

## [Wirral Intelligence Service Bulletin – Additional Content – July 2022](#)

### Research, evidence, and reports collated for you

#### Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups: An introduction to history and culture, health and disparities

This [resource has been produced by the OHID Inclusion Health Team](#) and aims to raise awareness about Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community histories and culture, the health disparities that these groups currently face, and underlying contributing factors. This resource is aimed at teams as they fulfil the Public Sector Equality Duty to consider Gypsy, Roma and Traveller ethnic groups in the development of policy, strategy and services.

#### Coronavirus and the impact on UK households and businesses: 2021

This [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) article](#) provides information on the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on UK households and businesses during 2021. It includes analysis on income, expenditure, dividends, assets, liabilities, and insolvencies.

#### Better commissioning for better lives: top tips for commissioners

These [NHS Confederation top tips for commissioners](#) are based on roundtable discussions between people with learning disabilities and commissioners in March 2022. They are part of a joint call to action from the Mental Health Network, Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities and Mencap to move beyond the years of policies and good intentions to now focus on making equality and inclusion for people with learning disabilities a reality.

#### Flooding and public mental health: assessment and management

This [UK Health Security Agency guidance](#) on flooding and health aims to provide information for public health authorities, emergency services and health professionals on the measures needed to prevent major effects on health arising from floods in England.

#### The NHS: decline and fall, or resurrection?

This [Social Market Foundation briefing](#) outlines how the NHS is struggling to recover from the impact of the pandemic and rising demand for services. It describes a change programme that could reverse the decline, involving public health reform, the expansion of community health services and more.

#### Modern slavery research report published

Modern slavery is a crime, and councils' work to tackle it has developed significantly over the past few years. [This report presents the findings of an LGA survey](#) conducted during winter 2021/22 to explore what structures and workstreams councils have put in place to respond to modern slavery, and how they are supporting victims.

#### Health Profile for England: 2021

The [fourth annual profile](#) combining data and knowledge with information from other sources to give a broad picture of the health of people in England in 2021.

#### Health profiles for English regions: 2021

These profiles bring together data and knowledge to give a broad picture of health in the nine English regions. [The reports](#) provide a regional view of health and indicators presented in the Health Profile for England 2021.

## Public mental health and smoking

[This report by Royal College of Psychiatrists](#) is a practical document, designed to drive action locally, regionally and nationally across sectors. It is for people and organisations developing plans and strategies to improve mental and physical health in our communities, particularly those working to implement public mental health approaches to prevent poor mental health in society. It provides evidence that people with poor mental health are more likely to smoke and that smoking can damage people's mental health.

## Summary of evidence on public mental health interventions

This [Royal College of Psychiatrists report](#) summarises the evidence about public mental health interventions, identifying intervention areas with the strongest evidence base as well as priority areas for future research. The report includes evidence on public mental health interventions across the following areas: pregnancy, childhood, and adolescence; interventions to reduce mental health inequalities for people in marginalised groups; and interventions to prevent mental disorder and the loss of healthy years and premature death.

## No place for cheap alcohol: the potential value of minimum pricing for protecting lives

The WHO European Region has some of the highest levels of alcohol consumption and corresponding rates of alcohol-related harm in the world. Pricing policies and taxation are among the most effective measures that policy-makers can use to address these harms, but they remain underutilized across the Region. [This World Health Organization report](#) discusses this (as yet) not widely used policy and its potential for improving public health and examines how minimum pricing policies should be applied alongside alcohol taxation measures.

## What are integrated care systems?

On 1 July 2022, integrated care systems (ICSs) became responsible by statute for planning and funding health and care services. They are a core part of the NHS long-term plan from 2019 and build on how services have been working together at local levels to orientate health and care much more around the people they serve rather than their organisational boundaries. Their establishment represents the first large-scale structural change to the NHS since 2012. This [NHS Confederation briefing](#) explains what ICSs are, how they will work, and what they mean for the public.

## Lockdown lessons in health economics: the case of alcohol

This [Institute of Economic Affairs study](#) finds that taxation, licensing or bans on advertisements are unlikely to reduce alcohol-related harm or deaths. It argues that rather than focusing on reducing consumption policymakers should address the causes of problem drinking, such as mental health problems or lack of access to support.

## Reducing the UK's salt intake: potential benefits

This [British Heart Foundation report](#) finds that reducing the UK's average daily salt intake to within international guidelines could result in 135,000 fewer new cases of coronary heart disease in the UK by 2035.

## The unequal impact of Covid-19: investigating the effect on people with certain protected characteristics

This [NHS Confederation report](#) maps existing research into Covid-19 inequalities onto some of these protected characteristics, showing how the pandemic has interacted with them. It also showcases four case studies of how different health and care systems have put in place interventions to respond to these inequalities when designing their Covid-19 response. It focuses on a number of key areas including the impact of Covid-19 on: BAME communities; people with disabilities; and older and younger people.

