

News

[New funding for rough sleepers living with mental illness and substance misuse](#) Adults who are sleeping rough and living with mental illness and substance misuse will benefit from £1.9 million funding to improve their access to vital healthcare. [Rough Sleeping Strategy](#)

[APPG on Heart and Circulatory Diseases](#) The spread of misinformation risks undermining public confidence in the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare, according to a new report from the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Heart and Circulatory Diseases. [Report](#)

[Probation service to be re-nationalised](#) The Royal College of Psychiatrists welcome the Ministry of Justice announcement that the Probation Service will once more become a national public service.

[New tools to tackle inequalities in mental health care by involving patients in service design](#) Local health system leaders can now access tools to support advancements in mental health care for groups experiencing inequalities.

[The Mental Capacity \(Amendment\) Bill has received Royal Assent, meaning it has become an Act, enshrined in law](#) This legislation revolves around the safeguards available to people who are deemed to lack capacity to make decisions about their treatment and who have restrictive care arrangements.

[NHS figures reveal mental health spending postcode lottery](#) NHS data showing how much local areas across England are planning to spend on mental health services over the next year.

Cochrane Reviews

[Positional therapy for obstructive sleep apnoea](#)

This review considers the efficacy of positional therapy compared to continuous positive airway pressure therapy (CPAP) as well as positional therapy against no positional therapy.

[Prostacyclin for pulmonary arterial hypertension](#) This review determines the efficacy and safety of prostacyclin, prostacyclin analogues or prostacyclin receptor agonists for PAH in adults and children.

[Interventions to reduce ambient particulate matter air pollution and their effect on health](#) This review assesses the effectiveness of interventions to reduce ambient particulate matter air pollution in reducing pollutant concentrations and improving associated health outcomes.

[Comparative effectiveness of continuation and maintenance treatments for persistent depressive disorder in adults](#)

This review assesses the effects of pharmacological and psychological continuation and maintenance treatments for persistent depressive disorder, in comparison with each other; placebo (drug/attention placebo/non-specific treatment control); and treatment as usual (TAU).

[Family therapy approaches for anorexia nervosa](#) This review evaluated the efficacy of family therapy approaches compared with standard treatment and other treatments for anorexia nervosa.

[Telephone interventions, delivered by healthcare professionals, for providing education and psychosocial support for informal caregivers of adults with diagnosed illnesses](#) The objective of this review was to evaluate the effectiveness of telephone support interventions, delivered by healthcare professionals, when compared to usual care or non-telephone-based support interventions for informal caregivers.

Guidance

[Crohn's disease: management](#) This guideline covers the management of Crohn's disease in children, young people and adults. It aims to reduce people's symptoms and maintain or improve their quality of life.

[Iron Deficiency and Anaemia in Adults](#) This guidance has been developed by expert nurses from several specialties and is for the use of nurses, health care assistants (HCAs), midwives, and health visitors from all specialties and backgrounds.

[Guidance for commissioners of primary care mental health services for deaf people](#) This guide has been written by a group with expertise and experience in the mental health of deaf people, including deaf and hearing professionals and academic researchers, in consultation with deaf patients and carers.

[NICE End of life care for adults: Draft guideline for consultation](#) This [DRAFT NICE guideline](#) aims to ensure that people have access to end of life services in all care settings, according to their needs and wishes. It also includes advice on services for carers and other people important to adults who are approaching the end of their life.

[Guidance on support for older men](#) Age UK has published guidance on how to provide support to men aged 65 and older experiencing loneliness and isolation.

Research

[Improving access out of hours: Evaluation of extended-hours primary care access hubs](#) Could schemes aiming to increase the availability of primary care health care access out of hours improve the overall quality of services and patient experience. [Report](#)

[21st Century Social Care](#) This research paper explores the nature and extent of the serious and urgent problems affecting the provision of social care in the UK.

Briefings

[What can the NHS learn from learning health systems?](#) This briefing identifies opportunities for local organisations and systems to make better use of health data, and recommends ways that national policy could promote the collaboration and greater use of analytics which underpin the 'learning health system' concept. [Report](#)

[SEM Scanner for pressure ulcer prevention](#) The technology described in this briefing is SEM Scanner. It is used for detecting changes in sub-epidermal moisture (SEM) to show pressure-induced tissue damage which can become a pressure ulcer.

Statistics

[Bioscience and health technology sector statistics 2018](#) Official statistics on the bioscience and health technology sector 2018. This report contains analysis of trends in the UK life science industry, covering the Biopharma and Med Tech sectors.

Paper

[Continuity of care: a luxury or need?](#) Appraisal of a new paper in the British Journal of Psychiatry on continuity of care and clinical outcomes in the community for people with severe mental illness.

Study

[Treating asymptomatic MRSA on discharge from hospital reduces risk of later infection](#) This study found the use of medicated creams, mouthwash and body wash for six months after discharge from hospital led to a 30% lower risk of MRSA infection, compared with basic hygiene education.

Reports

[Clicks and mortar: Technology and the NHS estate](#) Developments in technology are affecting the NHS estate in different ways. In future, these changes could lead to an estate that is better for patients and staff, smarter and more integrated.

[Nurses crucial in preventing early death for people with serious mental illness](#) A new RCN report says nurses are best placed to help close the huge gap in life expectancy between people with serious mental illness and the rest of the population. Full report - [Parity of Esteem – Delivering Physical Health Equality for those with Serious Mental Health Needs](#)

Annual Reports

[Royal College of Nursing Annual Report 2018](#)

[APRHAI annual report, 2017 to 2018](#) APRHAI is a departmental expert committee that helps guide government priorities and provides practical and scientific advice on antimicrobial prescribing, resistance and healthcare-associated infections to UK health departments.

Publications

[Friends and Family Test data – March 2019](#) Friends and Family Test (FFT) gives patients the opportunity to submit feedback to providers of NHS funded care or treatment, using a simple question which asks how likely, on a scale ranging from extremely unlikely to extremely likely, they are to recommend the service to their friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment.

[Adult Critical Care services](#) This service specification covers the provision of Adult Critical Care services.

[Heatwave Plan for England](#) Public Health England have updated their Heatwave Plan for England which is intended to protect the population from heat-related harm to health.

[Sugar reduction and reformulation programme: Spring 2019](#) update This update details the actions PHE has taken since May 2018, covering the period from June 2018 to February 2019 following on from the publication in May 2018 of the [year 1 progress report for the sugar reduction programme](#).

[Misuse of illicit drugs and medicines: applying All Our Health](#) This 'All Our Health' misuse of illicit drugs and medicines guidance will help health and care professionals to identify, prevent or reduce drug-related harm and identify resources and services available in your area that can help people with drug misuse.

Resource

[Tools for co-production in mental health commissioning](#) The [document](#) aims to improve provision of mental health services for all ages. This includes people who are not in contact with mental health services, because of existing barriers to access or for other reasons. It also covers co-production with people in at-risk populations.