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## Accidents

**Proposals have been put forward to speed up local treatment for critically injured patients, which mean that Pembury hospital could become home to a new unit aiming to reduce major trauma deaths by 40%.**

Currently most people in Kent and the north of East Sussex with life-threatening injuries are taken by ambulance or flown by air ambulance to a major trauma centre in London. But as most distances are too long and this risks lives., establishing new units in Kent and Medway will help reduce major trauma deaths dramatically.

[Pembury facility to have experts on hand 24/7](#)

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## Arts and Health

**Research on singing and lung disease to start in Kent (14/6/11)**

A new study into the value of group singing for people with lung disease is to be undertaken by

researchers at Canterbury Christ Church University, thanks to a grant of 130,000 pounds from the Dunhill Medical Trust.

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## Cancer

### **How to improve cancer survival: explaining England's relatively poor rates (10/6/11)**

This [report](#) from the King's Fund considers the existing differences in cancer survival rates between countries and discusses the reasons for these variations .

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### **National bowel cancer audit 2010 (10/6/11)**

The [audit](#) , with comment from the [Cancer Campaigning Group](#) , shows that 95% of cases are discussed at a multidisciplinary team meeting, compared to 84% of cases in the 2009 report. 80% of cases were seen by a nurse specialist, which is a significant increase from 51% in the 2009 report. Overall post-operative mortality continued to fall but increased mortality rates were seen again in urgent and emergency cases as compared with elective or scheduled cases.

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### **Funding cancer drugs: an evaluation of the impact of policies to improve access to cancer treatments (10/6/11)**

This [report](#) from the Rarer Cancers Foundation shows that over 2,500 cancer patients have had treatment provided through the Cancer Drugs Fund. It also shows that 187 patients were denied access to life-extending treatment between October 2010 and March 2011. It also revealed a north-south divide in approvals, with SHAs in the south of England approving a lower proportion of applications.

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### **Cancer incidence and mortality in the United Kingdom**

[Commentary, charts and tables](#) present information on cancer cases and deaths in the UK. Figures are given for the numbers of newly diagnosed cases of cancer (incidence) and deaths from cancer (mortality), together with the age-standardised incidence and mortality rates.

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### **Manual for Cancer Services: chemotherapy measures (23/6/11)**

The Manual for Cancer Services supports the National Cancer Peer Review quality assurance programme for cancer services and enables quality improvement both in terms of clinical and patient outcomes. These revised chemotherapy measures are included in the Manual and reflect the recommendations of the National Chemotherapy Advisory Group (NCAG) report 'Chemotherapy services in England: ensuring quality and safety'. [Response to the Consultation.](#)

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## Children/YoungPeople/Maternity

### **NICE: Conduct disorders in children and young people**

NICE [guidance in development](#) due April 2013

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### **The role, function and future of designated safeguarding professionals in the NHS in England (21/6/11)**

This joint [position statement](#) from the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, outlines a long-term model to ensure children and young people in contact with the NHS are protected. [Royal College of Nursing - news](#)

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### **Management of women with mental health issues during pregnancy and the postnatal period (14/6/11)**

Mental illness makes a significant contribution to maternal deaths. This [Guidance](#) from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, highlights the role of maternity services in the early identification of high-risk women and assessment of current illness, and describes principles of service organisation for health providers to meet these needs.

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### **Adolescent health in the UK today: where next? (7/6/11)**

This [Paper](#) from the Child and Maternal Health Observatory, examines trends in adolescent health and looks at the main policy themes of the last decade as well as issues for service delivery relating to adolescent health.

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### **Holding back the British IVF revolution? A report into NHS IVF provision in the UK today (7/6/11)**

Following a number of Freedom of Information questions to all PCTs in the UK on provision of IVF treatment, this [Report](#) from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Infertility, highlights the inconsistent availability and variation in IVF provision. [Infertility Network - press release](#)

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### **Kent and Canterbury birth unit remains shut for review (7/6/11)**

The Canterbury birthing unit which closed because of staff shortages in January will remain shut for at least another six months, NHS chiefs have said.

