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Consultations

- **Banning the sale of high-caffeine energy drinks to children under the age of 16 years** [Read More](#) [Impact assessment here](#)
- **CQC better regulation, better care** proposals to change the methods for inspecting, assessing and awarding ratings to health & care services. Closes 11 Dec. [Read More](#)
- **Open call for evidence on tobacco and vapes:** evidence to support legislation. Closes 3 Dec. [Read More](#)
- **Open call for evidence 10 Year Workforce Plan** Closes 7 Nov. [Read More](#)

Poverty, Equity and Health Variations

- **CMO Report: Health trends and variation in England 2025** This report highlights the substantial variation in good and poor health over geography, socioeconomic status, gender, age and ethnicity. [Read More](#)
- **HoC Research Briefing: Inequalities in life expectancy** Highlights the difference in HLE between the most and least deprived areas in England. [Read More](#)
- **Trussel Trust: Hunger in the UK 2025** This research sets out evidence showing lack of progress on hunger in the UK. [Read More](#)
- **UKSHA: Health equity strategies, reports and tools** Includes overarching UKHSA strategies, reports and tools, which have a focus on health equity within health protection in England. [Read More](#)
- **UKSHA: Health equity guidance and reports on key population groups** Includes reports and guidance on health equity in health protection. [Read More](#)
- **Kings Fund Explainer: What are health inequalities?** There are many kinds of health inequality and many ways in which the term is used. [Read More](#)
- **Youth Endowment Fund: Evidence Review on Poverty and Youth Crime and Violence** Systematic review on how different aspects of poverty relate to both violent and non-violent crime. [Read More](#)

Fit for the Future (NHS 10-Year Plan)

- **NHSE: Planning framework for the NHS in England** Provides clarity on roles and responsibilities within the context of the new NHS operating model outlined in the 10-year plan. [Read More](#)
- **NHS Confederation Blog: Delivering a Neighbourhood Health Service - what the 10 Year Health Plan means for local integration** Unpacks the 10-Year Plan's vision for a neighbourhood health service and examines what's needed to make neighbourhood working a success. [Read More](#)



- **NHS Providers: Sources of productivity from technology in the NHS** The sources of productivity in the NHS are well rehearsed but here are a few examples of the application of tech. [Read More](#)
- **Kings Fund/Health Foundation Blog: A prevention revolution – or another missed opportunity?** 'The health mission has gone missing in action [...] Time to set radical, decisive plans'. [Read More](#)
- **IFS: The outlook for public sector productivity** IFS examines and evaluates the government's plans to reduce central administration spending and improve the productivity of public service delivery. [Read More](#)
- **Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA): Reducing waste, adding value** This report is the first in a series of four roundtables on value-based healthcare. [Read More](#)
- **NHS Providers Report: Towards a new co-investment model - what is next for NHS public-private partnerships?** Insights and learning from NHS private finance initiatives in England and abroad, and recommendations on what any future model should look like. [Read More](#)
- **NHS oversight framework: NHS trust performance league tables process and results** The dashboard provides a view of how NHS trusts are performing in key services. [Read More](#)
- **HoC briefing: Public spending - a brief introduction** The UK's public sector will spend £1,347 billion in 2025/26. This briefing gives statistics and commentary on the various categories of recent public spending. [Read More](#)
- **Nuffield Trust: From Hospital to Community - International lessons on moving care closer to home** This new report looks to Denmark and Ireland, two countries pursuing bold reforms to rebalance care, to understand what it really takes and provide a set of lessons for England. [Read More](#)

Child Health

- **NEF: Nowhere to Grow** The hidden harm of temporary accommodation on children. [Read More](#)
- **Lancet: Childhood obesity - a global health crisis** The global prevalence of obesity has surpassed that of underweight among children and adolescents. [Read More](#)
- **National Medical Examiner report 2024: RC Path. National Medical Examiner's Good Practice Series No. 6** The Good Practice Series 2024 report and the review of child deaths. [Read More](#)
- **UNICEF Child Nutrition Report: Feeding Profit - How food environments are failing children** Reveals how unhealthy food environments are contributing to the worldwide surge in overweight and obesity in children and adolescents. [Read More](#)
- **COVID Enquiry: Children & Young People's Voices report for children aged over 13** Young people's perspectives on the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read More](#)

Schools

- **The Children's Plan: The Children's Commissioner's School Census** This report presents national evidence about the range of children's needs in schools, and the ways schools are responding to meet these needs. [Read More](#)
- **Lancet: The health, environmental, and cost implications of providing healthy and sustainable school meals for every child by 2030: a global modelling study** Only 1 in 5 children globally currently receives school meals. This report estimates the potential effects of extending coverage to all children by 2030. [Read More](#)
- **NAS: The Future of Youth Development Building Systems and Strengthening Programs** A USA perspective, this book evaluates the effectiveness of Out-of-School Time (OST) activities in promoting learning, development, and wellbeing. [Read More](#)
- **HoC Research Briefing: School Exclusions in England** Discusses the increase, some potential causes, and related government policy. [Read More](#)
- **RCPCH: Supporting school attendance - a role for all healthcare practitioners** Briefing sets out four appointment practices aimed at reducing school absences for service planners to consider when offering paediatric appointments. [Read More](#)
- **Special Educational Needs: Support in England** An overview of the current system of support for children and young people with special educational needs, and pressure on the system. [Read More](#)
- **HOC Library: NEET - Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training** 948,000 people aged 16-24 were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in April to June 2025, 12.5% of all people in this age group. [Read More](#)
- **HoC: School meals and nutritional standards (England)** The main recent policy developments regarding school meals in England, including the revised school food standards and provision of free school meals. [Read More](#)
- **DfE Statutory Guidance: Keeping children safe in education** Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment. [Read More](#)
- **Immunisations** Complete immunisation schedule wall charts. [Read More](#)

