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Health Services Safety Investigations Body: An Exploratory Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services in England



HSSIB published its exploratory review of maternity and neonatal services in August. This examined 35 serious safety concerns submitted to HSSIB through its web portal between October 2023 and June 2025 and included 17 stakeholder interviews with individuals and representatives from interested organisations.

The aim of the review was to analyse incidents and inform the direction of future enquiry. However, in June the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care announced a national investigation of maternity and neonatal services in England. HSSIB's independent review has consequently been paused to allow national investigations to conclude. The current publication is intended to support this.

HSSIB identified four areas for further examination:

1. The national structures responsible for providing direction and oversight for maternity services
2. Local governance arrangements for NHS maternity services and their relationship to national bodies
3. The standards and approach of local investigations when things go wrong
4. Education, training and professional standards for clinicians providing maternity and neonatal services.

From the interviews with stakeholders, HSSIB noted the progress has been made in maternity and neonatal outcomes, staffing levels and governance arrangements. However, it also highlighted several issues, including overly complex and inconsistent collaboration between national organisations. The report notes the sheer volume of recommendations that currently exist, with limited progress on implementation as a result.

At a local level, governance of maternity services often operates in isolation from the wider organisation, and services frequently lack the ability to consistently identify and respond to clinical risks. It also notes limited potential to learn from those harms that arise. These systemic problems often have the effect of compounding the harm that patients experience, arising particularly from the way local investigations are carried out, or in how complaints are managed. Additionally, disparities in care and outcomes persist because of known health inequalities which remain largely unaddressed.

Finally, the report raised concerns about the standards set in undergraduate and postgraduate education and whether it is currently possible to adhere to this in practice.

This paused review is published as a starting point from to assist the national investigation that is currently underway. Final publication of the investigation is expected in December 2025.

Read [An exploratory review of maternity and neonatal services](#). *Health Services Safety Investigations Body, 2025*

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Patient Experience and Safety

Guideline / Policy

[Accessible Information Standard.](#)

NHS England; 2025.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/accessible-information-standard/>

[The Accessible Information Standard (DAPB1605) aims to ensure that people who have a disability, impairment or sensory loss can access and understand information about NHS and adult social care services, and receive the communication support they need to use those services. This guidance helps NHS and adult social care organisations understand their obligations under the standard and provides advice and resources to help them comply with it.]

Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review

[Patient perception of physician attire: a systematic review update.](#) [Abstract]

Kim J. *BMJ Open* 2025;15(8):e100824.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[This systematic review aims to update and analyse patient perceptions of physician attire, focusing on its impact on the physician–patient relationship across different medical settings and specialties. This study demonstrates that physician attire consistently and significantly impacts patients' perceptions of professionalism, trust and communication.]

[Primary and Secondary Stressors Affecting Family Caregiver Burden for Disabled Older Adults: A Systematic Review.](#)

Li J. *Health and Social Care in the Community* 2025;:5109659.

[With the rapidly aging global population, family caregivers face increased burdens when caring for disabled older adults; however, comprehensive understanding of the determinants remains limited. The aim of this research was to systematically analyze the factors affecting caregiver burden among family caregivers of disabled older adults within the stress process model framework.]

[Screening tools used by paediatric healthcare providers to identify child maltreatment by parents or caregivers: a systematic review.](#) [Abstract]

Ejnell Bjursell J. *BMJ Open* 2025;15(8):e101721.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[The aim of this review was to evaluate the reliability and validity of screening tools designed to identify child maltreatment by parents or caregivers in paediatric healthcare settings, particularly for use in early childhood or neonatal care.]

[What patients want from access to UK general practice: systematic review.](#) [Abstract]

Atherton H. *British Journal of General Practice* 2025;75(757):e526–e532.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Access to general practice is a topical concern, with rising numbers of consultations and decreasing numbers of GPs placing strain on the service. Patient satisfaction with general practice has seen a reduction in the UK. While patient experience with general practice is well understood, there is a need to understand what patients say they want from access to general practice. The aim of this review was to examine what patients want from access to contemporary general practice in the UK.]

[Trigger tools in healthcare settings: insights from an umbrella review.](#) [Abstract]

Asad M. *BMJ Open Quality* 2025;14(3):e003119.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[This study synthesises the effectiveness and applicability of trigger tools for detecting adverse events (AEs) across various healthcare settings. It was concluded that trigger tools vary significantly in effectiveness, influenced by healthcare context and tool design. Automated methods need refinement. Standardised methodologies and context-specific tools are essential to improve patient safety.]

Report

[An exploratory review of maternity and neonatal services.](#)

Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB); 2025.

<https://www.hssib.org.uk/patient-safety-investigations/an-exploratory-review-of-maternity-and-neonatal-services/summary-report/>

[This report is a summary of information collected during an exploratory review of maternity and neonatal services]

in spring 2025. This review involved meetings with 17 stakeholders and a review of 35 safety concerns submitted to the Health Services Safety Investigations Body.]

[The Five X More Black maternity experiences report: continuing the conversation on Black maternal care in the UK.](#)

Five X More; 2025.

<https://fivexmore.org/black-maternity-experiences-report-2025>

[This latest report captures the lived experiences of Black women across the UK who have been pregnant or given birth in the last four years. It explores the quality of care, communication with professionals, discrimination and what still needs to change. The report finds that Black women are still facing barriers and the system must do better.]

[The safer management of controlled drugs.](#)

Care Quality Commission (CQC); 2025.

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/controlled-drugs>

[The annual reports on the safer use of controlled drugs highlight the regulatory oversight activities and inspection findings.]

[Achieving inclusivity in clinical research.](#)

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI); 2025.

<https://www.abpi.org.uk/publications/achieving-inclusivity-in-clinical-research/>

[Diversity and inclusivity in clinical research, including in clinical trial participation, are essential to ensure that the development of innovative medicines meets the needs of patient populations. This report follows an event convened by The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) and the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) in March 2025.]

[Engaging patients to understand their experiences and expectations of rewards, recognition and remuneration for patient involvement.](#)

The Patients Association; 2025.

<https://www.patients-association.org.uk/blog/rewards-recognition-remuneration-patient-involvement>

[This report presents the findings of a project commissioned by NHS England – East of England to support them in developing guidance for the reward, recognition and remuneration of patients who share their personal experiences to improve health and care services.]

