

Systematic Reviews

[Antimicrobial stewardship programmes reduce antibiotic use in long-term care homes](#)

This systematic review identified 18 studies, mostly from the US, assessing multifaceted stewardship programmes. These combine education, protocols and monitoring of guideline implementation.

[Transcutaneous electrical stimulation \(TENS\) may help lower limb spasticity after stroke](#)

The main evidence in this systematic review came from five trials which suggested that TENS combined with other physical therapies has moderate effect on lower limb spasticity compared with placebo.

Cochrane Review

[Anti-vascular endothelial growth factor for neovascular age-related macular degeneration](#)

The aim of this Cochrane review was to compare treatment with anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) agents for neovascular age-related macular degeneration (wet AMD).

Guidance

[Guidance for investigating non-infectious disease clusters from potential environmental causes](#)

This guidance for health professionals presents a step-by-step approach to the investigation of non-infectious disease clusters.

[Benralizumab for treating severe eosinophilic asthma](#)

Benralizumab, as an add-on therapy, is recommended as an option for treating severe eosinophilic asthma that is inadequately controlled in adults despite maintenance therapy with high-dose inhaled corticosteroids and long-acting beta-agonists.

Briefings

[IQoro for hiatus hernia](#)

The technology described in this briefing is IQoro. It is a neuromuscular training device used for improving symptoms related to hiatus hernia by strengthening the oesophagus and diaphragm.

[CADScor system for ruling out coronary artery disease in people with symptoms of stable coronary artery disease](#)

The technology described in this briefing is CADScor. It can be used to rule out coronary artery disease in people aged 40 years or over with symptoms of stable coronary artery disease. Failing to capitalise : Capital spending in the NHS This briefing analyses trends in the capital budget, comparing the UK with international averages. Using annual data from all NHS trusts in England to analyse where money has been spent and where there are areas of need.

Government Response

[Government response to the Independent Breast Screening Review recommendations](#)

This document sets out the government's response to by The Independent Breast Screening review which resulted in thousands of women aged between 68 and 71 not being invited to their final breast screening. The government has accepted all the recommendations.

Strategy

[UK strategy for rare diseases: 2019 update to the implementation plan for England](#)

A summary of the strategy's progress and actions for the government and partner organisations over the next year.

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Reports

[Improving the delivery of physical healthcare for older people on inpatient mental health wards](#) This report recommends a focus on supporting people living with severe mental health problems to have their physical health needs met. They should be offered screening and secondary prevention, reflecting their higher risk of poor physical health.

[Using digital technology to design and deliver better mental health services](#) This report focuses on what the NHS can learn from two very different healthcare systems - Australia and the United States of America.

[Men as allies](#) In this report, the Health & Care Women Leaders Network, delivered by NHS Confederation and NHS Employers, explores some of the important actions and behaviours men can take to support the development of female leaders in the NHS.

[The state of care in independent ambulance services](#) This report is an analysis of the findings from our comprehensive inspection programme of independent ambulance services in England.

[Report reveals benefits pressure is driving mental health care demand](#) [Full report](#)

[International comparisons of health and wellbeing in adolescence and early adulthood](#) The report, published with the Association for Young People's Health, provides an indication of where health outcomes for adolescents and young adults in the United Kingdom (UK) could be improved.

[The benefits assault course](#) This report shows that many people with mental health problems struggle to navigate the benefits system because of common symptoms such as reduced concentration, increased impulsivity and memory problems.

[NHS England releases new interim report on access times for treatment](#) NHS England announced proposals for the first ever targets for seeing people in a mental health crisis. This means that from April 2020, people attending A&E in a mental health crisis should receive a response from the liaison mental health service within one hour.

[Using partnerships to tackle some of society's toughest challenges](#) This report looks at the impact and success of the Inclusive Economy Partnership Accelerator, an innovative programme through which 18 grant winners (social innovators) were supported to scale through meaningful partnerships with business, civil society and government.

Blog

[No justice in the capital?](#) Thousands of vulnerable Londoners are failed by the legal aid system. Revolving Doors Agency estimates that the most vulnerable Londoners were unable to access any legal support for as many as 37,500 legal problems since the introduction legal aid cuts.

Study

[Dermoscopy plus visual inspection aids melanoma diagnosis](#) The study provides stronger evidence to support current guidelines for the use of dermoscopy in the assessment of suspicious pigmented skin lesions in secondary care and support further training of non-specialists in the technique.

Resource

[Social prescribing: applying All Our Health](#) This resource helps health professionals prevent ill health and promote wellbeing as part of their everyday practice, including guidance on.

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News

[Nursing shortages 'single biggest challenge' facing the NHS](#) Interim workforce plan looks at ways to boost nurse numbers but RCN insists more money is needed to tackle severe lack of staff.

[NHS prescription charges from April 2019](#)

[NHS to test new rapid care measures for patients with the most urgent mental and physical health needs](#) New NHS pilot schemes that aim to deliver rapid assessment and treatment for patients with the most serious conditions, and expand short waits for millions more NHS patients.

[Out of area mental health placements cost the NHS £112million last year](#)

Research

[Understanding the reasons people give for not using the internet](#) The Good Things Foundation, Professor Simeon Yates (University of Liverpool) and BT have been working in partnership to conduct research into understanding motivational barriers of non-users of the internet. [Full report](#)

[Once daily long-acting beta2-agonists and long-acting muscarinic antagonists in a combined inhaler versus placebo for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease](#) This research aimed to assess the effects of single-inhaler LABA/LAMA combinations versus placebo on clinically meaningful outcomes in patients with stable COPD.

Reviews

[Treating vitamin D deficiency may reduce exacerbations of COPD](#) This review aimed to find out whether vitamin D can reduce exacerbations of Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and to study whether impacts differ according to patient characteristics.

[PHE stakeholder review 2018 to 2019](#) Public Health England (PHE) commissioned Ipsos MORI to carry out its annual stakeholder research, seeking the views and perspectives of leading stakeholders. The results give valuable reflections of the progress of PHE's relationships and provide useful insight of how we can build on progress to date.

Case Studies

[Improving physical health assessments in a secure mental health setting](#) The Physical Health Lead on the Hume ward informed and provided information to both staff and service users on the importance of physical health monitoring and compliance, particularly when service users declined to have their vital signs taken.

[Unique mental health scheme helps 1,000 people back to work and generates funds for NHS](#) This case study show how the New Leaf project in Exeter, part of Devon Partnership NHS Trust, has helped more than 1,000 people develop employment skills as part of their therapy.

Publications

[Primary care networks explained](#) A key part of the NHS long-term plan, primary care networks will bring general practices together to work at scale. But how will they be formed, funded and held accountable?

[Payments and contracting for integrated care: The false promise of the self-improving health system](#) This paper questions whether these latest incentive schemes will be any more successful than their predecessors.