

Reports

[Health care and adult social care in England: 2017 to 2018](#) This report analyses inspection and ratings data from 2017 to 2018 to provide an assessment of the state of health care and adult social care in England.

[Talking about dying: How to begin honest conversations about what lies ahead](#) The [Talking about dying report](#) from the Royal College of Physicians seeks to offer advice and support for any doctor on holding conversations with patients much earlier after the diagnosis of a progressive or terminal condition, including frailty.

[Kindness, emotions and human relationships: The blind spot in public policy](#) This report by Julia Unwin CBE examines the importance of kindness and relationships for societal wellbeing.

[Psychological Therapies, Annual report on the use of IAPT services - England, 2017-18 \[PAS\]](#) This statistical release is the annual report on the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme. The publication contains analyses on activity, waiting times and outcomes such as recovery in 2017-18.

[Safeguarding Adults, England, 2017-18](#) This report provides the findings from the Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC) for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

[Guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983, England, 2016-17 and 2017-18, National Statistic](#) This report contains information on the use of Guardianship under Sections 7 and 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983 during the reporting period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018, including a yearly time series since 2003-04.

[Improving access and continuity in general practice](#) The report describes our key findings on the impact of improved access upon continuity of care, and provides a series of recommendations for commissioners and policy-makers. [Evidence Review](#)

[A Society of Readers](#) This report explores how something as simple as reading can play a crucial role in tackling the issues of loneliness, mental health problems, dementia and social (im)mobility.

[The Health and Social Care Committee publishes its report on health and care in prison](#) The Health and Social Care Committee publishes a new report [Prison Healthcare](#). The Committee's report follows in the wake of reports from the Inspectorate, Ombudsman and in the media, all of which have highlighted healthcare as one of many problems currently affecting prisons. [Full report](#)

[Too ill to work, too broke not to](#) The cost of sickness absence for people with mental health problems. [Full report.](#)

Guidance

[Cannabis-based products for medicinal use](#) This is a letter to clinicians from the Chief Medical Officer and NHS England following the rescheduling of legislation to allow the medicinal use of cannabis-based products.

[Homelessness: duty to refer – for NHS staff](#) Guidance for NHS trusts and foundation trusts providing emergency departments, urgent treatment centres and inpatient services.

Annual Review

[UK Public Health Rapid Support Team Annual Review](#) Annual review of the UK-PHRST's activity against plans between November 2016 and May 2018.

Publications

[Prevention is better than cure: our vision to help you live well for longer](#) This document sets out the government's vision for putting prevention at the heart of the nation's health.

[Personalised care operating model](#) The personalised care operating model shows how all the various components work together to deliver a joined-up approach around the needs of each individual.

[Comprehensive model of Personalised Care](#) This comprehensive model of personalised care helps to establish a whole-population approach to supporting people of all ages and their carers to manage their physical and mental health and wellbeing, build community resilience, and make informed decisions and choices when their health changes.

[The health care workforce in England: make or break?](#)

[Budget 2018: what it means for health and social care](#) In this joint piece the Health Foundation and Nuffield Trust analyse what was announced in the 2018 Budget and what it means for health and social care. [Report](#)

[Amending the 2012 Act: can it be done?](#) This piece identifies some of the main complaints about how the current law operates; outlines some of the implications should attempts be made to amend it; and asks how far progress could be made within the existing legislation.

Studies

[Albumin administrations can prolong survival for some people with liver disease](#) The first large trial to study the effects of long-term albumin infusions explores improved survival and reduced hospital admissions.

[‘Artificial pancreas’ improves glucose control in hospital patients with type 2 diabetes](#) This study examines how closed-loop insulin pumps, which continuously monitor blood glucose and administer insulin accordingly, can improve blood glucose control among patients with type 2 diabetes admitted to hospital for non-critical care.

[How local Global Burden of Disease data can help shift the focus for the NHS](#) This study provides a detailed and comprehensive picture of the health of people in the UK [Full article](#)

Surveys

[Overwhelming public support for sugar and calorie reduction](#) A survey from Public Health England (PHE) found that around 9 in 10 people support the government working with the food industry to make food healthier.

[Letting Local Systems Lead: How the NHS Long Term Plan can deliver a Sustainable NHS](#) This follows a survey of NHS Confederation members calling for action to remove the barriers to effective local system working.

Evaluation

[A space to talk](#) An evaluation of the WISH Centre's services with young people who self-harm.

News

[Public Health England warns travellers of rabies risk](#) PHE is reminding travellers to avoid coming into contact with animals when travelling to rabies affected countries due to the risk of catching the disease.

[Mental health leaders welcome first NHS strategy to tackle violence against staff](#)

[Mental Health Units \(Use of Force Bill\) becomes law](#) The Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Bill – also known as Seni's law - has received Royal Assent. and has become an Act.