[Exploring evidence regarding vision-based monitoring in inpatient mental health units.](#)

Care Quality Commission (CQC); 2025.

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/about-us/transparency/external-reports-research/vbms>

[This review is intended to inform CQC's thinking about best practice and consent for the use of VBMS in inpatient mental health units. It will also inform mitigation strategies for potential threats to human rights.]

[Medication not given: discharge from an acute hospital to the community.](#)

Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB); 2025.

<https://www.hssib.org.uk/patient-safety-investigations/medication-related-harm/third-investigation-report/>

[This report is intended for healthcare organisations, patient safety leads, healthcare staff, patients and their families and carers to help improve patient safety in relation to medications being given when a person is discharged from an acute hospital to a community setting.]

[Review of patient safety across the health and care landscape.](#)

Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC); 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-patient-safety-across-the-health-and-care-landscape>

[Dr Penny Dash's review of patient safety across the health and care landscape in England, which was commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care.]

[System focused engagement: good practice and meaningful assessment in health and social care.](#)

Care Quality Commission (CQC); 2025.

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/about-us/transparency/external-reports-research/system-focused-engagement>

[This research looks at what good public engagement looks like in health and care systems, and how it can be assessed. It focuses on integrated care systems (ICSs) and local authorities (LAs).]

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Finding Quality Health Information

Attend this session if you need to search literature for your research project, or if you are required to do any form of review, including systematic reviews.

Mon 6 October, 9.30 - 11.00am (MS Teams)	Thu 6 November, 9.00 - 10.30am (MS Teams)
Wed 15 October, 10.00 - 11.30am (MS Teams)	Mon 10 November, 2.00 - 3.30pm (MS Teams)
Thu 23 October, 1.00 - 2.30pm (MS Teams)	Tue 18 November, 10.00 - 11.30am (MS Teams)
Fri 31 October, 10.00 - 11.30am (MS Teams)	Fri 28 November, 10.00 - 11.30am (MS Teams)

If you require an alternative date or an in-person session, please note this on the booking form and we will try to accommodate your request.

To book, visit: <https://www.uhsussex.nhs.uk/professionals/knowledge-and-libraries/information-skills-teaching/finding-quality-health-information/>

Managing and Leading People

Guideline / Policy

[Guidance on international accreditations for consideration when recruiting international echocardiographers.](#)

British Society of Echocardiography; 2025.

<https://www.bsecho.org/Public/Resources/Clinical-guidance/PUF007.aspx>

[Despite progress being made in national echocardiography training programmes, the UK shortage of echocardiographers is well documented, with services increasingly turning to international recruitment.]

Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review

[Management responses to staff speaking up in the NHS: a scoping review.](#)

Ghorbankhani M. *British Journal of Healthcare Management* 2025;31(8):1-10.

[Staff speaking up about patient safety concerns is crucial to improving care and learning from mistakes. Poor management responses to speaking up can result in missed opportunities to prevent harm and hinder staff learning. This scoping review explored the literature on managers' responses to staff-raised patient safety concerns in the NHS, identifying key factors that influence these responses and suggesting strategies for improvement.]

Report

[A profession under pressure: speech and language therapy retention and waiting times.](#)

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT); 2025.

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/workforce/retention-and-waiting-times/>

[Results from a survey of over 1000 SLTs shows significant time pressures across the profession.]

[Breaking barriers: improving diversity in NHS communications.](#)

NHS Confederation; 2025.

<https://www.nhsconfed.org/publications/breaking-barriers>

[Recommendations to improve recruitment and retention of BME communications professionals.]

[Flexible and hybrid working practices in 2025.](#)

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD); 2025.

<https://www.cipd.org/en/knowledge/reports/flexible-hybrid-working/>

[This report explores the current state of flexible and hybrid working practices in the UK more than a year on from the implementation of the Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Act 2023. It examines both employer and employee perspectives.]

[Flexible working in paediatrics: Insights and data, legislation and guidance.](#)

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH); 2025.

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/flexible-working-paediatrics-insights-data-legislation-guidance>

[Postgraduate doctors in training, consultants and SAS doctors in paediatrics often have flexible working patterns within the NHS. We present data since 2015, relevant UK legislation, guidance from the NHS and RCPCH and real-life experiences from members.]

[Inclusive recruitment - Five key learnings from trust leaders.](#)

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/inclusive-recruitment-five-key-learnings-from-trust-leaders>

[Inclusive recruitment and talent management are integral tools to creating an NHS workplace which is representative of the communities served. Yet, in eight out of 10 trusts, ethnic minority staff continue to be less likely to be appointed than white staff after having been shortlisted. This report presents a series of insights on embedding inclusive recruitment principles within your trust based on recent conversations.]

[Leading NHS groups: Findings from interviews with group leaders in England.](#)

The Health Foundation; 2025.

<https://www.health.org.uk/reports-and-analysis/analysis/leading-nhs-groups>

[The NHS group model has become increasingly popular, despite the absence of recent national policy that explicitly encourages group formation. First articulated in the Dalton review in 2014, groups look set to play a central role in driving improvements to NHS productivity, emergency and elective care, and in implementing the 10-Year Health Plan.]

[NHS Employers: Reducing Health Inequalities through Local Recruitment.](#)

Institute of Health Equity; 2025.

<https://www.instituteoftheequity.org/resources-reports/nhs-employers-reducing-health-inequalities-through-local-recruitment>

[Employment is one of the most powerful levers to improve health and reduce inequalities. As the country's largest employer, the NHS has a unique opportunity to lead by example. This report showcases how four NHS organisations are tackling health inequalities by transforming their recruitment and employment practices.]

[NHS workforce race and disability equality standard - 2024.](#)

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/nhs-workforce-race-and-disability-equality-standard-2024>

[This briefing outlines the workforce race equality standard (WRES) and the workforce disability equality standard (WDES) reports' key findings and NHS Providers' view.]

[Role of HR in selecting and developing senior leaders.](#)

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD); 2025.

<https://www.cipd.org/en/knowledge/reports/hr-role-developing-senior-leaders/>

[Drawing on academic research and practitioner experience, this report explores what good leadership looks like and how people professionals can be effective in the selection and development of senior leaders.]