The Kent and Canterbury Hospital will stay closed while a review of east Kent maternity services is carried out. [BBC News report](#)

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## Commissioning

## **Government response to the House of Commons Health Select Committee commissioning report (21/6/11)**

This [Command Paper](#) sets out the Government's direct response to the specific recommendations of the Health Committee's [report on commissioning](#). It should be read in conjunction with the Government's response to the NHS Future Forum, which provides a summary of the proposed changes to the Health and Social Care Bill, as well as proposals for non-legislative actions in response to the Forum's report.

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## **GP commissioning in the NHS in England: ten suggestions from the United States (21/6/11)**

This [discussion paper](#) from the Nuffield Trust sets out ten suggestions for GP commissioning in England, based on the US experience. The analysis points strongly to the need for a well coordinated system of incentives both within consortia and between consortia, hospitals and the NHS Commissioning Board.

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## **Dental Health**

### **Notices of variation for general dental services (GDS) and personal dental services (PDS) contracts - Capitation and Quality Scheme Agreements, 2011 (21/6/11)**

These documents provide notices of variation for GDS and PDS services, in relation to the Capitation and Quality (C and Q) Scheme Agreements, 2011. [General dental services](#) [Personal dental services](#) [Department of Health - publications](#)

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## **Disabilities**

### **NHS data gaps for learning disabilities (17/6/11)**

This [Report](#), from the Improving Health and Lives Confidential Inquiry, evaluates the usefulness of learning disabilities data collected by the NHS and whether the health and healthcare of people with learning disabilities is as good as it should be. [Improving Health and Lives Confidential Inquiry - publications](#)

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### **Meeting the needs of health people with learning disabilities: RCN guidance for nursing staff (31/5/11)**

This is the updated second edition of this [Guidance](#) from the Royal College of Nursing, which aims to support nurses and nursing students in delivering high quality care to those with learning disabilities. The guidance provides a definition of learning disabilities; outlines some specific health needs; and explains relevant legislation.

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## Drugs/Alcohol

### **Our invisible addicts (24/6/11)**

This [Report](#) from the Royal College of Psychiatrists, warns that not enough is being done to tackle substance misuse in the aging population – making them society’s “invisible addicts”. It pulls together evidence to highlight the extent of the problem.

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## Environment/Transport/Housing/Employment

### **Housing and neighbourhoods monitor: fragility and recovery: Joesph Rowntree Foundation Report (27/6/11)**

This report maintains that the recession has had wide-ranging effects on housing market performance and socio-economic conditions within neighbourhoods.

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## Health Protection/Emergencies

### **Measles cases surpass 2010 total but MMR vaccine uptake reaches 90 per cent for the first time in 13 years (24/6/2011)**

[Latest figures](#) from the Health Protection Agency (HPA) reveal that 496\* laboratory confirmed cases of measles have been reported in England and Wales up to the end of May 2011, surpassing the annual 2010 total of 374 cases.

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## Inequalities/Minorities

### **Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by local and health areas in the United Kingdom**

[Period life expectancy](#) results for local areas in the UK are available for 1991-93 onwards. Results for health areas in the UK are available for 2001-03 onwards.

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### **Local Solutions for Adults Facing Multiple Deprivation: Adults facing chronic exclusion evaluation - Final report (17/6/2011)**

This [publication](#) from the Department for Communities and Local Government evaluates the pilots that began in 2007 for new ways of working with excluded people who do not access services in the community. It provides information on cost-benefit measurements, pilot outcomes and policy

recommendations.

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## **Joseph Rowntree Foundation: Low-income neighbourhoods in Britain (15/6/11)**

The [report](#) is based on the findings of a three-year research project, [Living through Change in Challenging Neighbourhoods](#), which was carried out in six low-income neighbourhoods across Britain.

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## **Info/Evidence/Research**

### **Health and Social Care Maps for Kent and Medway**

These [maps](#) have been updated and are now on the KMPHO website.

Health and Social Care Maps give an overview of healthcare needs and service gaps for the locality, taking into account local community views and variables, such as population mix and deprivation.

