

# Reading list

**Introduction to the NHS in England -  
official documents, commentaries,  
guides and web resources**

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## OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Great Britain. Department of Health  
NHS England

### **Framework agreement between the Department of Health and NHS England.**

London : 2014 DH

*Web publication*

This document sets out how DH and NHS England will work together, setting out roles, responsibilities, governance and accountability arrangements.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/280889/20140206\\_DH\\_and\\_NHS\\_England\\_Framework\\_Agreement.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/280889/20140206_DH_and_NHS_England_Framework_Agreement.pdf)

Associated documentation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/framework-agreement-between-dh-and-nhs-england>

Great Britain. Department of Health.

### **The mandate : a mandate from the government to NHS England : April 2014 to March 2015.**

London : DH, 2013

*Web publication*

This document sets out the ambitions for the health service for April 2014 to March 2015. It is structured around 5 main areas where the government expects NHS England to make improvements: preventing people from dying prematurely; enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions; helping people to recover from episodes of ill health or following injury; ensuring that people have a positive experience of care; treating and caring for people in a safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/256406/Mandate\\_14\\_15.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/256406/Mandate_14_15.pdf)

Associated documentation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-mandate-2014-to-2015>

Great Britain. Department of Health

### **The health and care system explained.**

[London] : DH, 2013

*Web publication*

This webpage gives an overview of the new health and care system, which becomes fully operational from the 1st April 2013.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-health-and-care-system-explained/the-health-and-care-system-explained>

Great Britain. Department of Health

### **Guide to the healthcare system in England, including the Statement of NHS Accountability.**

London : DH, 2013

*Web publication*

This guide explains organisations in the healthcare system and how they work together and includes the Statement of NHS Accountability. It covers: providing care; commissioning care; safeguarding patients; empowering patients and local communities; education and training; supporting providers of care; and the role of the Secretary of State for Health/ The accountability statement explains how decision making works in the NHS and fulfils the commitment set out in principle 7 of the NHS Constitution. The guide will be updated annually.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-the-healthcare-system-in-england>

ISBN: 9780102984392

Great Britain. Department of Health

**Department of Health : annual report and accounts 2012-13 (for the period ended 31 March 2013).**

HC ; 46 (July 2013).

London : Stationery Office, 2013

*Web publication*

The department's annual reports and accounts bring together the financial position and performance for all the organisations within the departmental group including NHS trusts, foundation trusts, arm's length bodies and, for their final year, primary care trusts and strategic health authorities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/department-of-health-annual-report-and-accounts-2012-to-2013>

Main Estimates 2013-14:

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/Health/DoHMainEstimates13-14.pdf>

Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2013:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/223600/public\\_expenditure\\_statistical\\_analyses\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/223600/public_expenditure_statistical_analyses_2013.pdf)

Great Britain. Department of Health

**The NHS outcomes framework 2014/15.**

London : DH, 2013

*Web publication*

This document sets out the outcomes and corresponding indicators that will be used to hold NHS England to account for improvements in health outcomes, as part of the government's Mandate to NHS England. It builds on the previous versions and contains measures to help the health and care system focus on measuring outcomes. It provides an update on the progress that has been made to develop existing indicators and describes how the NHS Outcomes Framework works in the wider health and care system.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/256456/NHS\\_outcomes.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/256456/NHS_outcomes.pdf)

Associated documentation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-outcomes-framework-2014-to-2015>

Great Britain. Department of Health

**The NHS Constitution : the NHS belongs to us all.**

London : DH, 2013

*Web publication*

This is a revised NHS Constitution following a recent public consultation. It is likely there will be a further consultation later in the year on further changes to the constitution, with the aim of incorporating further recommendations made by Robert Francis QC in his report of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/170656/NHS\\_Constitution.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/170656/NHS_Constitution.pdf)

**The handbook to the NHS Constitution.**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/170649/Handbook\\_to\\_the\\_NHS\\_Constitution.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/170649/Handbook_to_the_NHS_Constitution.pdf)

Associated documentation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england>

Monitor

**A fair playing field for the benefit of NHS patients : Monitor's independent review for the Secretary of State for Health.**

London : Monitor, 2013

*Web publication*

This independent review looks at matters affecting the ability of different providers of NHS services to fully participate in improving patient care.