[The potential impact of NHS Terms and Conditions of Service on pay gaps.](#)

NHS Employers; 2025.

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/publications/potential-impact-nhs-terms-and-conditions-service-pay-gaps>

[The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group (EDIG) has published guidance on avoiding pay gaps in the application of Agenda for Change.]

[Workforce planning across four nations.](#)

Skills for Health; 2025.

<https://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/four-nations-report/>

[This report looks at how health care organisations are responding to workforce challenges and opportunities across the UK. It outlines the steps health care organisations can take to improve staff experience and unlock better access to care.]

Toolkit

[Ensuring an equity-based approach to organisational restructuring.](#)

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/ensuring-an-equity-based-approach-to-organisational-restructuring#the-policy>

[The following questions emerged from a recent survey of Trust leaders as helpful and significant when undergoing organisational restructure to bring equity and well-being considerations to the fore.]

Supporting your workforce through exceptional events.

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD); 2025.

<https://www.cipd.org/en/knowledge/guides/crisis-events-support/>

[These collated resources can help you think through the key considerations and provide guidance on recommended actions during uncertain times.]

Understanding the Evidence

Bite-sized information skills sessions showing you how to critically appraise quantitative research and interpret medical statistics to inform patient care or service development.

Identifying Study designs	Monday 13 October, 11.00am - 12.00pm (MS Teams) Tuesday 11 November, 11.00am - 12.00pm (MS Teams) Thursday 11 December, 1.00pm - 2.00pm (MS Teams)
Recognising bias	Tuesday 14 October, 1.00pm - 2.00pm (MS Teams) Wednesday 12 November, 2.00pm - 3.00pm (MS Teams) Thursday 11 December, 2.15pm - 3.15pm (MS Teams)
Interpreting statistics	Monday 13 October, 12.15pm - 1.30pm (MS Teams) Wednesday 12 November, 3.15pm - 4.30pm (MS Teams) Tuesday 9 December, 2.00pm - 3.15pm (MS Teams)
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Education and Professional Practice**Guideline / Policy****The diagnostic radiology life cycle guidance.**

Royal College of Radiologists (RCR); 2025.

<https://www.rcr.ac.uk/our-services/all-our-publications/clinical-radiology-publications/the-diagnostic-radiology-life-cycle-guidance/>

[In this document, we define a standard workflow for diagnostic imaging episodes from the point of referral to result delivery by defining and detailing each of the timepoints on the journey of an examination through three key stages: pre-acquisition, image acquisition and post-acquisition.]

Threshold policy for fitness to practise investigations.

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC); 2025.

<https://www.hcpc-uk.org/resources/policy/threshold-policy-for-fitness-to-practise-investigations/>

[This policy sets out the HCPC's approach to investigating fitness to practise concerns and outlines their investigation process.]

Use of Generative AI in ICM Training and Revalidation.

Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (FICM); 2025.

<https://www.ficm.ac.uk/index.php/use-of-generative-ai-in-icm-training-and-revalidation>

[This guidance sets out clear expectations for doctors using AI to support activities like reflective writing, portfolio

submissions, and continuing professional development. It encourages responsible use of AI tools while emphasising the importance of authenticity, integrity, and personal clinical insight.]

Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review

A systematic scoping review of mentor training in medical education between 2000 and 2024. [\[Abstract\]](#)

Leong JR. *BMC Medical Education* 2025;25(1):1110.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Effective mentoring in medical education facilitates professional development amongst mentees and mentors, improves patient care and outcomes, as well as advances the reputation of the host organisation. Much of this success is guided, assessed and overseen by the mentor. Yet, mentor training remains inconsistent, poorly supported and often inadequately evaluated. Acknowledging mentor training as an essential aspect of mentoring programs, we propose a review to map current features.]

Assessment and evaluation of prescribing competences: A systematic review and recommendations.

[\[Abstract\]](#)

McLachlan J C. *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* 2025;91(8):2119-2137.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Since assessment of prescribing competence is a key promoter of student learning and achievement, the authors aim to summarize existing national-level approaches, provide a systematic review of current literature, indicate the frequency of various methodologies, and make recommendations to promote and extend existing practice.]

Exploring professional reasoning in occupational therapy: A scoping review of recent research.

Sánchez-Zamorano S. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy* 2025;88(6):333-343.

[Professional reasoning in occupational therapy has become a key line of research. Updating and analyzing recent publications is crucial for the discipline. The objective of the research was to describe new findings and changes in the characteristics of research on professional reasoning in occupational therapy between 2019 and 2023.]

Interprofessional Education: A Systematic Review of Educational Methods in Postgraduate Health Professions Programs. [\[Abstract\]](#)

Alharbi NS. *The Clinical Teacher* 2025;22(4):e70114.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Several studies on interprofessional education (IPE) explored student's knowledge acquisition, teamwork skills and collaborative behaviours. However, the approaches to teaching and learning IPE remain underresearched and reported especially at the postgraduate level. This systematic review aimed to establish how IPE has been implemented at the postgraduate level among different health professions, focusing on teaching and learning approaches.]

Influence of virtual reality simulation (excluding augmented reality) on endodontic learning experiences of undergraduate dental students: a systematic review. [\[Abstract\]](#)

Javed MQ. *BMC Medical Education* 2025;25(1):1013.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[This review aimed to systematically evaluate the effectiveness of virtual reality (VR) simulation in endodontic education among undergraduate dental students, with a specific focus on four key outcomes: procedural accuracy, enhancement of student confidence, reduction in procedural errors, and overall learner satisfaction.]

Motivation of sessional teaching staff to remain employed in pre-registration nursing programs: A systematic review.

Ricks T. *Nurse Education in Practice* 2025;86:104433.

[The aim of this review was to identify motivational and demotivational factors for sessional teaching staff to undertake employment in pre-registration nursing programs. It was found that sessional teaching staff provide benefits to nurse education programs. Universities need to enhance motivational factors such as flexibility and address the lack of sense of belonging, support and resourcing of sessionals to create a sustainable academic workforce and to ensure the quality of nurse education.]