## Creating Social Change through Inspiration, Innovation and Impact

Centre for Ageing Better's latest report is [available online](#), in which a summary, and key findings from the Healthy Ageing 2021 conference are shared. Reflecting the breadth of areas covered by the healthy ageing domain, the conference aimed to bring to light solutions for a number of major cross-cutting topics, including social inequality, digital inclusivity and user-centred design, to ensure we all remain active, productive, independent and socially connected as we age. The Healthy Ageing 2021 conference was delivered by the UKRI Healthy Ageing Challenge in partnership with the Centre for Ageing Better in November 2021 as part of Longevity Week.

## Suicide and seafarers

A wide range of industry experts was interviewed for this exploratory, qualitative report to: provide a detailed view of the mental health challenges faced by seafarers; uncover the types of support available to seafarers struggling with mental health issues; and highlight potential issues with the under-reporting of suicides among seafarers. [This Department for Transport report](#) was undertaken by Ipsos Public Affairs and commissioned by the Department for Transport and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

## Government preparedness for the Covid-19 pandemic: lessons for government on risk

This [House of Commons Public Accounts Committee report](#) concludes that the UK government was underprepared for a pandemic like Covid-19 and also failed to learn from both simulation exercises and actual incidents. It also expresses concerns about the government approach to risk management and says it must introduce robust central leadership, accountability and oversight for cross-cutting risks.

## OHID – North West (NW) Region – State of the Region Report - Health Intelligence pack for regional priorities 2021

North West Office for HealthID have produced the NW State of the Region Report. The NW region has significant health challenges and has faced some of the worst impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic. These have widened existing inequalities. This new interactive report provides a place-based regional health needs assessment to help identify regional priorities and focuses on various themes – including vulnerable groups, healthy aging and the wider determinants. [Go to the interactive report](#)

## The climate crisis and its health impacts

This [Public Policy Projects report](#) aims to highlight the extent of the link between climate change and health, and demonstrates some of the steps we can take to create a healthier and more sustainable future.

## Vulnerabilities: applying All Our Health

This [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities guidance](#) helps frontline health professionals, team leaders or managers, and senior or strategic leaders to prevent ill health and promote wellbeing as part of their everyday practice. It recommends important actions that managers and staff holding strategic roles can take.

## Public satisfaction with the NHS falls to a 25-year low

Public satisfaction with the NHS is at its lowest level since 1997, [as shown by analysis of the 2021 British Social Attitudes survey published this week by the Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund](#). Public satisfaction with how the health service runs has fallen to 36% – a drop of 17 percentage points from 2020. [Read the report](#).

### Public health in local government: celebrating 10 years of transformation

[This year's Local Government Association public health annual report](#) reflects on 10 years of public health in local government as well as looking forward to future opportunities and challenges.

### Final findings, conclusions and essential actions from the Ockendon review of maternity services at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

This Department of Health and Social Care led review of maternity services at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust independently assesses the quality of investigations relating to newborn, infant and maternal harm at the trust. [This final report](#) of the review covers the findings, conclusions and essential actions of this independent review. Based on a review of all family cases that formed part of this investigation, the final report outlines system-wide learnings and immediate and essential actions to improve maternity care.

### IPCC expresses urgency of tackling climate change

Following two weeks of intense negotiations, the third report in the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's \(IPCC\) Sixth Assessment Report has been published](#).

### A window of opportunity: delivering prevention in an ageing world

This [International Longevity Centre UK \(ILC UK\) report](#) brings together ILC UK's two-year global engagement programme on how to deliver prevention in an ageing world. It argues that while Covid has increased and exacerbated inequalities, it has also shown us how fast governments can act. There is a window of opportunity to build on the learnings from the pandemic. But governments need to act now.

### Premature mortality in adults with severe mental illness (SMI)

This [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities report](#) examines geographical variation in premature mortality (deaths under the age of 75 years) in people with severe mental illness (SMI) by upper tier local authority (UTLA) in England. It also considers the complex relationship between premature mortality in people with SMI and those without SMI at a local level.

### The levelling up outlook #5

In [Centre for Progressive Policy's latest Levelling up outlook](#), they measured the vulnerability of local authorities in England to increasing poverty in the wake of the developing issues for the UK, finding the most vulnerable places to be in the former Red Wall, North, Midlands and London.

### Better, broader, safer: using health data for research and analysis

Professor Ben Goldacre was commissioned by the government in February 2021 to review how to improve safety and security in the use of health data for research and analysis. [The Department of Health and Social Care report](#) makes 185 recommendations that would benefit patients and the health care sector. It is aimed at policymakers in the NHS and government, research funders and those who use the data for service planning, public health management and medical research.

### The business of health equity: the Marmot review for industry

This [Institute of Health Equity report](#) examines the evidence of how businesses affect our health, and what they can do to improve health equity. Businesses can affect health, for good or ill, through the pay, hours and conditions of work they provide for employees; through the products, services and investments that they offer customers and clients; and, more widely, by their influence on communities and wider society. The report encourages all businesses to use this influence to promote good health and a more equitable society.