There are maps for each local authority area. You can register to receive notification when maps are updated.

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### **Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) outcomes data (16/6/11)**

The Health and Social Care Information Centre published the [latest release](#) of Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) data on the 9 June. This tenth monthly release comprises both post-operative health outcomes and pre-operative data broken down by provider. Published data is for April 2009 to the end of January 2011.

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### **The Research Support Services framework (9/6/11)**

Adopted for immediate use the [framework](#) from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) radically transforms the incentives for efficiency in the initiation, set-up and delivery of research studies. It provides good practice and standard procedures to simplify and speed up local research management and manage operational risk proportionately.

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### **NHS Confederation's European Office response to the consultation on the EU Clinical Trials Directive (10/6/11)**

Efforts to increase the numbers of clinical trials carried out in the UK are being hampered by EU rules and bureaucracy, according to the NHS Confederation's European Office. In a [Response](#) to the European Commission, the NHS Confederation highlights figures which show that the UK's involvement in global clinical trials has "dropped dramatically" since the introduction of the EU Clinical Trials Directive.

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### **Informed consent in health and social care research (17/6/11)**

This [Guidance](#) from the Royal College of Nursing provides guidance for nurses undertaking research and who need to seek informed consent from patients for their work.

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### **Avoidable mortality: what it means and how it is measured (17/6/11)**

This [Research paper](#) from the [Centre for Health Economics](#) explores the concept of avoidable mortality and how the way it is measured has evolved over time. The paper makes recommendations for future work looking at the link between mortality and the provision of healthcare.

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### **Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) competition 16 (Opens early July 2011)**

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) RfPB Programme invites applications for projects in health services research and public health. RfPB is a nationally co-ordinated funding stream for regionally commissioned research. The next application deadline is 23 September 2011 and concerns dementia research. [Read more on the NIHR website >](#)

For information on further research opportunities, join the Research Design Service South East mailing list. [Join the mailing list here >](#)

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## **International**

### **mHealth: new horizons for health through mobile technologies (21/6/11)**

This report, from the World Health Organisation, is based on the findings of the second global survey of eHealth, conducted in 2009. It also includes a series of detailed case studies highlighting best practices in mHealth in different settings.

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## **Long-term Conditions**

### **VTE risk assessment data – quarter 4 results (9/6/11)**

[Quarter 4 results](#) of the mandatory Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment census (January - March 2011) have been published. From April 2010, all acute care providers have been required under contract to establish risk assessment of admitted patients for VTE, and to ensure that reporting systems are put in place to record performance.

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### **Osteoporosis: scope consultation**

NICE have been asked to develop a [clinical practice guideline](#) on Osteoporosis fragility fracture risk for use in the NHS in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The [draft scope](#) defines what

aspects of care the guideline will cover and to whom it will apply.

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## Mental Health

### Children and Young Peoples' IAPT: apply for Phase One Learning Collaborative

The [project](#) takes quality markers from the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme to improve existing Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) through training, backfill and service development support to deliver best evidence-based treatment, ensuring outcomes are focused and client informed. Completed bids, by local partnerships of commissioners and providers in collaboration with training providers, are required by 3 August.

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### NICE: Service user experience in adult mental health: Guidance and Quality Standard consultation (21/6/11)

Clinical practice guidance on [Service user experience in adult mental health](#) is being developed for use in the NHS in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. An associated quality standard is being developed for use in the NHS in England.

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### Attitudes to mental illness survey 8/6/11

[Reports](#) from National Statistics

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## NHS Organisation

### Government explains changes to modernisation plans (27/6/11)

The Government set out this week the changes it will make to the Health and Social Care Bill, following the report of the NHS Future Forum. NHS Chief Executive David Nicholson has also written a letter to all NHS, local government and social care leaders setting out new transition arrangements.

