

Study

[Key outcomes of Long COVID identified in international consensus study](#)

An international group of researchers and experts by experience have identified 12 core symptoms of Long COVID to be measured in research and clinical practice using a technique known as 'Delphi consensus'.

Cochrane Clinical Answers

[What is the accuracy of World Health Organization \(WHO\)-specified and related COVID-19 symptoms for the diagnosis of COVID-19?](#)

Reviewers identified 96 individual or combination signs and symptoms for diagnosing COVID-19 in people primarily presenting in outpatient settings evaluated in cross-sectional studies.

[What evidence is available on unintended health and societal consequences of measures implemented in the school setting to contain the COVID-19 pandemic?](#)

Reviewers performed a rapid scoping review to identify and describe the evidence available on unintended health and societal consequences of measures implemented in the school setting to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guidance

[Gout: diagnosis and management: NICE guideline](#)

This guideline covers the diagnosis and management of gout. It includes recommendations on diagnosing gout, managing flares, long-term management of gout and referral to specialist services.

[Reducing sexually transmitted infections : NICE guideline](#)

This guideline covers interventions to prevent sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in people aged 16 and over. It aims to reduce the transmission of all STIs, including HIV, and includes ways to help increase the uptake of STI testing and vaccines for human papillomavirus (HPV) and hepatitis A and B.

Independent Reports

[Health and social care review: leadership for a collaborative and inclusive future](#)

Independent report from General Sir Gordon Messenger and Dame Linda Pollard into leadership across health and social care in England.

[The Khan review: making smoking obsolete](#)

Independent review by Dr Javed Khan OBE into the government's ambition to make England smoke free by 2030.

Policy Papers

[Data saves lives: reshaping health and social care with data](#)

This final version of the strategy sets out ambitious plans to harness the potential of data in health and care in England, while maintaining the highest standards of privacy and ethics.

[Coronavirus: lessons learned to date report: government response](#)

The government's response to the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee and Science and Technology Committee joint report 'Coronavirus: lessons learned to date'.

Information Collections

[Health information: are you getting your message across?](#)

Around half of the population struggles to understand information that can help them manage their own health and care. Understanding health information (health literacy) is essential for taking medications correctly, knowing which health services to use, and managing long-term conditions.

[Adverse childhood experiences: what support do young people need?](#)

Adverse childhood experiences such as abuse or neglect can have long-lasting effects on people's lives. Young people may struggle to develop socially and academically as a direct result; they are at increased risk of physical and mental health problems both at the time and years later.

Briefing

[Monkeypox outbreak: technical briefings](#)

Technical briefing documents on the investigation into cases of monkeypox in England.

Blogs

[For men like me, asking for help with addiction is not easy](#)

If you are worried about your drinking, it isn't always easy to ask for help. In this blog, Brett Dixon writes openly about his struggles with his mental health and alcohol addiction in order to encourage others to seek support.

[The Khan tobacco control review: a magic bullet for health inequalities?](#)

Smoking in the English adult population was just under 14 per cent in 2019. This is a testament to the success of tobacco policy control and practice, the UK often comes top or close to it in international rankings of effective tobacco policy.

[All of us who work in and with services can play a part – a Learning Disability Week blog](#)

Learning Disability Week can remind us that people with a learning disability use all NHS services. We might typically think of people using speech and language services, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social care or mental health, GP or specialist hospital services, but colleagues across the NHS, from dentistry to screening services and cardiology, need to consider their role in caring for patients with a learning disability.

[How putting people first and asking 'What Matters to You' can shape the future of healthcare for professionals and people](#)

Today, NHS England and NHS Improvement is supporting What Matters To You? day, which aims to showcase and encourage meaningful conversations so that they take place routinely between people, health and care professionals and people who receive care and support, as well as their families and carers.

[Recovery in the LGBT+ community: finding a safe space for support](#)

Members of the LGBT+ community are disproportionately affected by alcohol harm. Despite this, there are few dedicated support services for this community in the UK.

Report

[The unequal impact of COVID-19: investigating the effect on people with certain protected characteristics](#)

During the two years since COVID-19 emerged as a global threat, it has become increasingly clear that some groups have experienced worse outcomes from the virus itself, and also as a result of measures taken to slow the spread of the disease. Where inequalities are already known to exist, it is important to monitor new threats such as COVID-19, so that if an exacerbation of these existing inequalities is observed, health and care leaders have an opportunity to respond quickly.

Promotional Material

[Vaccine update: issue 330, June 2022, COVID-19 spring special edition](#)

Latest developments in vaccines, vaccination policies and procedures for immunisation practitioners.

Speech

[Health and Social Care Secretary NHS ConfedExpo speech](#)

The Health and Social Care Secretary gave a speech at the NHS ConfedExpo on Wednesday 15 June 2022.

News

[More healthcare professionals given powers to certify fit notes](#)

New legislation to allow a wider range of healthcare professionals to certify fit notes has been introduced by the UK government to ease pressure on GPs. This legislation change applies across England, Scotland and Wales.

[Publication of the ACMD report into the availability and use of naloxone](#)

The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) has published a report reviewing the availability and use of naloxone in the UK, a drug used to reverse opioid overdose.

[Medicalising menopause may be unhelpful for some women](#)

New research published in the British Medical Journal argues that treating menopause as a hormone deficiency requiring treatment is inaccurate and fuels negative expectations which might be harmful to women, according to an international group of experts, including Professor Myra Hunter.