

Welcome to the **Department of Health and Social Care's** (DHSC) voluntary sector newsletter. This includes updates on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance and news from the Department, NHS England and Public Health England. Featuring the latest news, updates and announcements from all corners of the health and social care sector, this month's edition will look at new funding and support for people with learning disabilities or autism, guidance for young carers, NHS work on health inequalities, evidence for social prescribing approaches for migrants and the work of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance.

News from the Department of Health & Social Care



Government announces £62 million to help discharge people with learning disabilities or autism into the community

The Government has announced £62 million funding which will be given to local councils for people with learning disabilities or autism who could be better supported in their community to have their discharges from hospital accelerated. The funding can be spent on costs associated with discharge, including establishing community teams, funding accommodation and staff training. A new independent oversight panel has also been set up to improve care and support for inpatients with learning disabilities or autism.

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New guidance for young carers and young adult carers

The Government has published new guidance for anyone under 25 who cares for a family member who cannot cope without their support during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The guidance includes information on staying safe and well, practical advice and support, schools and education, and information for young adult carers on how to support people when you are not living at home. The guidance is also available in easy read format and for users of assistive technology.

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NHS England and NHS Improvement



News from NHS England & NHS Improvement



NHS launches Friends and Family Test Analysis Tool

The NHS has launched an analysis tool to help services make the most of their Friends and Family Test data by tracking changes in feedback over time and viewing data at different organisational levels. A range of simple graphical and tabular presentations have been created to allow users to analyse their response data over time, assess the popularity of various response methods, review the distribution of response data at organisation and ward level across England and revisit their own response data at organisational, site, and ward level.

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The role of the NHS in addressing health inequalities

NHS England and NHS Improvement are working with the Health Foundation to develop a UK-wide NHS Anchors Learning Network. When operating as an "anchor", NHS organisations can use the way they employ staff, purchase goods, use their estate and engage with local communities, to proactively improve local socio-economic conditions and tackle the underlying drivers of poor health, including building a healthy and sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery. The Anchors Learning Network will bring organisations together to share learning, collaborate on challenges and jointly increase understanding and expertise in impact measurement.

If you are interested in being involved in this programme of work, please get in touch with the team at england.anchors@nhs.net.

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News From Public Health England



Catch up on Duncan Selbie (Public Health England)'s Friday Messages for July

As part of his ongoing series of weekly blogs, Public Health England CEO Duncan Selbie has been discussing a wide range of topical issues this month, including: the flu vaccination programme and winter planning, evidence of the impact of obesity on COVID-19, how COVID-19 mortality is measured, the intelligence-led testing taking place in South Yorkshire, and Eid al-Adha.

[Discover more from Duncan Selbie here >>](#)



Social prescribing approaches for migrants: call for evidence

Public Health England are conducting an evidence review on social prescribing approaches for migrant populations in England and is inviting stakeholders to submit research data or reports on 2 key areas to inform the review. They are interested in examples of migrants' lived experiences after a social prescribing referral and its impact on their physical and mental health and wellbeing and on the effectiveness of current examples of social prescribing models for migrants in the UK, as well as health service delivery models in other EU and EEA countries that might inform provision in England. If you are able to share research data or a report on this topic the consultation is open until the 30th of October.

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News from the Health and Wellbeing Alliance

The Health and Wellbeing Alliance brings together voluntary and community sector organisations to help connect communities and health policy makers funded by DHSC, PHE

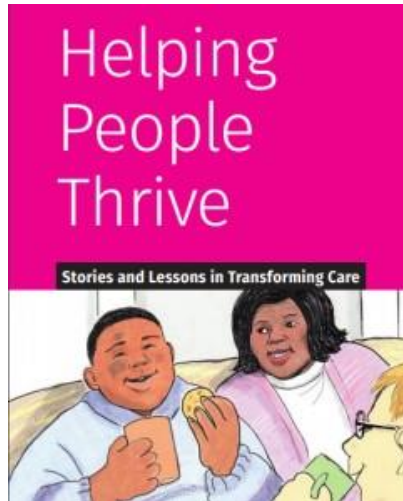
and NHSE/I. VCSE organisations were chosen to be Alliance members through an open process, demonstrating that they represented communities who share protected characteristics or experience the most significant health inequalities. The Alliance supports more integrated working between the statutory and voluntary sectors.



You Build Your Own Family Report Launch & Webinar

Health and Wellbeing Alliance partners, the LGBT Foundation's report into LGBT people's experiences of severe and multiple disadvantage will be launched at a webinar event next month. The free event will take place on the 13th of August and will look at how understanding the ways in which LGBT people experience severe and multiple disadvantage is crucial in creating a fair and equal society for all LGBT people, including LGBT people's experiences, community based research, themes from the report and recommendations for service providers & policy makers.

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Helping People Thrive guide

Helping People Thrive is the first of two planned practical guides looking at how to transform the lives of people with a learning disability and/or autism who have been detained in hospital or in Long Term Segregation for too long. The Department of Health and Social Care has worked with Baroness Sheila Hollins and Health and Wellbeing Alliance partners, the Valuing People Alliance, to bring together stories from people who have experienced the system and show how it is possible to create a new and satisfying life in the community. The stories show that we can really change things if we learn from what people get right and give hope that a good future is not only possible but achievable.

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**No Longer Able to Care:
Supporting older carers and
ageing parent carers to plan
for a future when they are less
able or unable to care**

Health Check: Health & Wellbeing work in focus – No longer able to care report

Carers Trust have launched the No Longer Able to Care report and resources. Commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care the report looks at the importance of supporting carers to plan for a future when they are less able or unable to care. Carers Trust worked with 8 partners in the Health and Wellbeing Alliance to create the report which takes an in-depth look at what support is currently available and the support carers need. It also explores the needs of carers from communities who face additional barriers to accessing services – Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, Gypsy and Traveller communities and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities.

They also produced resources for commissioners, providers and frontline staff which will help them ensure their services enable carers to plan for the future and consider the needs of carers from communities who face additional barriers.

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Health Check: Health & Wellbeing work in focus: Homeless Link

This month's case study is from Homeless Link. Homeless Link are the national membership charity for organisations working directly with people who become homeless in England. They work to make services better and campaign for policy change that will help end homelessness.

The Goal: Providing the homelessness sector with recommendations and advice for working to fight Covid-19

What was the action: The homelessness sector was in need of guidance and information around Covid-19 whilst central government guidance from PHE was being developed. Homeless Link developed a website with recommendations and existing practice examples for stakeholders and held a series of weekly webinars to share good practice and hear from the sector about the issues and questions that they were experiencing.

The Impact: The homelessness sector now has a source of information and guidance on how to work with this public health emergency. Homeless Link is in regular contact with both Public Health England and NHS England and Improvement, particularly as the current government guidance for day centres and hostels is being updated. Alongside the original resources they have published a new webpage with resources and a set of FAQs that are updated weekly in response to questions raised in the weekly webinars and directly from the sector.

How were people and communities involved? Member networks and stakeholders attending the webinars work with people who are homeless in their communities. Homeless Link continue to deal with contact from people experiencing homelessness who need signposting and have seen the web resources.

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