-review.uk)
- **HoC. Provisions to support gender-questioning children in schools.** This briefing provides an overview of the support in place for gender-questioning children in schools and the recent consultation on new guidance from the Department for Education- [Research briefing \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk)
- **Centre for Mental Health. Not in school: The mental health barriers to school attendance.** The rise in persistent and severe absence may be more reflective of structural issues and inequalities which have widened in the wake of the pandemic- [Not in school \(centreformentalhealth.org.uk\)](https://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk)

INEQUALITIES:

- **Health Foundation. Health inequalities in 2040: current and projected patterns of illness by deprivation in England.** Key findings from this REAL Centre Insight report are there are three levels of health inequality in England – and the prospect they will persist – make for sobering reading- [Health inequalities in 2040 \(health.org.uk\)](https://www.health.org.uk)

SERVICE STRATEGIES:

- **IFS. The short- and medium-term impacts of Sure Start on educational outcomes.** This report presents evidence of the short- and medium-term impacts of the programme on education outcomes- [IFS Report R307 \(ifs.org.uk\)](https://www.ifs.org.uk)
- **YJB. 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 2012/12 to around 34,000 in 2022/23- [YJB Strategic Plan 2024 to 2027 \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- **DHSC. Death certification reform and the introduction of medical examiners: updated summary of impact.** An updated summary of the potential impact of the introduction of medical examiners and death certification reform in England and Wales- [DHSC impact assessment \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- **NHS Confederation. Collaborate to innovate.** This report explores practical ways to boost UK research and engender a culture of innovation- [Learning from experience \(nhsconfed.org\)](https://www.nhsconfed.org)

- **ASH briefing. On the path to ending smoking: using new funding.** Four strategies endorsed by The Association of Directors of Public Health- [On the path to ending smoking \(ash.org.uk\)](https://www.ash.org.uk)

TECHNOLOGY RELATED:

- **HoC research briefing. Artificial intelligence: a reading list.** The government proposed that AI regulation would be informed by five, cross-sector principles which regulators will “interpret and apply within their remits in order to drive safe, responsible AI innovation”- [AI reading list \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk)
- **Lancet Public Health. Beyond misinformation: developing a public health prevention framework for managing information ecosystems.** Applying prevention strategies to infodemics- [Health Policy \(thelancet.com\)](https://www.thelancet.com)
- **Health Foundation. Which technologies offer the biggest opportunities to save time in the NHS?** Technology in the NHS is more likely to be successful if staff have greater involvement in demand signaling and the development and deployment of technologies- [Technologies saving NHS time \(health.org.uk\)](https://www.health.org.uk)

CLIMATE CHANGE:

- **WMO. European State of the Climate 2023: health findings.** This report provides descriptions and analysis of climate conditions and variations from across the Earth system, key events and their impacts, and a discussion of climate policy and action with a focus on human health- [Climate and health \(wmo.int\)](https://www.wmo.int)
- **WHO. Communicating climate change and health: toolkit for health professionals.** Read the top ten tips – applicable in many scenarios- [Communicating on climate change and health \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int)

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