COVID-19

[COVID-19: evaluation of commercially available diagnostic products](#) Information on how the Department of Health and Social Care is evaluating the various commercially available COVID-19 diagnostics products.

[Technical Specifications for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)](#) The documents attached define the technical and regulatory standards for Personal Protective Equipment

[Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack mental capacity](#) Guidance for health and social care staff who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity.

[NHS works with tech firms to help care home residents and patients connect with loved ones](#) Thousands of isolated residents and patients will be able to connect with their family and friends with video call devices, the government has announced.

[Coronavirus (COVID-19): admission and care of people in care homes](#) How to protect care home residents and staff during the coronavirus outbreak.

[Coronavirus (COVID-19): changes to the Care Act 2014](#) Changes to the Care Act 2014 to help local authorities prioritise care and support during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

[Coronavirus (COVID-19): providing unpaid care](#) Information for people who are caring, unpaid, for friends or family during the coronavirus outbreak.

[Coronavirus: health and social care key issues and sources](#) This Commons Library briefing paper provides an overview of key issues facing the NHS and social care services during the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, and links to official UK and international guidance and data.

[Coronavirus: Access to adult social care in England](#) This Commons Library Briefing paper provides an overview of changes to local authority duties around the provision of adult social care during the coronavirus outbreak.

[NHS launches mental health hotline for staff tackling COVID-19](#) The NHS has launched a mental health hotline as part of a package of measures to support the NHS's 1.4 million staff as they help people deal with the coronavirus. NHS staff will be able to call or text a free number staffed by thousands of specially trained volunteers, to receive support and advice.

[COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#) Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

[Coronavirus- learning for the health and care workforce](#) Access to this programme has been made available for all, without the need to log in. Other programmes and training modules will require your OpenAthens login.

[COVID-19: guidance for care of the deceased](#) Advice primarily designed to assist people required to manage bodies of deceased persons infected with coronavirus (COVID-19).

[COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing](#) Advice and information on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Cochrane Review

[Educational, supportive and behavioural interventions to improve usage of continuous positive airway pressure machines in adults with obstructive sleep apnoea](#) This review sought to assess the effectiveness of educational, supportive, behavioural, or mixed (combination of two or more intervention types) strategies that aim to encourage adults who have been prescribed CPAP to use their devices.

Statistics

[Psychological Therapies: reports on the use of IAPT services, England - January 2020 Final including reports on the IAPT pilots](#) This statistical release makes available the most recent Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) monthly data, including activity, waiting times, and outcomes such as recovery.

[Learning Disabilities Health Check Scheme - 2019-20 Quarter 3](#) The learning disabilities health check scheme operates on a quarterly basis. This release contains data for the third quarter of 2019-20.

[Local Alcohol Profiles for England (LAPE): April 2020 update](#) The profiles provide information to monitor the services and initiatives that have been put in place to prevent and reduce the harmful impact of alcohol.

Policy Paper

[Indemnity in general practice](#) Information on the development of a state-backed indemnity scheme for general practice in England.

Resources

[Public health in prisons and secure settings](#) Resources to track, treat and prevent single infections and outbreaks in prisons, secure settings and health services.

Guidance

[Adults on probation: health and social care needs assessment](#) Guidance for commissioners about doing a health and social care needs assessment of adults under probation service supervision in the community.

E-Learning

[Health Literacy](#) NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and Health Education England (HEE) have collaborated to develop a new, free e-learning module for people working in health and care to understand the role health literacy plays in the health and social care systems.

Blog Posts

[What does the social care workforce look like across the UK?](#) The four countries have shared challenges around recruitment and retention of the workforce – challenges that are linked to poor pay and conditions, and perceptions of attractiveness of the sector. England is the only country that does not have a non-departmental public body which is responsible for the regulation and registration of its workforce. In the other UK countries, all social care workers must be on a register, and in Scotland and Wales, a qualification is necessary to work in social care.

[What are carers in each of the four UK countries entitled to?](#) This explainer covers the support that carers, both informal and formal, are able to claim under national or local criteria within each of the four UK countries.