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BACAPH News

- **Upcoming Webinar with FPH:** FASD in Practice: Identifying, Assessing and Supporting Children, Young People and Adults - Faculty of Public Health 12.00 Wednesday 11th November

- **BACAPH All-Member Meeting, Wednesday 18th November, 13.00-14.00 via MS Teams** Please email lucy.doig@rcpch.ac.uk to request a calendar invite if you haven't already received one.

Consultations

- **NCEPOD call for topics 2026/2027** Topics should be relevant to the current clinical environment and should have the potential to contribute original/supportive work to the subject. The deadline for full proposal submissions is 9:00am Monday 8th March 2027. Read More

Child Health

- **Kings Fund: What does the health and care system look like for children in England?** Argues that effective integration depends on shared priorities, strong leadership, joined-up commissioning, effective data sharing and a collective focus on prevention and early intervention. Read More

- **ADC Viewpoint: Radical overhaul needed for children's hearing services could start with the management of glue ear** The Kingdon Review of Children's Hearing Services identified 'major problems' and concluded a 'radical overhaul' starting with glue ear. This article describes the issues. Read More

- **IPPR: The Loneliest Generation – What it is Like to Grow Up in England Today** Connection should be the fabric that binds society together. But today's young people have never felt more disconnected. Read More

- **Health Foundation: How to build young people's health and participation in work and education** Ahead of the final report of the Milburn review of young people and work, this briefing draws on the experiences of young people and insights from policy, delivery and academic experts to set out recommendations for helping young people with health barriers stay in, or return to, work and education. Read More

- **House of Lords: Citizenship Education in England** In England, it is currently a compulsory part of the national curriculum for secondary school pupils, but not for primary. There have been various calls for this to change, and in 2025 the government announced that it would become compulsory for schools following the national curriculum at key stages 1 through 4 starting in 2028. Read More

- **Joint Committee on Human Rights. Human Rights of Children in the Social Care System in England** 'We have found that the lack of incorporation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) creates inconsistency in the application of human rights protections and potentially undermines the realisation of children's rights across the UK.' Read More

- **Jama Network: Outcome Measures for Neurodevelopmental Disorders** A Consensus Statement 3 key domains: (1) core symptoms related to the diagnosis; (2) impact, functioning, and quality of life; and (3) common coexisting problems. Read More

- **Action for Children: Parenting Doesn't Stop – Supporting Adolescents and the Adults Around Them** This report uses insights from Parent Talk to understand the challenges parents face during the adolescent years, the barriers and enablers to seeking help, and how families could be better supported by national policy and local practice. Read More

- **Centre for Social Justice: Inactive Nation, parts one and two** England is raising a 'bedroom generation'. More than a third of 15-year-olds say they hardly ever leave their bedroom except for school, and nearly one in five now spend no evenings out with friends at all. Part 1 | Part 2

Public Health

- **King's Fund: Navigating the evolving commissioning landscape and shaping an immunisation system fit for the future** The commissioning of Section 7a vaccination services is due to be delegated from NHS England regions to integrated care boards (ICBs) from April 2027. While this brings opportunities to develop immunisation strategies at a more local level, cross-sector and in partnership with communities, it is important that it does not obscure accountability structures or disrupt crucial relationships. Read More

- **Lancet: Clean Air is Lung Care** The impact of the ULEZ in one of the world's biggest cities is proof that public health can work hand in hand with urban growth, with rapid benefit for young people's health. Read More

- **UKHSA: Research Impact Framework** This framework supports systematic planning for impact of research activities, ensuring activities and findings are evidenced and benefit individuals, communities or society. Read More

- **Northern Health Science Alliance: Woman of the North: Closing the Health Gap for Minority Ethnic Women** Racial discrimination, poverty and regional underinvestment combine to produce significantly worse outcomes, while major gaps in data continue to conceal the full scale of the problem. Read More

- **RCGP: Prevention – The general practice role in evidence-based and equitable prevention** This report focuses on the important role general practice can play as part of this wider response, and the support needed to create the capacity for this work Read More