Oral health-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviors (KAB) of dental students: a systematic review and meta-analysis. [\[Abstract\]](#)

Jiang X. *BMC Medical Education* 2025;25(1):1002.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Oral health is an essential component of overall health. However, it is frequently overlooked. As the main providers of oral health care, dental students play an important role in public education on oral health. The aim of this study is to integrate the oral health-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors (KAB) of dental students, and provide reference for optimizing oral health education strategies.]

Promoting just culture in nursing education: A systematic integrative review on enhancing patient safety.

Glarcher M. *Nurse Education Today* 2025;152:106776.

[Patient safety education is crucial in nursing to develop a culture of transparency, open communication, and learning from practice errors. A key component is 'Just Culture,' which shifts the focus from individual blame to system level accountability, fostering an environment where errors can be discussed without fear of punishment. There is a need to integrate international knowledge about 'Just Culture' within nursing education.]

The association between burnout and medical professionalism in medical trainees: a systematic review.

[Abstract]

Bordbar S. *BMC Medical Education* 2025;25(1):1176.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Burnout can be defined as a serious work-related syndrome characterized by depersonalization, emotional exhaustion, and reduced personal accomplishment, particularly among healthcare practitioners such as medical students. While some studies have suggested that there is no connection between burnout and professional behavior, other studies have highlighted this relationship. This systematic review seeks to clarify the link between burnout and professionalism.]

Report

Lifelong learning in the reskilling era: From luxury to necessity.

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD); 2025.

<https://www.cipd.org/uk/knowledge/reports/lifelong-learning-reskilling/>

[The UK labour market is undergoing a profound transformation, shaped by three converging megatrends: technological advancement, the transition to a net-zero economy and demographic change. This report calls for a coordinated approach to skills development that supports individuals throughout their lives, aligns with industrial strategy, and ensures equitable access to opportunity.]

The state of medical education and practice in the UK: workplace experiences 2025.

General Medical Council (GMC); 2025.

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/about/what-we-do-and-why/data-and-research/the-state-of-medical-education-and-practice-in-the-uk/workplace-report>

[Data from the GMC's 2024 Barometer survey indicate gradual improvements for a second consecutive year. However the UK health system remains under severe strain, and doctors' perceptions of patient safety failings remain concerning. GPs remain under intense pressure. The experiences of medical educators and doctors in training paint a worrying picture of risk to the future supply of the workforce. Certain groups, including disabled doctors and ethnic minority doctors, report poorer experiences.]

Toolkit

Supporting Struggling Learners in the Clinical Setting. [\[Abstract\]](#)

Isacson JH. *The Clinical Teacher* 2025;22(4):e70142.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[This paper aims to provide practical strategies to empower faculty clinician educators to define struggling learners, identify their challenges and implement effective strategies for support. These strategies can facilitate early intervention, create a more supportive learning environment and help learners succeed.]

Introduction to Systematic Reviews

Understand what makes a systematic review and what the search process involves. Learn how to use PRISMA and where to publish protocols.

Online, Friday 14 November 2025 10.00am - 11.15am

If you require an alternative date or an in-person session, please note this on the booking form and we will try to accommodate your request.

To book, visit: <https://www.uhsussex.nhs.uk/professionals/knowledge-and-libraries/information-skills-teaching/introduction-to-systematic-reviews/>

Finance and Procurement

Guideline / Policy

[NHS Social Value Playbook.](#)

NHS England; 2025.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-social-value-playbook/>

[NHS Commercial guidance on applying social value in the procurement of NHS goods and services. NHS England's stated policy objective is to meet its net zero carbon targets while achieving its wider social value priorities. Delivery of meaningful social value through our contractual commitments can truly tackle health and economic inequalities and improve outcomes in our communities. The playbook provides guidance for each stage of the procurement or commissioning lifecycles.]

Report

[Operationalising value-based procurement.](#)

Public Policy Projects; 2025.

<https://publicpolicyprojects.com/value-based-procurement-offers-transformative-opportunities-for-nhs-but-cultural-and-financial-reform-essential-for-success/>

[This report highlights how value-based procurement could revolutionise NHS care by improving outcomes and efficiency, but warns that entrenched budgeting practices, fragmented decision-making, and unclear definitions of value are blocking progress. It concludes that reform efforts must focus on long-term impact rather than short-term cost-cutting to unlock the full benefits for patients and the health system.]

[Government's use of private finance for infrastructure.](#)

House of Commons Public Accounts Committee; 2025.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/127/public-accounts-committee/news/208294/govt-infrastructure-ambitions-put-at-risk-through-lack-of-credible-pipeline-of-projects>

[The government has identified investment in new infrastructure, such as schools and hospitals, as central to its mission to grow the economy and has indicated that it plans to work in partnership with the private sector to deliver this investment. The report warns that the historic lack of detailed information on forthcoming plans has exacerbated skills shortages and put the government's ambitions for infrastructure investment at risk.]

[Inquiry into medicines shortages in England.](#)

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pharmacy; 2025.

<https://www.pharmacyappg.co.uk/news/inquiry-into-medicines-shortages-in-england-report-july-2025>

[This report into medicines shortages in England reveals the scale and severity of the issues facing patients, pharmacists and the wider NHS. It finds that medicines shortages have shifted from isolated incidents to a chronic, structural challenge.]

Managing Data, Knowledge and Information

Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review

[Machine Learning Tools To \(Semi-\)Automate Evidence Synthesis: A Rapid Review and Evidence Map.](#)

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); 2025.

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/products/machine-learning-tools/white-paper>

[Certain tools, particularly those for automatically identifying randomized controlled trials and prioritizing relevant abstracts in screening, show a high level of recall and precision, suggesting they may soon be appropriate for widespread use with human oversight. However, other tools, such as those for searching and data extraction, show highly variable performance and are not yet reliable enough for to be used for semi-automation of these tasks.]

[The emerging economic evidence and methods used to evaluate clinical registries: a systematic scoping review protocol. \[Abstract\]](#)

Pisavadia K. *BMJ Open* 2025;15(6):e100644.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[A clinical registry is a systematically collected database of health-specific information about a patient population. Clinical registries can be used for a variety of purposes including surveillance, monitoring of outcomes and patient care. The establishment and maintenance of clinical registries come with a significant cost. This scoping review aims to identify the methods used to economically evaluate clinical registries including their costs and benefits.]

