A quick overview of the latest guidance and evidence on current issues such as smoking, sexual health, health inequalities, mental health, obesity, substance abuse, women’s health – in fact anything that you ask for!

Please fill in the survey on our current awareness bulletins at: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SGCVSY7

Royal College of Emergency Medicine

Winter Flow Project 2016/17

Why does winter in A&E get worse every year?

Emergency Department Capacity Management Guidance (for Scotland)

Time to Act – Urgent Care and A&E: the patient perspective

Ignoring the prescription?

Parliament UK

Accident and Emergency Statistics: Demand, Performance and Pressure (House of Commons Library briefing, Nov. 2016; includes link to data tables)

Winter pressure in accident and emergency departments (House of Commons Health Committee, Oct. 2016; part of the current inquiry: Planning for winter pressure in accident and emergency departments)

The King’s Fund

Urgent and emergency care: Learning from the vanguards on improving the co-ordination of services (set of presentations; Sept. 2016)

An alternative guide to the urgent and emergency care system in England

What's going on in A&E? The key questions answered

NHS Evidence

What makes a top hospital? Accident and emergency care

Explaining variation in emergency admissions: a mixed-methods study of emergency and urgent care systems


Emergency hospital admissions for asthma and access to primary care: cross-sectional analysis.

Health inequality and the A&E crisis: policy and research briefing

A season of major incidents: what is really causing the A&E crisis this winter?

Older people

Who knows best? Older people’s contribution to understanding and preventing avoidable hospital admissions

Who knows best? Top tips for managing the crisis: older people’s emergency admissions to hospital

Reducing admissions

Reducing emergency and elective admissions

Alcohol Care Teams: to reduce acute hospital admissions and improve quality of care

Action on accidents: taking pressure off A&E by investing in the prevention of unintentional injuries to under-5s

How can frontline expertise and new models of care
**Nuffield Trust**

- Winter pressures: what's going on behind the scenes? (Feb. 2016)
- Lessons from last year's A&E winter crisis (Dec. 2015)
- The way the NHS manages A&E problems is not fit for purpose (March 2015)
- What's behind the A&E 'Crisis'? (March 2015)
- Access to hospital care: is the NHS on target? (March 2015)
- Come again? What the data tells us about repeat A&E visits (Jan. 2014)

**Quality Watch**

- Combined Performance Summary: November 2016
- A&E waiting times (July 2016, with links to related sources)
- A&E cannot mean 'Anything & Everything' (July 2016)
- People with mental ill health and hospital use (Oct. 2015)
- Focus on: Hospital admissions from care homes (Jan. 2015; page includes links to related comment pieces and analyses)
- Focus on: A&E attendances (July 2014; page includes links to related comment pieces and analyses)
- Focus on: Distance from home to emergency care (Feb. 2014; page includes links to related comment pieces and analyses)
- Focus on: Preventable admissions (Oct. 2013; page includes links to related comment pieces and analyses)

**NHS Confederation**

- Commission on Improving Urgent Care for Older People (includes further links)
- Urgent and Emergency Care Forum (includes further links)
- A&E performance indicative of intense pressure across system (Jan. 2015)

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**Additional Resources**

- Best contribute to safely reducing avoidable acute admissions? A mixed-methods study of four acute hospitals
- Effect of a national primary care pay for performance scheme on emergency hospital admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions: controlled longitudinal study

**HMIC**

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Demand for NHS care is dangerously high, says thinktank (Guardian, Sept. 2016)

New ambulance scheme aimed at cutting A&E admissions (North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, Sept. 2016)

NHS 'on its knees' with worst ever performance on A&E and 111 (Telegraph, April 2016)

Reducing pressures on urgent and emergency care: the role of speech and language therapists (Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, Feb. 2016)

A&E admissions for elderly varies nine-fold between CCGs (Commissioning Review, Jan. 2016)

England’s A&E crisis is fuelled by inequality (The Conversation, Jan. 2016)

Put senior doctors on the door of A&E to reduce needless elderly admissions, say experts (Telegraph, Jan. 2016)

A&Es struggle after 'sharp rise' in demand (BBC, Jan. 2016)

High bed occupancy rates to blame for poor A&E performance – Monitor (National Health Executive, Sept. 2015)

Hit or miss: Lessons from the best and worst A&E performers (HSJ, April 2015)

Mental health patient admissions to A&E set to reach record levels (Guardian, Jan. 2015)