



## **Key COVID-19 Resources**

These resources are regularly updated

[Government Guidance](#) Find updated guidance about coronavirus (COVID-19) for health professionals and other organisations.

[NICE Guidance](#) Advice and guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.

## **Other COVID-19 resources**

[COVID-19 vaccination programme](#) Documents relating to the new coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for homecare workers](#) Sets out how homecare agencies in England can order regular tests for their homecare (domiciliary care) staff.

[Call for research into physical and mental effects of Long COVID](#) The NIHR and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) have launched a £20m joint call to fund research into the longer-term physical and mental effects of COVID-19 in non-hospitalised individuals.

[Designated settings for COVID-19 patients leaving hospital](#) CQC is working with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), local authorities and individual care providers to provide assurance of safe and high-quality care in designated settings, which are part of a scheme to allow people with a COVID-positive test result to be discharged safely from hospitals.

## **Reports**

[Invest in community and early years services to help tackle poverty, urges new BPS report](#) The BPS is calling for greater investment in community and early years services to make sure all children have the best start in life.

[Health on the High Street](#) This report summarises the roundtable discussions and provides recommendations of how the NHS, local authorities and local enterprise partnerships can address health inequalities, offer additional capacity for health service delivery and attract more people into their local high street, while encouraging healthier lifestyles.

[Integrating care Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England](#) (PDF) NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) has set out guiding principles for the future of integrated care systems (ICSs) in England and outlined two proposals for how ICSs could be embedded in legislation by April 2022, subject to parliamentary decision.

## Studies

[People with dementia from ethnic minority backgrounds face extra barriers in accessing care](#) People with dementia from ethnic minority backgrounds face inequalities in diagnosis and access to care, compared with White British patients. A large study in South East London found that at the time of diagnosis, overall, they are more likely to be on multiple medications, but less likely to be taking antidepressants.

[Care home residents on multiple medications have an increased risk of falling](#) The study found that the number of regular drugs prescribed was an independent risk factor for falling. Taking more than one regular drug that acts on the brain, such as an antidepressant or sedative, also increased risk. However, the study did not find a link between falls and antipsychotic drugs.

## Guidance

[Accessing government-secured flu vaccines: guidance for GPs](#) How GP practices in England can access the extra stock of flu vaccines this winter that the government has secured.

[Updated: Best start in speech, language and communication \(SLC\)](#) Guidance to help improve SLC in the early years, including an Early Language Identification Measure and Intervention tool for use with children aged 2 to 2 and a half.

[Whole systems approach to obesity](#) A guide and set of resources to support local authorities with implementing a whole systems approach to address obesity and promote a healthy weight.

## Publication

[Fertility Provision for the UK](#) This publication details the RCN's position on the provision of fertility treatment in the UK.

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