



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

[Consultation: Making vaccination a condition of deployment in older adult care homes](#)

The government is considering amending the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. This would mean older adult care home providers could only use those staff who have received the COVID-19 vaccination (or those with a legitimate medical exemption) in line with government guidance. The deadline for responding to the consultation is Friday 21 May 2021.

[REACT-1 study of coronavirus transmission: March 2021 final results](#) REACT-1 is the largest population surveillance study being undertaken in England that examines the prevalence of the virus causing COVID-19 in the general population. It uses test results and feedback from over 150,000 participants each month.

[JCVI issues advice on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women](#) The JCVI has advised that pregnant women should be offered the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as the rest of the population, based on their age and clinical risk group.

Cochrane Reviews

[Progestogens for preventing miscarriage: a network meta-analysis](#) The overall available evidence suggests that progestogens probably make little or no difference to live birth rate for women with threatened or recurrent miscarriage. However, vaginal micronized progesterone may increase the live birth rate for women with a history of one or more previous miscarriages and early pregnancy bleeding, with likely no difference in adverse events.

[Probiotics for preventing gestational diabetes](#) Given the risk of harm and little observed benefit, the authors urge caution in using probiotics during pregnancy.

Study

[Mental health care during pregnancy and afterwards: women from some ethnic minority backgrounds face barriers to access](#) There is currently a lack of reliable large-scale data about the use of perinatal mental health services by women in different ethnic groups. This population study recorded ethnicity in 16 categories that were each compared with White British women.



Reports

[Breast screening quality assurance: local visit reports](#) Executive summaries from local screening quality assurance (QA) visit reports of breast screening services, including recommendations. (Updated 23 April 2021).

[Fractured and forgotten? The social care provider market in England](#) Covid-19 has highlighted many issues in the social care system in the last year, but providers of these vital services are still often ignored. This report highlights the systemic problems with the way the provider market for social care operates in England.

[Better End-of-Life Report 2021](#) End of life care was not seen as an essential, frontline service during the COVID-19 pandemic according to a report published by PIF member Marie Curie. The Better End of Life Report 2021 shows how palliative and end of life care in the UK was compromised by shortages of PPE, essential medicines, and equipment.

[Each Baby Counts: 2020 final progress report](#) Each Baby Counts is a national quality improvement programme led by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) to reduce the number of babies who die, or are left severely disabled, as a result of incidents occurring during term labour.

[Levelling Up Health](#) A new report from the All Parliamentary Group for Longevity (APPG) says COVID-19 has exposed the nation's poor health and health inequalities. Ninety per cent of those who died with COVID-19 had significant prior poor health and the most deprived places in the UK had much higher mortality rates.

Briefings

[Childhood Obesity](#) This briefing outlines current trends in childhood obesity, the impacts on children's health and access to support. It also covers key risk factors for childhood obesity and evidence on the effectiveness of policies to address it.

[Suicide Prevention: Policy and Strategy](#) This House of Commons Library briefing paper examines suicide prevention policies and strategies throughout the UK. It outlines national and local approaches to prevention policy in England, as well as Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Guidance

[Screening for Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome](#) Operational guidance to support the offer of non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT).

Review

[Researchers call for a reimagining of global mental health in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic](#) A new review has explored the potential mental health impacts of COVID-19 in low-income and middle-income countries, and argued for a new approach to global collaborations to improve mental health in the wake of the crisis.

News

[Facebook campaign helps 40-plus men prevent Type 2 diabetes](#) The NHS is using Facebook to reach millions of men aged 40 and over who are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, to help them to change their lifestyle and avoid the condition.

[Chemotherapy-free treatment option to be offered to patients with England's most common leukaemia](#) Acalabrutinib, taken as a twice daily tablet, is recommended as an option for adults with untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia.

[Centre for Mental Health response to the Mental Health Act white paper](#) While legislative reform is long overdue, it will not address all the problems in the mental health system. Improvements to social care, investment in public health, and tackling institutional racism are all critical to ensure that everyone gets the mental health support they need throughout life.

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