### **Public Health**

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#### **ASTHMA**

#### Thunderstorm asthma and public health

In June 2021, the UK Health Security Agency detected a potential episode of thunderstorm asthma; an increase in people reporting asthma symptoms linked to thunderstorm activity. In this blog post they look at the interplay between the weather and our health and how they can use their scientific surveillance systems to inform future public health responses.

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#### MS

### Free online event: Living Well with MS across Manchester

The MS Society groups across Greater Manchester invite those who have been recently diagnosed with MS and want to find out more information and the support available to them. Saturday 23 April 10:30am-2:30pm.

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#### **AUTISM**

# New online platform launched to support autistic young people

April is autism awareness month. A new online platform has been launched by Ambitious about Autism for autistic young people. It will provide a safe and moderated online space to help them understand their autistic identity, help reduce isolation and loneliness. It will offer autistic young people aged 16-25 with a platform to take part in peer support sessions, share experiences and find volunteering, work experience and employment opportunities.

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#### **LEARNING DISABILITIES**

## New Mental Capacity Toolkit for health and social care professionals

Bournemouth University have created a free Mental Capacity Toolkit to support health and social care professionals (and friends/family) working with individuals whose decision-making capacity is impaired.

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#### **HOMELESSNESS**

## Integrated health and care services for people experiencing homelessness

This episode of the NICE Talks podcast discusses the recently published guideline on integrated health and social care services for people experiencing homelessness. The guideline was developed in partnership with the Centre for Homelessness Impact and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and outlines how people experiencing homelessness can access services tailored for their needs

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#### **TRAINING**

#### **Health Literacy Awareness**

Do you write health information, or explain to clients, communities, and service users about their health? Did you know that almost 50% of adults struggle to understand the health information they're given? This free online training shares tips on how to communicate health information more effectively.

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