[Post-processing methods for mitigating algorithmic bias in healthcare classification models: An extended umbrella review.](#)

Mackin S. *BMC Digital Health* 2025;3:26.

[AI and predictive analytics have increased the speed of innovation in medicine. If left unchecked, however, algorithmic bias can exacerbate health disparities across race, class, or gender. Early bias mitigation literature has focused on addressing bias in the preparation and development phases of the algorithm life cycle. Post-processing methods, applied at the point of implementation, are less computationally intensive and do not require re-building or training the model.]

Report

[Healthcare provision in prisons: data sharing and IT.](#)

Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB); 2025.

<https://www.hssib.org.uk/patient-safety-investigations/healthcare-provision-in-prisons/third-investigation-report/>

[This investigation focuses on data sharing and IT within prisons and prison healthcare departments, specifically looking at how the interaction between digital systems and continuity of healthcare records may impact on the care delivered to patients.]

[Snapshot Report - Medical Records and Digital Maturity.](#)

Future Health Intelligence; 2025.

<https://futurehealthintelligence.com/article/snapshot-report/snapshot-report-medical-records-and-digital-maturity/>

[This report analyses 2023/24 ERIC data on medical records spend across NHS acute trusts in England and compares it against Digital Maturity Assessment (DMA) scores and EPR adoption. Despite 94% of acute trusts having a live EPR, £230 million was spent on physical records. The analysis explores spending patterns, assesses correlation with digital maturity, and highlights where inefficiencies remain in records management.]

[Clarity of healthcare roles in electronic health records. \[Abstract\]](#)

Tzortziou Brown V. *British Journal of General Practice* 2025;75(758):419-420.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Current GP electronic health records (EHRs) systems do not consistently capture the roles of professionals. This can lead to a lack of clarity regarding who is involved in patient care and in what capacity. This article examines the implications of this failure to identify healthcare staff roles in EHRs and ways of addressing them.]

Toolkit

[10 principles to help effective prioritisation of your digital agenda.](#)

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/10-principles-to-help-effective-prioritisation-of-your-digital-agenda>

[Effective prioritisation will support you in your decision making on the digital transformation portfolio. Download our handy toolkit which contains the steps you need to set yourself up for success.]

Service Design and Commissioning

Guideline / Policy

[10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future.](#)

Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC); 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-year-health-plan-for-england-fit-for-the-future>

[Sets out the government's 10 Year Health Plan for England.]

[Guidance to imaging and cancer treatment services following the UK Supreme Court's ruling on the legal definition of sex.](#)

Royal College of Radiologists (RCR); 2025.

<https://www.rcr.ac.uk/our-services/all-our-publications/clinical-radiology-publications/guidance-to-imaging-and-cancer-treatment-services-following-the-uk-supreme-courts-ruling-on-the-legal-definition-of-sex/>

[We have joined forces with the Society of Radiographers (SoR) to issue joint guidance on the implications for service delivery, patient care, and workforce management in imaging and oncology services.]

[Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services 2025](#)

Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA); 2025.

<https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/safety-standards-quality/guidance-resources/guidelines-provision-anaesthetic-services>

[Annual 2025 review of the following chapters:

- Chapter 2: Perioperative Care of Elective and Urgent Care Patients
- Chapter 6: Day Surgery

- Chapter 7: Anaesthesia Services in the Non-theatre Environment
- Chapter 8: Regional Anaesthesia Services
- Chapter 9: Obstetric Populations
- Chapter 13: Ophthalmic Anaesthesia Services
- Chapter 14: Neuroanaesthetic Services]

Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) Directions.

Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC); 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alternative-provider-medical-services-apms-directions>

[Directions for the NHS from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care relating to Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts in general practice.]

Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review

Centralisation of specialised healthcare services: a scoping review of definitions, types, and impact on outcomes.

National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR); 2025.

<https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hsdr/published-articles/REMD6648>

[Centralising specialised healthcare services into high-volume centres is proposed to improve patient outcomes and efficiency. Most reviews focus on relatively few conditions and a limited range of outcomes. The aim of this research was to review the evidence on centralisation of a range of specialised acute services, to analyse (1) how centralisations are defined; (2) how centralisations are organised and delivered; and (3) the relationship between centralisation and several key outcomes.]

Applications of human factors approaches and methods to the development of teleconsultations in primary care: a systematic scoping review. [Abstract]

Ferguson A. *BMJ Open Quality* 2025;14(3):e003023.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Given the level of encouragement seen in recent policy, it is important to understand how teleconsultation technologies are designed, implemented and used in primary care settings to further encourage their use. This systematic scoping review aimed to identify human factors approaches and methods previously applied to the development of teleconsultation technologies in primary care]

A scoping review of personalised UK maternity care: where are we now?

Tompkins L. *British Journal of Midwifery* 2025;33(7):398–407.

[Personalised care has been recommended continuously to improve UK maternity services. The aim of this review was to explore the current provision of personalised care and consider why it may not yet be fully embedded in practice.]

What's been tried: a curated catalogue of efforts to improve access to general practice.

Sinnott C. *BJGP Open* 2025;:BJGPO.2024.0184.

[Although increasing numbers of appointments are being provided, public satisfaction with access to UK general practice is declining. Previous attempts to improve access have not been systematically collated. The aim of this review was to identify interventions to improve access to general practice in the UK, to organise these interventions into thematic categories, and to identify which aspects of access are targeted.]

Report

Delivering on ambitions for a neighbourhood health service.

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/delivering-on-ambitions-for-a-neighbourhood-health-service>

[This report features three case studies that show how trusts are already working at neighbourhood level to support people in a way that reduces pressures on other parts of the health and care system, and to improve patient experiences and outcomes.]

NHS Oversight Framework 2025/26.

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/nhs-oversight-framework-202526>

[Following a recent consultation on a draft oversight framework, we've highlighted the key changes for our members in the newly published NHS Oversight Framework.]

Nursing at the helm: the strategic contribution of nursing to health and care commissioning

Royal College of Nursing (RCN); 2025.

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/Professional-Development/publications/rcn-nursing-at-the-helm-uk-pub-012-251>

[This report highlights the essential, strategic impact of nursing staff working in commissioning and oversight bodies in England, to protect against any risk to nursing functions within the context of cost-saving measures and reforms.]