[See detailed response](#) [Read the letter](#)

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### Government accepts main Future Forum recommendations (16/6/11)

The Government has published its initial response to the report by the NHS Future Forum. The NHS Future Forum was set up to look at the Health and Social Care Bill and make recommendations. The Government has accepted the main recommendations and this means that nurses, hospital doctors and lay people will sit on the boards of clinical commissioning groups with

GPs. It also means that the health care regulator Monitor will have a duty to protect and promote patient's interests rather than promoting competition as an end in itself, and clinical commissioning groups will take over responsibility for commissioning only when they are ready and able.

[Read Future Forum report](#) [Read Government response](#)

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## **The Month: Special issue on NHS Modernisation**

A [special issue of the Month](#) carries a letter from NHS Chief Executive Sir David Nicholson on transition arrangements following the NHS Future Forum report and the Government's response to it.

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## **The Government's response to the NHS Future Forum report: a briefing (17/6/11)**

This [briefing](#), from the NHS Confederation, is intended to help make sense of the Government's announcements about changes to their NHS reforms. It highlights where the government has taken on board recommendations from the NHS Confederation in areas where their members wanted to see changes. It also highlights some key issues where the Government has chosen to take a different approach to that of the NHS Future Forum.

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## **Comments on the Government's response to the NHS Future Forum report (17/6/11)**

- [British Heart Foundation](#)
  - [British Medical Association](#)
  - [Cancer Campaigning Group](#)
  - [Cancer Research UK](#)
  - [Centre for Mental Health](#)
  - [The Health Foundation](#)
  - [The King's Fund](#)
  - [Monitor](#)
  - [National Voices](#)
  - [NHS Confederation](#)
  - [NHS Employers](#)
  - [Royal College of General Practitioners](#)
  - [Royal College of Nursing](#)
  - [Royal College of Surgeons](#)
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## **King's Fund: The voluntary and community sector in health: implications of the proposed NHS reforms (17/6/11)**

This [report](#) discusses the government's proposed reforms to the health and social care system include clear aspirations for the voluntary and community sector as a provider of health services, a source of support for commissioning and a partner in tackling health inequalities. However, the

reforms also present a number of challenges and risks.

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### **Routes for social and health care: a simulation exercise (21/6/11)**

This [publication](#) from the King's Fund offers some reflections for policy-makers, commissioner and providers.

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### **Transforming NHS ambulance services (10/6/11)**

This [study](#) by the National Audit Office examines whether ambulance services provide a cost-effective service to patients seeking urgent and emergency care. It also considers whether they and other parts of the emergency care system operate in such a way as to minimise costs to the wider health service.

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## **Obesity/Physical Activity/Nutrition**

### **NICE: Obesity - working with local communities: consultation on the evidence (24/6/11)**

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has been asked by the Department of Health to develop public health [guidance](#) on Obesity - working with local communities.

Guidance to tackle obesity at a local level using a whole system approach was initiated by NICE in 2009. The work was put on hold in November 2010 and reviewed as part of the Government's obesity strategy work programme. The revised scope has a stronger focus on local, community-wide best practice. It will address both process and outcomes. The revised [scope](#) is available on the NICE website

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### **Obesity epidemic - paranoia or evidence-based? (3/6/11)**

This [report](#), from the Bow Group, assesses current predictions indicating that 60% of the UK population will be classified as clinically obese by 2050 and recommends action to reduce this risk.

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## **Older People**

### **Hip fracture: The management of hip fracture in adults CG124 issued June 2011**

This [clinical guideline](#) offers evidence-based advice on the management of hip fracture from admission to secondary care and through to final return to the community and discharge from specific follow-up.

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## **Integrated care for older people: examining workforce and implementation challenges (21/6/11)**

This [report](#), from the Centre for Workforce Intelligence, is the first in a series investigating the workforce implications of moving towards an integrated health and social care system. It considers eight different 'point' models of care, describing the service provided and assessing economic, quality of care and workforce implications.

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## **Common core principles for supporting people with dementia: a guide to training the social care and health workforce (10/6/11)**

These [principles](#) have been produced jointly by Skills for Care and Skills for Health. They can be used to support workforce development for any member of staff, in any health or social care setting, working with people at any stage of dementia. They can also be used to inform the content of curricula and training courses.

