

News

[NHS health information available through Amazon's Alexa](#) The NHS is collaborating with Amazon to provide reliable health information from the NHS website through voice-assisted technology.

[Number of junior doctors choosing psychiatry at all time high](#) New figures from Health Education England reveal a 92 per cent uptake in England, Scotland and Wales, with 446 of 483 available places taken by junior doctors wanting to specialise in mental health. This compares with a 69 per cent fill rate in 2017, when only 337 accepted one of the 491 places on offer.

[The homeless are denied basic health care](#) In the first study of its kind, researchers from the University of Birmingham have interviewed homeless people about their experiences of getting help from the NHS. The researches found homeless people encounter many barriers in registering at a practice, getting an appointment with a GP or nurse, finding appropriate treatment for mental health and addiction problems, or being adequately signposted to, struggling and underfunded, specialist homeless services.

Guidance

[Psychological First Aid: Stronger Together](#) The Pan American Health Organization has produced a colourful and accessible booklet to help people understand psychological first aid and to look, listen, and think.

[Hearing Loss in Adults](#) This NICE quality standard covers assessing and managing hearing loss in adults (aged 18 and over). It includes people presenting with hearing loss for the first time in adulthood whether it started in adulthood or earlier.

[Conscientious Objection Guidance](#) The Royal College of Nursing has updated its advice for nurses, midwives and nursing associates on the issue of conscientious objection in termination of pregnancy cases.

Study

[Genetic study reveals metabolic origins of anorexia](#) A global study, led by researchers at King's College London and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, suggests that anorexia nervosa is at least partly a metabolic disorder, and not purely psychiatric as previously thought.

Blogs

[Driving Improvement Through Technology](#) This CQC blog discusses the implications of new technologies for health care. The CQC want to see the great potential of new technologies in improving the quality of care and safety become reality.

[Funding innovation in the NHS: Early observations of a Wave 2](#) Test Bed The Test Bed programme brings NHS organisations and industry partners together to test combinations of digital technologies with new ways of delivering services in real-world settings, and provides funding for them to do so.

[Better Patient Information, Better Patient Outcomes](#) This blog discusses the role of health libraries in providing better health information and better outcomes for patients.

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