Occupational therapists in councils: Unlocking capacity and driving change.

Local Government Association (LGA); 2025.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/occupational-therapists-councils-unlocking-capacity-and-driving-change>

[This report, developed in partnership with national and regional occupational therapy leaders, explores the unique role of occupational therapists in councils. It highlights their impact across housing, health, care, and employment, and sets out what the Government can do to unlock their full potential and support delivery of their missions.]

Providers Deliver: putting young people at the heart of care.

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/providers-deliver-putting-young-people-at-the-heart-of-care>

[Our latest edition of Providers Deliver shows how trusts are working to improve services for children and young people across sectors. It showcases new and innovative initiatives to support children and young people to access the care they need.]

The elective care waiting list: insights from linked data.

The Health Foundation; 2025.

<https://www.health.org.uk/reports-and-analysis/briefings/the-elective-care-waiting-list-insights-from-linked-data>

[Reducing the NHS elective waiting list is a major national priority. But relatively little is known about the impact of long waiting lists on patient health or who is most at risk of adverse events while waiting. The current absence of a national, patient-level, linked dataset created an opportunity for the Networked Data Lab (NDL) to use local datasets to address evidence gaps.]

Understanding the implementation of link workers in primary care: A realist evaluation to inform current and future policy.

National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR); 2025.

<https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hsdr/GJT12327>

[Social prescribing link workers formed part of the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme introduced into primary care in England from 2019. Link workers assist patients experiencing issues affecting their health and well-being that are 'non-medical' (e.g. lack of social connections, financial difficulties and housing problems). The authors conducted an earlier realist review on the link worker role in primary care.]

Toolkit

Collaborative community approach to supporting the adult social care front door: strategic overview.

Local Government Association (LGA); 2025.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/collaborative-community-approach-supporting-adult-social-care-front-door-strategic>

[This document is a 'how to' guide for the development of a collaborative community approach to supporting the adult social care front door. Rather than being prescriptive, this guide aims to empower practitioners to think about what might work best in their local context and to provide the tools to help them.]

Quality Improvement and Innovation

Guideline / Policy

GP mythbuster 109: Use of artificial intelligence (AI) in GP services.

Care Quality Commission (CQC); 2025.

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/gps/gp-mythbusters/gp-mythbuster-109-artificial-intelligence-gp-services>

[Using artificial intelligence (AI) in general practice has potential benefits for delivering care, but its use must align with regulatory requirements and good clinical governance to ensure safe and compliant implementation in healthcare delivery. This guidance applies to IT-based and digital solutions used in a practice as well as AI tools.]

The Directory.

Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP); 2025.

<https://www.hqip.org.uk/resource/national-clinical-audit-and-enquiries-directory/>

[The HQIP 'Directory' is a guidance document that collates high level information supplied by the teams that manage national audit and quality improvement programmes. It is a tool/resource designed to assist healthcare

service providers in planning and reporting on their audit activity each year. Healthcare service providers may find The Directory useful when planning audit activity and preparing their Quality Accounts written report.]

Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review

[A realist review of how, why, for whom and in which contexts quality improvement in healthcare impacts inequalities.](#) [Abstract]

Johnson L L. *BMJ Quality & Safety* 2025;34(8):537-546.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Quality improvement (QI) is aimed at improving care. Equity is one of the six domains of healthcare quality, as defined by the Institute of Medicine. If this domain is ignored, QI projects have the potential to maintain or even worsen inequalities. The researchers aimed to understand why, how, for whom and in which contexts QI approaches increase, or do not change health inequalities in healthcare organisations.]

[A scoping review of artificial intelligence applications in clinical trial risk assessment.](#)

Teodoro D. *npj Digital Medicine* 2025;8:486.

[This scoping review analyzed 142 studies, focusing on safety, efficacy, and operational risk prediction. AI techniques are used for tasks like adverse drug event prediction, treatment effect estimation, and phase transition prediction. While some models achieve high performance, challenges remain, including selection bias, limited prospective studies, and data quality issues.]

[Electronic Health Record Interventions to Reduce Risk of Hospital Readmissions: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.](#) [Abstract]

Pattar BSB. *JAMA Network Open* 2025;8(7):e2521785.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[In this systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs, the use of EHR-based interventions was associated with a reduction in 30-day and 90-day hospital readmissions. Future research should examine additional components of EHR interventions to understand and account for remaining gaps in effectiveness.]

[Identifying and reporting modifications to surgical innovation: a systematic review of IDEAL/IDEAL-D studies.](#) [Abstract]

Olivier J. *BMJ Open* 2025;15(6):e097097.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[The Idea, Development, Evaluation, Assessment and Long-term follow-up (IDEAL) framework was designed to improve the quality of surgical research and evaluation of surgical innovation. This systematic review examined IDEAL studies to identify modifications and establish recent practices around modification reporting to inform the development of future guidance to facilitate safe, transparent and efficient surgical innovation.]

[Exploring prehospital emergency care challenges and interventions to reduce emergency department overcrowding: a qualitative meta-synthesis.](#) [Abstract]

Chua E. *BMJ Open* 2025;15(8):e097457.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[This systematic review and meta-synthesis aims to offer a consolidated overview of PEC interventions intended to reduce ED overcrowding. It focuses on presenting international perspectives on the current challenges these interventions face. The enablers presented in this review could also better inform the actions taken by healthcare systems aiming to implement similar interventions..]

[Exploring the impact of artificial intelligence integration on medication error reduction: A nursing perspective.](#)

Alqaraleh M. *Nurse Education in Practice* 2025;86:104438.

[The aim of this study was to systematically evaluate the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies on reducing medication errors in nursing practice, focusing on tools such as clinical decision support systems (CDSS), smart infusion pumps, barcode scanning and automated prescription validation.]

Report

[Using Quality Improvement to improve serious incident reporting in the English NHS.](#) [Abstract]

Santos C. *BMJ Open Quality* 2025;14(3):e003234.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Timely completion of serious incident reports is crucial for patient safety and regulatory compliance. Delays hinder organisational learning and compromise patient outcomes. This project demonstrates the effectiveness of structured QI methodologies in improving serious incident reporting. The implemented changes are sustainable and provide a scalable model for other healthcare organisations aiming to enhance patient safety and compliance.]