Mental Health

- **Health Foundation Blog: The hidden shield: emotional support amid childhood poverty and adversity** This longitudinal study reveals that more than half of children and young people in the UK are exposed to either family poverty or poor parental mental health during childhood. [Read More](#)
- **ONS: Child mental ill health and absence from school, England: 2021 to 2022** Analysis of the relationship between child mental ill health and school absence. [Read More](#)
- **Welsh Government: Understanding Suicide Prevention and Self Harm Reduction Strategy** The strategy encompasses six key objectives. [Read More](#)

- **Lancet: Men's mental health - we need systems, not symbols** "We already know male suicide is a crisis. What we need now is a system capable of responding to it - in the relational, procedural, and structural conditions of men's lives. [Read More](#)
- **HoC Briefing: Suicide prevention policy** Suicide rates in the England have reached their highest level since 1999. The government introduced a new suicide prevention strategy for England in September 2023. [Read More](#)
- **Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland (CYPCS): The Youth Commission on Mental Health Services: What progress has been made with the recommendations?** The review assessed progress against a focused set of the recommendations and found little evidence of improvements, partly due to a significant lack of publicly available information. [Read More](#)
- **Screening and Risk Algorithms for Detecting Pediatric Suicide Risk in the Emergency Department** In this cohort study, a risk algorithm using patients' clinical data significantly outperformed universal screening instruments in identifying pediatric patients in the ED at risk of subsequent suicide attempts. [Read More](#)

Climate Change

- **Global Climate and Health Alliance: Cradle to Grave - The Health Toll of Fossil Fuels and the Imperative for a Just Transition** This report goes beyond documenting the toll of fossil fuels—it is a powerful call to action. [Read More](#)
- **UCL's Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Education: The key contributions of subjects to climate change and nature education: a curriculum policy proposal** One of the overarching aims of the national curriculum should respond to the climate and nature crisis. [Read More](#)
- **Super High-Impact Initiative for Fixing Tomorrow** "SHIFT can help you identify evidence-based actions you can take today that not only reduce climate pollution, but lead to the high-impact, systemic changes necessary for a better, brighter future." [Read More](#)

Safety and Service Improvement

- **Health Foundation blog: Dash Review - seven considerations for local NHS leaders** Seven sensible points – think whole system learning. [Read More](#)

Oral Health

- **GOV.UK Guidance: Delivering better oral health - an evidence-based toolkit for prevention** Evidence-based toolkit to support dental teams in improving their patients' oral and general health. [Read More](#)

Data, Information and AI

- **OHID: Raising the healthiest generation ever - The health and wellbeing of children and young people in London** This report provides a descriptive analysis of child health in London, based on the five initial priority areas, and which could be replicated across the UK. [Read More](#)
- **IHI Blog. AI Governance: Maximizing Benefit and Minimizing Harm for Patients, Providers and Health Systems** The IHI Leadership Alliance has convened an AI Accelerator*, bringing together leaders from 10 diverse health care organizations to move beyond high-level theory and identify actionable strategies for responsible and effective AI implementation. [Read More](#)
- **DEMOS: AI Openness and the UK AI Bill** The Open Dividend calls for a national commitment to AI openness – through investment in public AI infrastructure, procurement of open-source tools, and greater transparency in proprietary technologies. [Read More](#)
- **Health Foundation: Local Authority Dashboard** Explore data for your local authority and neighbourhood. An essential resource. [Read More](#)
- **Demos/PwC: 2025 Good Growth for Cities Index** The Demos-PwC Good Growth for Cities Index points towards the public priorities and performance trends that can guide and inform the critical choices ahead. [Read More](#) [Check your city here](#)

Future Potentials

- **NATURE: Learning the natural history of human disease with generative transformers** Delphi-2M predicts the rates of more than 1,000 diseases, conditional on each individual's past disease history, with accuracy comparable to that of existing single-disease models. [Read More](#)
- **HoC Library: The implications of population ageing for social policy** The UK population is ageing, with some ageing better than others. This has implications for health and social care, housing, pensions and education policies. [Read More](#)

Women's Health

- **RCoG: Green Maternity Report 2025** Learn how green maternity care can deliver better outcomes for women, babies and the planet. [Read More](#)
- **NHS: Statistics on Women's Smoking Status at Time of Delivery** This report presents statistics on women's smoking status at time of delivery, at local, regional and national levels. [Read More](#)

- **Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse (STADA): Domestic Abuse and the NHS** 10 ways the NHS 10-Year Plan can help halve violence against women and girls. [Read More](#)

Health Determinants

- **Lancet: Housing as a social determinant of health: a contemporary framework** This series of papers integrates contemporary understanding of housing and housing systems into a social and economic determinants framework. [Read More](#)

Learning Opportunities

- **NHS England: Making data count** A comprehensive series of webinars. [Read More](#)
- **HoC Briefing: The Lifelong Learning Entitlement** This will create a single, publicly funded post-18 student finance system in England. [Read More](#)
- **AI Guides by University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust** Each guide has a general or basic version and one aimed at clinicians/ focused on clinical settings. [Read More](#)

Miscellaneous

- **HoC Research: Childcare Workforce in England** A briefing looking at workforce size, recruitment and retention, and an overview of recent government policy. [Read More](#)
- **HoC: Parental responsibility in England and Wales** An overview of parental responsibility, including how it is gained and lost. [Read More](#)
- **Kings Fund explainer: Life Sciences Explained** What is the role of life sciences in England's health and care system, and why do they matter? [Read More](#)

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