### Hidden waits: the lasting impact of the pandemic on children's services in the community

This [NHS Confederation briefing](#) brings together new evidence about backlogs and increasing demand for children and young people's services. It also demonstrates what community providers are currently doing to meet demand, including how they are innovating, and makes a series of recommendations on the national support needed, both now and in the longer term.

### Ageing, inequality and ethnicity: evidence cards

This set of downloadable 'evidence cards' aims to highlight the contributions of and inequalities experienced by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups approaching retirement age. [The Centre for Ageing Better authors](#) found inequalities in terms of health, wealth and life circumstances. They call for better paid work, more affordable and better housing, and targeted measures to reduce ill health.

### A response to the Race and Health Observatory (RHO) rapid evidence review into ethnic inequalities in healthcare

[This Civitas report](#) looks at the NHS Race and Health Observatory (RHO) as a case study and its work to 'identify and tackle ethnic inequalities' in health. Central to its recent report, Ethnic inequalities in health care: a rapid evidence review, was the role of racism – those who are not white are treated worse, given the wrong treatment, and avoid getting help for 'fear of racist treatment from NHS healthcare professionals.' This report analyses the rapid evidence review and questions the assumptions and conclusions contained in this work.

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### A matter of life and death: explaining the wider determinants of health in the UK

The Health Foundation is working with the FrameWorks Institute to design more effective ways of talking about the wider determinants of health. [This report](#) outlines an evidence-based framing strategy for shifting understanding and building greater support for action to address the wider determinants of health. It aims to show how and why health is shaped by these wider determinants, and why experiences are unequal across the country.

### Public health: indicator update

[This latest QualityWatch indicator from The Nuffield Trust](#) explores the pandemic's impact on longer-term trends in key public health measures. It finds that the period has brought some successes in public health, other areas have deteriorated, and health inequalities have exacerbated. The prevalence of obesity in year 6 children has risen, alcohol-specific deaths have increased, and childhood vaccination coverage remains below the WHO target for all routine vaccinations.

### Results of the Health and Wellbeing Boards Survey

Last autumn, we undertook a national survey of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) to identify the extent to which there is alignment and collaboration between integrated care systems to capture the 'burning issues' facing HWBs and potential gaps in our existing support offers. Read [Collaboration at place and system: a snapshot of Health and Wellbeing Boards in the Integrated Care System landscape](#)

### Shopping for health: putting health assets into the heart of local communities

Councils have already been working hard to repurpose their town centres and respond to longer-term trends in how our high streets are used. They recognise that the pace of change and intervention will need to quicken as a result of the COVID pandemic.

Read the Local Government Association report:

[Shopping for health: putting health assets into the heart of local communities](#)

### Cancer services

[This House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee report](#) finds that the absence of a sincere effort by government to tackle gaps in the cancer workforce is jeopardising earlier diagnosis, the key to improving overall survival rates and catching up with comparable countries. Evidence provided to the Committee by the government and the NHS demonstrates that the NHS was not on track to meet its target on early cancer diagnosis. Without progress, which would mean more than 340,000 people between 2019 and 2028 missing out on an early cancer diagnosis.

### The Money Statistics: June 2022

[Report](#) for June 2022

### Local health systems: relationships not structures

This [Local Government Information Unit paper](#) outlines local government's role within health and wellbeing systems and the strategies, skills and toolkit for effective working within them. The paper, based on interviews with council officers in three areas of England, shows that there is enormous potential for system-wide partnerships, especially following the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Health and prosperity: introducing the Commission on Health and Prosperity

This [Institute for Public Policy Research report](#) warns that the UK's deep health inequalities and ineffective policies mean people are living shorter lives, with more years spent in poor health, and face greater barriers to staying in and getting on at work. It calls for a new post-pandemic approach to the nation's health to ensure people can enjoy living healthy lives longer and to improve the nation's economy. A new cross-party Health and Prosperity Commission is being launched to explore how good health can be the foundation for a fair and prosperous economy.

### Heatwave Plan for England

The [Heatwave Plan for England](#) aims to prepare, alert and prevent people from the preventable health impacts from severe heat in England.

### The public's experience of monitoring their blood pressure at home

People with high blood pressure are increasingly asked to monitor their condition at home. The NHS programme 'Blood Pressure @Home' (BP@Home) enables people with high blood pressure to measure and share their blood pressure readings with their GP from home. This [Healthwatch England report](#) evaluates that programme to see how it is working for patients and how GPs use their readings, and suggests steps the NHS can take to improve support and outcomes for people who monitor their blood pressure from home.

### Key findings from Healthwatch England's national dental polling in 2022

[Healthwatch England report](#) where they collected a representative poll of 2,026 adults based in England on attitudes to NHS dentistry shows that half of the adults in England find dental charges unfair amid escalating living costs. More than two in five respondents (40 per cent) said they found it difficult to book an NHS dental appointment, while one in five (20 per cent) could not access all the treatments they needed. Healthwatch England has warned decision-makers that NHS dentistry is in desperate need of reform.

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