

Reviews

[Getting hospital patients up and moving shortens stay and improves fitness](#) This review confirms the importance of maintaining patients' mobility and function during acute hospital admissions through targeted programmes of mobilisation and exercise.

[First aid glucose administration routes for symptomatic hypoglycaemia](#) The objective of this review was to assess the effects of first aid glucose administration by any route appropriate for use by first-aid providers (buccal, sublingual, oral, rectal) for symptomatic hypoglycaemia.

Reports

[Care for people with serious illnesses](#) This report uses trend data from national clinical audits to look at changes in the quality of care for patients with heart attack, stroke, diabetes and COPD and include updated cancer waiting times from NHS England.

[Closing the gap: Key areas for action on the health and care workforce](#) In this joint report, the Nuffield Trust and the Health Foundation, set out a series of policy actions that, evidence suggests, should be at the heart of the workforce implementation plan.

[Outcomes for mental health services: what really matters?](#) An independent commissioned report considers the difficulties in measuring outcomes in mental health services.

Studies

[When is it best to start the Parkinson's drug, levodopa?](#) This Dutch trial involved 445 participants with a recent diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, enrolled over five years. About half took levodopa for 80 weeks, and half placebo for the first 40 weeks and levodopa for the last 40 weeks. There was no difference in symptoms between the groups at the end of the study.

[Communication problems are top of patients' concerns about hospital care](#) This study aimed to find out what proportion of patients had concerns about their care, to categorise and understand their concerns, and to assess whether these concerns were in line with the types of patient safety incidents identified by clinicians.

Case Studies

[Reducing 'enhanced observations' on a mental health ward](#) A Ward Manager at Harplands Hospital, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust led a new approach to observation and engagement with patients on Ward 2 at the Trust. The initiative has led to improvements in outcomes, experiences and use of resources.

[A leadership programme for nursing home managers in Southampton](#) A Registered Care Home Manager leadership programme for managers in the local area has led to transformational improvements for the homes, their staff, residents and carers.

[South London Mental Health and Community Partnership \(SLP\) Nursing Development Programme](#) A Nursing Development Programme at South London has improved staff experience and career development as well as improved recruitment and retention rates resulting in better patient outcomes experience and use of resources.

Publications

[Healthcare education and training tariff: 2019 to 2020](#) This document sets out the national tariffs for healthcare education and training placements in the academic year 2019 to 2020; how the tariffs will be implemented and in what circumstances the national tariffs may be varied and how to do this.

[Better Care Fund: how it will work in 2019 to 2020](#) This document sets out the agreed way in which the BCF will be implemented in financial year 2019 to 2020. It includes the level of funding for 2019 to 2020; conditions of access to the fund; national performance metrics and the assurance and approval process.

[NHS England and NHS Improvement Joint Controller and Information Sharing Framework Agreement](#) This is the Joint Controller and Information Sharing Framework Agreement that sets out NHS England's and NHS Improvement's responsibilities when acting as joint data controllers.

[Improving Value in Specialised Services: Menu of Opportunities](#) This document provides an overview of schemes aimed at improving value in specialised services and is aimed at commissioners and providers of both specialised services and other parts of the patient pathway including acute commissioners and providers.

[Hepatitis C in England and the UK: working to eliminate hepatitis C as a major public health threat](#) Latest PHE hepatitis C virus (HCV) reports and supporting documents, for England and the UK.

[Safeguarding in general dental practice](#) This document provides an overview of safeguarding to dental teams and reinforces its importance.

[Reforming the Mental Health Act](#) The implications of the NIHR Mental Health Policy Research Unit's work for the Independent Review.

[What does the NHS England review of waiting times mean for accident and emergency departments?](#) The accident and emergency (A&E) 'four-hour' waiting time standard was first announced nearly twenty years ago but things have changed in the past twenty years.

Research

[Beyond a label: taking a broader view of mental health, debt and vulnerability](#) This research seeks to understand these issues by going beyond the 'vulnerability' label, and taking an all-encompassing view of how household circumstances, ill-health, disability and personal difficulties create vulnerability. [Stacked Against report](#)

Guidance

[Immigration status checks by the NHS: guidance for overseas patients](#) This information is for patients who have been advised by the NHS that an immigration status check is being made about them by the provider of NHS services. It explains why this check is required and what happens when it is made.

Green Paper

[A vision for prevention](#) The Government's green paper outlines key areas where prevention can make a difference in relation to our mental health and wellbeing. [Policy paper](#)

News

[GP scheme frees up half a million hours for patients](#) Successful NHS England programme extended for three more years.

[Preventing amputations major concern as diabetes numbers rise](#) New data reveals overall number of amputations increasing with white males having the highest rate.

[NHS thanks staff for record winter performance](#) NHS staff provided timely, high quality care to a record numbers of people in England this winter, according to official figures published today.

[Thousands more set to get help as NHS rolls out mental health job coaches](#) NHS England has announced a major expansion of a landmark scheme designed to help tens of thousands of patients with serious mental health problems who want to work, to find employment.

[Specialist mental health support for new mums available in every part of England](#) New and expectant mothers across the country can now access specialist mental health care in the area where they live, NHS England announced today.

[How to address the challenge of multimorbidity?](#) The Nuffield Trust argues for two key changes in how multimorbidity is tackled.

[NHSX: digital experts will be part of cancer and mental health teams](#) Digital and data specialists from NHSX will team up with NHS England's cancer and mental health national policy teams to help clinicians and policymakers improve patient experience through technology.

[New tools to help health professionals boost prevention impact](#) E-learning tools provide quick access to information and advice to help improve approaches to preventing illness, protecting health and promoting wellbeing.

Film

[Marie Curie launches new video: What to expect at the end of life](#) The film is primarily aimed at family and friends of someone who is dying. It's designed to complement the Marie Curie website content on this topic. [Marie Curie website](#)