



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

[Updated: Visiting arrangements in care homes](#) Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for hospices](#) Sets out how hospices can access COVID-19 testing for staff and patients on-site, for staff visiting patients in their own homes, and for visitors to hospices.

[Pandemic Patient Experience II](#) The Patients Association has published a report on patient experiences of COVID-19. Pandemic Patient Experience II follows up on last year's survey of patients, revisiting the key issues and exploring how they have changed since last summer.

Community responses, health inequalities and COVID-19

The Health Creation Alliance has published four new reports this year centred around community engagement, health inequalities and COVID-19:

[Learning from the community response to COVID-19](#) considers what all community facing NHS stakeholders can learn from the community response to COVID-19, including practical guidance.

[Primary Care Networks and place-based working: addressing health inequalities in a COVID-19 world](#) provides insights from those working to address health inequalities outside the NHS about how primary care might access potential solutions.

[How can Primary Care Networks succeed in reducing health inequalities?](#) considers the outputs of three multi-stakeholder events held during 2020.

[Digging deeper, going further: creating health in communities](#) shares best practice from communities and those undertaking community strengthening roles within statutory and voluntary sectors.

[COVID-19 vaccination: British Sign Language resources](#) British Sign Language (BSL) videos on COVID-19 vaccination.

Standards

[Nursing Workforce Standards](#) The RCN's Nursing Workforce Standards have been created to explicitly set out what must happen within workplaces to ensure the delivery of safe and effective patient care.



Cochrane Reviews

[Combination fixed-dose beta agonist and steroid inhaler as required for adults or children with mild asthma](#) This review found the use of combination inhalers used when the patient experiences asthma symptoms was beneficial in reducing severe exacerbations when compared to stand-alone reliever therapy in mild asthma.

[Anticholinergic burden \(prognostic factor\) for prediction of dementia or cognitive decline in older adults with no known cognitive syndrome](#) This review found that there may be a link between anticholinergic medicine use and future risk of dementia. However, there are limitations in the published evidence, and could not conclude definitively if dementia is caused by the anticholinergic medicines themselves or by other factors.

[Prognostic models for predicting relapse or recurrence of major depressive disorder in adults](#) The reviewers identified 10 prediction tools for relapse or recurrence. These were either not proven to be good at predicting relapse/recurrence, or the studies had problems with how they were carried out, meaning that none of the prediction tools were at a stage where they could be used in the real world.

Reports

[Updated: School leaver booster \(Td/IPV\): vaccine coverage estimates](#) Annual reports from the national school leaver booster (tetanus, diphtheria and polio, Td/IPV) vaccination programme for adolescents.

[Updated: Herpes zoster \(shingles\) immunisation programme 2020 to 2021: evaluation reports](#) Evaluation of the seventh year of the shingles vaccination programme in England from 2020 to 2021.

[Updated: Diphtheria in England: annual reports 2020](#) Report added.

[Social Care 360](#) This year's Social Care 360 report uses the latest available data (2019/20) to describe the key trends in adult social care as the Covid-19 pandemic struck and to suggest what the impact of the pandemic might be. It paints quite a bleak picture of adult social care in England, with many key indicators already going in the wrong direction before the pandemic struck.

Studies

[Navigating dietary advice for multiple sclerosis](#) A new study explores the experiences of adults with multiple sclerosis (MS) when navigating dietary advice.

[People who are active on the day of hip surgery, or the day after, are twice as likely to be home within a month](#) People over 60 who need surgery after breaking a hip are discharged from hospital sooner if they get moving quickly.

Guidance

[Updated: Newborn and infant physical examination](#) Added new and updated guidance on 'too young for NIPE newborn screening', NIPE hip standards (implemented across England on 1 April 2021), NIPE screening screen positive outcomes, management of breech presentation and NIPE practitioner education and training.

[Parents with alcohol and drug problems: support resources](#) A toolkit containing guidance, data, and other resources to support professionals who are helping families affected by parental alcohol and drug problems.

[Updated: Cervical screening: quarterly coverage data reports 2020](#) Added December 2020 data.

Statistics

[Child and maternal health statistics](#) Added 'Indicators related to under 18 conceptions, pregnancy and birth: 2021 update' and 'Admissions for children with long-term conditions, emergency admissions and A&E attendance: 2021 update' to the collection page.

News

[More than a million children given access to NHS mental health support at school](#)

More than a million children and young people will have access to mental health support at school, as the NHS rapidly expands services to help deal with the huge disruption caused by coronavirus and lockdown.

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