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### **Themed Review**

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Researching long COVID: addressing a new global health challenge

Long COVID is a new disease with many unanswered questions. This uncertainty creates huge challenges for patients and clinicians.

## **Evidence Alert**

Many children and teenagers are reluctant to have a COVID-19 vaccine

Only 1 in 2 young people (aged 9 - 18) said they would have an approved COVID-19 vaccine. A study found that the younger they were, the less likely they were to accept the vaccine.

### Guidance

Climate change: applying All Our Health

Evidence and guidance for health and care professionals to promote an understanding of the climate crisis and how to prepare for it in practice.

### Vaccine uptake in the general population

This guideline aims to increase the uptake of all vaccines provided on the NHS routine UK immunisation schedule by everyone who is eligible.

### Research

#### Drug misuse prevention review

Advice on preventing drug misuse among vulnerable groups of people, with a focus on understanding factors that contribute to vulnerability.

### Report

<u>Healthy Mum, Healthy Baby, Healthy Future: Report Sets out Vision to Deliver Safe, Effective and Accessible</u> <u>Medicines for use in Pregnancy</u>

In a UK-first report launched today, in the House of Commons, leading figures from charity, healthcare, industry, law and academia have outlined a collaborative vision for UK leadership to improve maternal health.

#### JCVI interim statement on COVID-19 autumn 2022 vaccination programme

Interim advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the coronavirus (COVID-19) autumn booster programme for 2022.

## Blog

Housing, health and care need a step change to improve mental health | NHS Confederation

The housing sector has the skills and experience to work alongside the NHS and care sector to tackle its greatest challenges, says Rachael Byrne of integrated housing, health, and care provider Home Group.

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### News

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### Health Secretary announces 10-year plan for dementia

Health and Social Care Secretary announces a new 10-year plan to tackle dementia and boost funding into research to better understand neurodegenerative diseases.

### New prescription charge freeze to help ease cost of living

Cost of NHS prescriptions will be frozen for the first time in over a decade.

### How can local authorities reduce obesity? Insights from NIHR research

'Obesity is considered to be one of the most serious public health challenges of the 21st century. It is having an impact on people's lives now, across the generations, in terms of our quality of life, our risk of developing chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes and its association with common mental health disorders. Doing nothing is not an option.'

Monkeypox cases confirmed in England – latest updates

Latest updates on cases of monkeypox identified by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

### NICE recommends offering app-based treatment for people with insomnia instead of sleeping pills

Hundreds of thousands of people suffering from insomnia who would usually be prescribed sleeping pills could be offered an app-based treatment programme instead, NICE has said.

#### Over 7 million have taken up gardening since the pandemic: new research shows spending more time in nature has boosted nation's wellbeing

New research released by Mind shows the nation's mental health has benefitted from spending more time in nature since the pandemic.

### The first comprehensive map of young people's health inequalities in the UK

As part of the Young people's future health inquiry, the Health Foundation is working with the Association for Young People's Health (AYPH) to better understand the inequalities experienced by young people from different groups.

#### BPS supports calls for more investment in perinatal mental health support

The BPS has joined organisations including NSPCC, Barnado's, Save the Children and Action for Children in urging the government to improve access to perinatal mental health support, to rebuild health visiting services and to invest more in family help.

#### Maternity Disparities Taskforce explores women's health before and during pregnancy

Women's health minister, Maria Caulfield, and chief midwifery officer, Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent, cochaired the second meeting of the maternity taskforce.