- **GOV.UK: Children and young people's alcohol and drug services framework** This framework sets out guidance for designing, commissioning and providing alcohol and drug support for children and young people in England. Read More

- **From the Centre to the Periphery: Devolving Power in Education and Youth Policy Brief** Policy recommendations from an evaluation of the UK Government's Opportunity Areas programme. Read More

- **DHSC: Providing Healthcare Public Health Advice to Integrated Care Boards** This guidance explains how local authorities should give healthcare public health advice to ICBs. Read More

NHS 10-Year Plan

- **MHRA: National Commission into the Regulation of AI in Healthcare: Recommendations for a future regulatory framework** This report represents the culmination of one of the most extensive programmes of research and engagement undertaken on AI in healthcare. Read More

- **Barnado's: Building the Healthiest Ever Generation: A Child- centred Vision for neighbourhood health** Barnardo's is calling for a Child Health Action Plan that defines 'the healthiest ever generation', establishes an outcomes framework, and aligns national, regional and neighbourhood delivery. Read More

- **Carnegie UK: Governing AI for Collective Wellbeing** Focuses on setting out principles and practical steps for how governments across the UK can govern high-impact AI in a way that strengthens our collective wellbeing, rather than undermining it. Read More

- **Research In Practice: Strengthening the ethical and effective use of children's information** A new digital toolkit provides guidance, resources and real-world examples to strengthen the ethical and effective use of children's information in local authorities. Read More

- **ADC Review: Artificial intelligence for child health: current capabilities and the next frontier** A good introduction to the application in child health systems. Read More

- **HoC Research Briefing: AI Safety** This briefing provides an introduction to artificial intelligence (AI) safety, focusing on possible AI risks and harms, as well as AI safety governance. Read More

Poverty and Inequity

- **Health Foundation: Reducing Child Poverty – What Success Would Look Like** The true test of success will not be simply reducing child poverty but whether fewer children experience poor health and unequal life chances. Read More

- **Joseph Rowntree Foundation: Poverty in Scotland 2026** This report is timely at a critical crossroads in Scotland's journey to a possible future, one free from poverty. Read More

- **Institute for Healthcare Improvement: Advancing Health Equity – An Approach to Systematically Identify and Evaluate Health Disparities** A detailed discussion of the four-step measurement approach to systematically identify and evaluate health disparities. Read More

Sustainable Development

- **Yorks & Humber Association of Directors of Public Health Climate and Health Narrative: resource for DPHs and teams** A local Climate and Health Narrative resource aimed for Directors of Public Health, their teams and partners to use and support them. Read More

- **CIPFA: Public Sector Sustainability Reporting: Time to Step it Up** Provides answers and positive steps to addressing the most pressing challenges around public sector sustainability questions. Read More

- **Ready to Act: Responding Together** Practical emergency response/adaptation advice for communities. Read More

- **UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2026: The Point of Return** Urgent emissions cuts needed to come back from overshoot of 1.5°C. 'Every additional fraction of a degree and additional year of warming above 1.5°C raises the risk of irreversible changes including in ice sheets, permafrost carbon, ocean circulation and coral systems, along with devastating human impacts'. Read More

Global Health

- **Lancet: Global, regional, and national burden of unintentional poisoning, 1990–2023: results from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023** Unintentional poisoning is a preventable cause of injury-related morbidity and mortality, yet global patterns, trends, and inequalities remain incompletely characterised.

Featured Websites

- **SEEK** is an evidence-based, practical model for improving primary healthcare for children and their families. SEEK helps primary healthcare professionals (PCPs) address common psychosocial problems, such as parental depression and substance use. Read More

- **Research and Practice:** A toolkit for the ethical and effective use of children's information. Read More

- **Health Professionals for Safer Screens (HPFSS): More Powerful Together** This lecture series provides clear, clinically grounded teaching – developed and delivered by doctors – to support professionals in understanding and responding to the health and developmental impacts of children's screen use, smartphones and social media. Read More

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