Digital transformation and the productivity and efficiency challenge.

NHS Providers; 2025.

<https://nhsproviders.org/resources/digital-transformation-and-the-productivity-and-efficiency-challenge>

[This report focuses specifically on the potential of digital transformation and explores the potential sources of productivity gains with case studies from across the sector, the barriers to realising productivity gains and how to remove them, and, practical advice for NHS boards and senior leaders on driving productivity through technology.]

Infrastructure for innovation: getting the NHS and social care ready for AI.

The King's Fund; 2025.

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/infrastructure-nhs-social-care-ai>

[Here we try to answer the question: what infrastructure needs to be in place to ensure that AI can be used in the health and care sectors? Informed by conversations across health and social care with staff, suppliers, researchers and patients, we consider what's needed for not only the technical infrastructure, but also the wider environment and system capabilities.]

Licence to build: public attitudes to public sector AI.

Ada Lovelace Institute; 2025.

<https://www.adalovelaceinstitute.org/policy-briefing/licence-to-build/>

[This briefing aims to support those considering the deployment of AI to move in step with the public. It summarises common findings from research with the public on their views and expectations of AI in the public sector. These insights arise from engagement with nearly 16,000 people in four nationwide attitudinal surveys and 400 people in deeper qualitative studies.]

Toolkit**Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA) Tool.**

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI); 2025.

<https://www.ihl.org/library/tools/failure-modes-and-effects-analysis-fmea-tool>

[A systematic, proactive method for evaluating a process or product to identify where and how it might fail and to assess the relative impact of different failures, in order to identify the parts of the process that are most in need of change.]

Climate Change and Sustainability**Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review****Should healthcare professionals include aspects of environmental sustainability in clinical decision-making? A systematic review of reasons.**

Kuiter S G. *BMC Medical Ethics* 2025;26(1):78.

[Healthcare systems worldwide are large emitters of greenhouse gases and contribute to the worsening climate crisis. The extent to which considerations of environmental sustainability should be incorporated into clinical decision-making at the individual level is unclear. The authors conducted a systematic review of the reasons stated for and against including aspects of environmental sustainability in the clinical decision-making of healthcare professionals.]

Conceptual frameworks, competencies, contents and teaching methods in planetary health education for health students and professionals: a global systematic scoping review. [\[Abstract\]](#)

Carrion C. *BMC Medical Education* 2025;25(1):956.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Planetary Health studies the impact of the global environmental crisis on health. Urgent transdisciplinary, intersectoral, and holistic solutions adapted to local realities are needed. Designing training programs attuned to contextual needs of diverse groups and geographical areas is crucial. Planetary health programs are emerging worldwide, but little is known about their scope and learning outcomes. A systematic scoping review is needed to shed light on the state of planetary health education.]

Report**Carbon emissions from clinical activities by speciality in secondary and tertiary care in England: an exploratory cross-sectional analysis of routine administrative data.**

Begum H. *The Lancet Regional Health - Europe* 2025;54:101333.

[The National Health Service (NHS) in England has committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2045. A key early step in this journey is to understand where opportunities to decarbonise healthcare exist. The aim of this

paper is to explore the potential to use available activity and emissions intensity data to investigate the carbon emissions of different specialty-level clinical activities in secondary and tertiary care in the NHS in England.]

Toolkit

[Accelerating Decarbonization in Clinical Care.](https://www.ihl.org/library/tools/accelerating-decarbonization-clinical-care)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI); 2025.

<https://www.ihl.org/library/tools/accelerating-decarbonization-clinical-care>

[This guide presents strategies and change ideas for health systems to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to anesthetic gases, inhalers, and medical products, and also includes measurement guidance for clinical care decarbonization improvement efforts.]

Public Health

Guideline / Policy

[A UK government food strategy for England.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-uk-government-food-strategy-for-england)

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA); 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-uk-government-food-strategy-for-england>

[Towards a Good Food Cycle: a UK government food strategy for England, considering the wider UK food system. The strategy sets out how we will create a healthier, more affordable, sustainable, resilient food system. This document includes: the context and key challenges facing the food system, our high-level vision for the UK food system, the priority outcomes that will make the vision a reality, and next steps on delivery of the outcomes.]

[Active Travel Fund: monitoring and evaluation of schemes.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/active-travel-fund-monitoring-and-evaluation-of-schemes)

Active Travel England; 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/active-travel-fund-monitoring-and-evaluation-of-schemes>

[Information for local authorities on the monitoring and evaluation of active travel capital schemes funded by the Active Travel Fund. Although primarily for the Active Travel Fund these guidance practices can be applied to any active travel capital schemes funded by government.]

[Smoking and tobacco: applying All Our Health.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/smoking-and-tobacco-applying-all-our-health)

Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID); 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/smoking-and-tobacco-applying-all-our-health>

[Evidence and guidance to help healthcare professionals integrate treatment for tobacco dependency into routine clinical care. Change made: Updated the document with new data on smoking prevalence and with new content aligning to the government's Health Mission. Also updated links in the 'Further reading and resources' section.]

Systematic Review/ Meta-Analysis/ Scoping Review

[Toward Equitable Interventions in Public Mental Health: A Review. \[Abstract\]](#)

Reininghaus U. *JAMA Psychiatry* 2024;81(12):1270-1275.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[In moving toward more equitable interventions in public mental health, it is imperative to adopt an approach that integrates multiple frameworks to address the complexity of mental health inequities. Intersectionality theory can help to identify the root causes of mental health while participatory and settings-based approaches ensure that interventions are relevant, culturally sensitive, and accessible to all.]

[Health outcomes and psychosocial determinants in young carers: a systematic review.](#)

Bowman Grangel A. *The Lancet Public Health* 2025;10(7):e625 - e639.

[Despite some notable inconsistencies, our findings suggest a small-to-moderate risk of poorer mental health among young carers. Evidence on physical health was inconclusive. Social connections appear to play a key part in young carers' mental health. Further large-scale longitudinal studies are needed to clarify inconsistent findings. Unequal conditions of care relating to individual and situational factors could affect health in young carers.]