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## **Optimising treatment and care for people for people with behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (10/6/11)**

This [best practice guide](#) has been designed to support health and social care professionals to determine the best treatment and care for people experiencing behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.

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## **A review of the use of antipsychotic drugs for people with dementia (9/6/11)**

A [call to action](#) to eliminate the inappropriate use of antipsychotic drugs for people with dementia, and for all those currently prescribed antipsychotic drugs to have their prescription reviewed by 31 March 2012, was launched on Thursday 9 June by the Dementia Action Alliance, the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement, and the Department of Health.

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## **Dignity and nutrition reports (10/6/11)**

The Care Quality Commission older people's dignity and nutrition inspection programme intends to look at 100 NHS trusts, and focuses on whether people are treated with dignity and respect and get food and drink that meets their needs. The [next batch of reports](#) from the programme have now been published.

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## **Achieving closure: good practice in supporting older people during residential care closures (10/6/11)**

This [good practice guide](#) from the Health Services Management Centre is aimed at helping local councils re-assess and re-settle older people in care homes when they close.

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## European report on preventing elder maltreatment (17/6/11)

Elder maltreatment is pervasive throughout the WHO European Region: at least 4 million elderly people are estimated to experience maltreatment in any one year and 2500 of them will die each year. Most countries in the Region have an ageing population, putting increasing numbers of people at risk. This [report](#) from the WHO, highlights the biological, social, cultural, economic and environmental factors that influence the risk of being a victim or perpetrator of elder maltreatment, as well as the protective factors that can help prevent it.

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## Age Concern Hythe & Lyminge

have been chosen as **Local Charity of the Year** by Sainsbury's Hythe. Please give us as much support with publicity as you can and feel free to visit our two day centres.

Contact John Brooks, Community Liaison Officer for Age Concern Hythe and Lyminge, tel 01303 269602, email [clw@ageukhl.org.uk](mailto:clw@ageukhl.org.uk), for further details.

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## Palliative Care

### NICE: End of life care (24/6/11) Consultation

The [draft NICE quality standard](#) for end of life care is now available for consultation. The consultation period will end at 5pm on 22 July 2011.

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### The end of life care patient charter (3/6/11)

This [charter for end of life care](#) from the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of General Practitioners sets out best practice standards that all patients deserve from their primary health care team.

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### Draft spiritual support and bereavement care quality markers and measures for end of life care (3/6/11)

These [draft quality markers and associated measures](#), from the National End of Life Care Programme, follow the same pattern as for the established quality markers. The content has been drafted on the basis of specially commissioned literature reviews and with the help of expert working groups.

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## Partnerships

**Vision for Kent 2011-2021** (14/6/2011)

At a time when public services are being reformed and realigned against smaller budgets and national policy changes, Vision for Kent sets out three big ambitions for the future of the county. Kent residents, groups and agencies are now being asked to give their views on the ambitions and planned actions to make sure they reflect the right priorities for Kent. The feedback will impact on everyday life by influencing the actions of those organisations responsible for delivering public services. The consultation runs from Monday 20 June until Monday 22 August and people can find out more and [take part in the consultation online](#). [Press release](#)

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## Primary/Community Care

### **NICE recommends 20 QoF indicators (17/6/11)**

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence is to recommend 20 new indicators for [possible inclusion](#) in next year's Quality and Outcomes Framework.

They include a new requirement to offer advice and support to smokers and to refer patients with newly diagnosed diabetes to a structured education programme.

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### **Promoting continuity of care in general practice (10/6/11)**

This [policy paper](#) from the Royal College of General Practitioners outlines the evidence of the cost-effectiveness of general practice, citing the fact that one day's GP care is equivalent in cost to one tenth of a day in hospital.

