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## Mental Health & Learning Disabilities

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## BREAKING NEWS and SPOTLIGHTS

The key headline for November 2024 was the introduction of the Mental Health Bill 2025 which was introduced in the House of Lords on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Please see the dedicated section on the [Mental Health Bill 2025](#) in the government announcements & reports section, for more information on the Bill, including commentary and responses from key bodies and organisations.

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## GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

### Mental Health Bill 2025

[Mental Health Bill 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

Please visit the website above to find information about the new Mental Health Bill 2025, which was introduced in the House of Lords on 6<sup>th</sup> November. It includes links to:

- [Mental Health Bill 2025 Fact Sheet](#)
- [Mental Health Bill 2025: easy read summary](#)
- [Mental Health Bill 2025: European Convention on Human Rights Memorandum](#)

Responses and commentaries:

[Royal College of Psychiatrists](#)

[NHS Confederation](#)

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### Get Britain Working: White Paper

[Get Britain Working White Paper - GOV.UK](#)

Published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024, this White Paper is the government's proposals to reform employment, health and skills support to tackle economic inactivity and support people into good work. Chapter 3 addresses tackling economic inactivity caused by ill health (which includes mental health) which the government is going to challenge in 4 priority areas:

- improving the health of the population so that more people can stay in and thrive at work
- mobilising local leadership to tackle economic inactivity by better connecting work, health and skills support and increasing engagement with that support
- supporting employers to promote healthy workplaces, and to recruit and retain workers with a health condition or disability
- reforming the system of health and disability benefits to promote and enable employment

[Get Britain Working white paper: what you need to know | NHS Confederation](#)

A summary of the government's plans to reform employment support.



## NHS Key statistics

### [NHS key statistics: England - House of Commons Library](#)

Summary of NHS demand, performance, backlogs, and capacity of services in England. It covers A&E waiting times, hospital waiting lists, cancer waiting times, ambulance response times, staffing levels including doctors and nurses, vacancies, and more. Published Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## Autumn budget

### [Kings Fund - Autumn budget 2024 - Health and Social Care](#)

Summary of the autumn budget 2024, and the impact on health and social care. Published 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

## House of Commons Debates on King's Speech

### [House Of Commons Debate On The Address: Building An NHS Fit For The Future | The King's Fund](#)

The King's Fund response to the King's Speech which was delivered to Parliament on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Briefing on the key issues for health and social care under the new parliament.

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## NATIONAL BODIES AND CHARITIES

### [NHS England - Urgent and Emergency Mental Health Care for Children & Young People - national implementation guidance](#)

Published October 2024.

### [Health Foundation - Costs and activity for mental health services in England \(PDF\)](#)

Published by Health Foundation with the Centre for Health Economics, University of York. November 2024.

### [Severe mental illness and physical health checks](#)

Joint report published by the Race Equality Foundation and VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance.

### [POST Parliament - Mental health support for young people in schools](#)

Horizon scanning post by UK Parliament. Evidence suggests that the decline of psychological wellbeing in schools has accelerated since the Covid-19 pandemic. How best can students be supported individually and equitably?

### [MQ Mental Health YouTube video – CEASE and protecting children from adult content.](#)

CEASE is a UK-based charity working to expose and dismantle the cultural and commercial drivers behind all forms of sexual exploitation in the UK. To achieve its mission, CEASE campaigns for new and better laws, advocates for policy change and holds the global sex industry to account. In this conversation, they discussed the societal implications of adult content, the effects of adult content on young people's mental health, and plans to safeguard vulnerable people on the internet.

### [Nuffield Trust - does the NHS Talking Therapies have an attrition problem?](#)

The NHS Talking Therapies service offers psychological therapy for adults in England suffering from depression and anxiety-based conditions. This piece explores how it is performing, as the service grows.



## INTEGRATED CARE AND OTHER NEWS

### Technology

[Health Foundation - Trust and confidence in technology enabled care - joint project with Q](#)

[Regulating and evaluating digital mental health technologies - Newsletter 2 Nov24](#)

Latest newsletter on the MHRA/NICE Wellcome funded research on regulating and evaluating digital mental health technologies.

[Mental Health app for young people to launch in Oxfordshire](#)

[HSJ Webinar - how secondary care can use digital to support mental health care of patientsare-can-use-digital-to-support-mental-health-care-of-patients/7037958.article](#)

[NIHR Blog - Digital skills support needed among people with severe mental ill health](#)

### HSJ

[HSJ Awards 2024 - Mental Health Innovation of the Year - Winner and Finalists](#)

### National Elf Service

Some highlighted topics which were published in November:

[Social determinants increase depression risk: key findings from umbrella review](#)

[Post-traumatic growth in refugees and asylum seekers: reclaiming life through shared stories and community](#)

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The following articles are just a selection of the latest highest-level evidence and research in these topic areas. If you'd like to receive regular email bulletins on specific topic areas of professional interest, please sign up for our [KnowledgeShare current awareness service](#).

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