[Conceptualisation, operationalisation and role of identity in physical activity and smoking in individuals aged 45 and over: a systematic scoping review. \[Abstract\]](#)

Penforinis K M. *BMJ Open* 2025;15(7):e097232.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[Identity is a determinant of health-promoting behaviours such as physical activity and health-compromising behaviours such as smoking. This scoping review provides a comprehensive synthesis and comparison of the relationship between physical activity- and smoking-related identity and behaviour, and how these identities are defined and measured. The review focuses on people aged 45 and above.]

All NICE guidance is available from the web site: [nice.org.uk](https://www.nice.org.uk)

NICE support and resources to maximise use: [nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/into-practice](https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/into-practice)

[Effect of nature-based health interventions for individuals diagnosed with anxiety, depression and/or experiencing stress-a systematic review and meta-analysis.](#) [Abstract]

Jessen N H. *BMJ Open* 2025;15(7):e098598.

[Check for full-text availability](#)

[The use of natural environments and nature activities as elements in the treatment and rehabilitation of mental health challenges is gaining international attention. The objective of the present review was to summarise the knowledge on the effects of nature-based health interventions (NBHIs) targeting individuals diagnosed with anxiety, depression and/or experiencing stress.]

Report

[Vaccination in the UK: access, uptake and equity.](#)

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH); 2025.

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/vaccination-access-uptake-equity-2025>

[This report assesses how and why vaccine uptake in the UK has stalled or declined. It outlines the evidence and recommendations to increase uptake of routine childhood vaccinations across three broad themes: access to services, improved data systems and strengthening public information, education and communication.]

[Interventions to reduce self-discharges from hospital among people experiencing homelessness: a service improvement project](#)

Besford R. *British Journal of Healthcare Management* 2025;31(7):1-9.

[A routine clinical audit conducted in 2021–22 at a community trust in the north of England found that 23% of patients who were experiencing homelessness discharged themselves from hospital. To address this issue, the homeless health inclusion team implemented improvements to the service, aiming to reduce the self-discharge rates among patients experiencing homelessness. The audit tool was provided by Pathway, a UK charity, and used as part of the organisation's annual audit cycle.]

[A breath of fresh air: responding to the health challenges of modern air pollution.](#)

Royal College of Physicians (RCP); 2025.

<https://www.rcp.ac.uk/policy-and-campaigns/policy-documents/a-breath-of-fresh-air-responding-to-the-health-challenges-of-modern-air-pollution/>

[The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has published a new report examining the effects of air pollution on health throughout the life course, calling on UK governments to treat air quality as a public health issue.]

[Hitting the right targets: how measures can drive progress on health and reduce inequalities.](#)

The Health Foundation; 2025.

<https://www.health.org.uk/reports-and-analysis/working-papers/hitting-the-right-targets>

[This working paper looks at measures that could be used in setting health-related targets as part of a mission-led drive to improve health and reduce health inequalities. It collates analysis of historical trends, potential future projections and variation by population groups of interest, for three single measures and three lifecourse measures.]

[No place like home: scaling up Housing First in England.](#)

Centre for Social Justice (CSJ); 2025.

<https://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/library/no-place-like-home>

[Over the last seven years, Housing First has been shown to be the most effective and well-evidenced intervention to end homelessness for Britain's most disadvantaged and entrenched rough sleepers. This report makes the case for a targeted expansion of Housing First in England. This would scale-up the success of the three national pilots in Liverpool, Greater Manchester and West Midlands, ensuring that every English region has access to an equivalent Housing First intervention.]

[Pharmacy services for people with language needs: SIS insight gathering.](#)

Sussex Interpreting Services; 2025.

<https://sussexinterpreting.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/PHARMACY-SERVICES-FOR-PEOPLE-WITH-LANGUAGE-NEEDS-%E2%80%93-SIS-insight-gathering-FINAL.pdf>

[Sussex Interpreting Services (SIS) set out to gather further insight into the experience of pharmacy services for people with language needs.]

[Race, Ethnicity and Homelessness in the UK: Final report of a knowledge and capacity building programme.](#)

Institute for Social Policy, Housing, Equalities Research; 2025.

<https://doi.org/10.17861/D78C-M498>

[The report finds significant evidence of racial inequality in the homelessness system. The culmination of our comprehensive three-and-a-half-year research programme reveals that only 10% of Black families gained social housing through the statutory homelessness system, compared to 24% of White families. This means Black families are less than half as likely to secure permanent housing as their White counterparts. Similar outcomes were identified for other minoritised families.]

[Understanding drivers of recent trends in young people's mental health.](#)

Youth Futures Foundation; 2025.

<https://youthfuturesfoundation.org/publication/briefing-understanding-drivers-of-recent-trends-in-young-peoples-mental-health/>

[This paper provides an overview of research commissioned by Youth Futures Foundation and carried out by a team from the University of Manchester and UCL examining the drivers of the decrease in mental health among young people. It evaluates multiple potential drivers of worsening youth mental health through data analysis and a literature review. Ten factors were identified and grouped into three categories: increasing risk, declining resilience, and changing reporting.]

[Young people and coastal communities: Local policymaker and practitioner perspectives: Interim report from the UCL Coastal Youth Life Chances project.](#)

University College London (UCL); 2025.

<https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10210706/>

[This report outlines the challenges that coastal youth face and highlights how young people are affected by the limited education, employment and leisure opportunities that are available in coastal communities. The report also sets out 5 recommendations for change that local policymakers and youth practitioners would like to see. This report is part of the UCL Coastal Youth Life Chances project.]

Toolkit

[Guide to high-quality community engagement for health and wellbeing.](#)

Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH); 2025.

<https://www.adph.org.uk/networks/london/resources/transformations-in-community-collaboration-ii/>

[Effective community collaboration is key to achieving health equity and addressing health inequalities. This handbook, commissioned by ADPH London's Community Champions Development Programme, which supported community champions coordinators during the pandemic, provides help and advice on how to achieve successful community collaboration.]

[Airborne allergens.](#)

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) & Centre for Climate and Health Security (CCHS); 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/airborne-allergens>

[Airborne allergens are particles in the air, such as pollen and fungal spores, that can cause or worsen allergic reactions and respiratory conditions including hay fever and asthma. This page includes overview guides to indoor and outdoor airborne allergens, as well as information on health risks, monitoring, and relevant regulatory guidance.]



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