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### **Statistical press notice - General Practice Patient Survey April 2010 to March 2011 national results**

Headline results of the [survey](#) are:

- Satisfaction with GP services remains high:
  - 94% of patients have confidence and trust in their doctor
  - 90% of patients are satisfied with the care they receive at their surgery.
  - 89% of patients say their doctor gives them enough time.
  - 83% of patients would recommend their GP surgery to someone who moved to the local area.
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### **BMA National survey of GP opinion 2011: briefing (10/6/11)**

Over half of GPs planning to retire in the next two years say NHS reforms are a reason for them going, according to preliminary findings from a BMA survey.

[Survey findings](#)    [British Medical Association - press release](#)

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## Prison Health

### Health services in Secure Children's Homes and Secure Training Centres (2/6/11)

A [phased project](#) to transfer commissioning responsibility for health services in Secure Children's Homes and Secure Training Centres in England to the NHS, has started this year. This will mean the NHS taking responsibility for commissioning health services in line with Young Offender Institutions and prisons.

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## Public Health/Health Promotion(general)

### Public health system reform (21/6/11)

This [letter](#) outlines the details of the changes to the public health system following the Government's detailed response to the NHS Future Forum report.

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### Submission to Health Select Committee public health inquiry (14/6/11)

This [paper](#) contains The Bow Group's submission to the House of Commons Health Select Committee's inquiry on public health and the suggestions contained in the public health White Paper.

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### NICE Public Health: A summary of Public Health guidance issued by NICE

This [newsletter](#) includes all public health guidance issued by NICE to date. It will be updated monthly on the Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory website.

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### NHS Choices re-launch LifeCheck tool (2/6/11)

[Re-launched yesterday](#), LifeCheck is a free online assessment health check for the public and NHS professionals providing advice on behaviour change to improve health and well-being. The existing LifeCheck tools were aimed at specific age groups (Baby, Teen and Mid-life) whereas the new tool covers all ages of the population. The previous three tools have been redeveloped into a single tool and more importantly, the results pages now offer long-term behavioural change tips and advice.

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### Press release from Kent Police (13/6/11)

Two weeks on from the death of a boy who drowned in the River Medway, a [water safety campaign](#) is being launched in advance of the summer holidays, to warn and protect young people from the dangers of playing near rivers. [Water safety Website](#)

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## Screening

### **Cervical screening in Kent and Medway : 5-Year Coverage of Women Aged 25-64**

[Report](#) for Quarter 4: Jan-March 2010-2011

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## Social Care

### **Sainsbury's and DH join forces to help carers (16/6/11)**

Sainsbury's has agreed a partnership scheme with the Department of Health to identify 'hidden carers' who attend their stores, coinciding with Carers Week this week.

A successful pilot in Torbay will be rolled out nationally, based on research showing that a typical supermarket has hundreds of customers each week who buy groceries for others, a practice common amongst carers. Store staff are coached by the Torbay Care Trust to identify these customers and ask if they have caring responsibilities. If so they are then offered help and support from the trust team based in the store, and local carers' groups. [See more](#)

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### **Social impact evaluation of five carers' centres using social return on investment (24/6/11)**

This [report](#), from the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, finds that an investment of less than £5 million in services provided by five carers' centres resulted in at least £73 million worth of social gains in a year.

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### **Improving value for money in adult social care (3/6/2011)**

This [paper](#), from the Audit Commission, is the first in a series of briefings which will examine value for money in health and social care. This briefing finds that better procurement, improved back office arrangements, and a preference for community-based rather than residential care where possible, are just some of the changes that local authorities have implemented to help them meet the challenges they face.

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### **Care in crisis: causes and solutions (31/5/11)**

This [report](#), from Age UK, presents the results of an investigation into the care system in England. It finds that 800,000 people who currently need care receive no formal support from either the state or private sector agencies. The report makes recommendations for the future of the social care

system and the funding and provision of it.

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## Stroke

### UK carotid endarterectomy audit - round 3 public report (24/6/11)

This report, from the Royal College of Physicians, finds some improvement in the overall time in which patients are getting surgery of the neck arteries in order to prevent stroke. But the study also reveals considerable variation across the UK, with significant delays between patients experiencing symptoms, referral to stroke specialists and on to surgery. It also expresses concern that some hospitals are failing to provide any data, meaning care quality is impossible to determine.

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