<http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/The%20Fair%20Playing%20Field%20Review%20FINAL.pdf>

NHS England

**Putting patients first : the NHS England business plan for 2013/14-2015/16.**

London : NHS England, 2013

*Web publication*

This plan describes an eleven point scorecard which NHS England will introduce for measuring performance of key priorities, focused on receiving direct feedback from patients, their families and NHS staff. This supports the cultural change needed to put patients at the centre of the NHS, a key theme in the Francis report. It builds on Everyone Counts: Planning for Patients 2013/14, the previous planning guidance for commissioners which was published in December 2012.

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/ppf-1314-1516.pdf>

Associated documentation: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/pp-1314-1516/>

ISBN: 9780102983180

NHS England

**NHS Commissioning Board : annual report and accounts 1 October 2012 to 31 March 2013.**

HC ; 338

London : Stationery Office, 2013

*Web publication*

This report covers the six month period from 1 October 2012 to 31 March 2013, representing the first six months of the NHS Commissioning Board (known as NHS England).

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/rep-acc-jan-mar13.pdf>

ISBN: 9780105407126

Great Britain. Parliament

**Health and Social Care Act 2012 :Chapter 7.**

London : Stationery Office, 2012

*Web publication*

An Act to establish and make provision about a National Health Service Commissioning Board and clinical commissioning groups and to make other provision about the National Health Service in England; to make provision about public health in the United Kingdom; to make provision about regulating health and adult social care services; to make provision about public involvement in health and social care matters, scrutiny of health matters by local authorities and co-operation between local authorities and commissioners of health care services; to make provision about regulating health and social care workers; to establish and make provision about a National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; to establish and make provision about a Health and Social Care Information Centre and to make other provision about information relating to health or social care matters; to abolish certain public bodies involved in health or social care; to make other provision about health care.

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/pdfs/ukpga\\_20120007\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/pdfs/ukpga_20120007_en.pdf)

Explanatory notes: [http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/pdfs/ukpgaen\\_20120007\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/pdfs/ukpgaen_20120007_en.pdf)

Explanatory notes - table on contents: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/notes/contents>

## DIRECTORIES, GUIDES & STATISTICS

ISSN: 09677917

Binley's directory of NHS management.

### **Binley's directory of NHS management.**

Spring 2014 edition

Basildon : Wilmington, 2014

Pages xiii-xvii give a brief overview of the NHS.

*1-HIBG: HAB (Bin)*

Local Government Association

### **A councillor's guide to the health system in England.**

London : LGA, 2014

*Web publication*

This briefing provides an overview to the health system since the reforms that were introduced in the Health and Care Social Act 2012. It describes the different parts of the health system, how they work together and the wider role for local authorities in health and social care.

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5854661/A+councillor%27s+guide+to+the+health+syst em+in+England/430cde9f-567f-4e29-a48b-1c449961e31f>

Kafetz, Alex Editor

Dr Foster Intelligence

### **Dr Foster hospital guide 2013.**

London : Dr Foster Intelligence, 2013

*Web publication*

The 2013 Hospital Guide looks at how financial austerity is affecting the way money is spent on hospital treatment, the impact of drug and alcohol problems on patients and hospitals, the quality of care at weekends and measuring hospital mortality

<http://myhospitalguide.drfoosterintelligence.co.uk/downloads/report/Report.pdf>

Hospital Guide website: <http://myhospitalguide.drfoosterintelligence.co.uk/>

Healthcare Financial Management Association

### **The NHS England planning guidance for 2014/15 - 2018/19.**

[Bristol] : HFMA, 2013

*Web publication*

This is a summary of the latest planning framework from NHS England, with particular reference to the financial aspects of the framework.

<http://www.hfma.org.uk/download.ashx?type=infoservice&id=699>

ISBN: 9781859471975

Davies, Peter

NHS Confederation

### **The concise NHS handbook 2013/14.**

London : NHS Confederation, 2013

*1-HIBG (Nhs)*

ISBN: 9781899040094

Hawe, Emma and Cockcroft, Lesley

Office of Health Economics

### **OHE guide to UK health and health care statistics.**

London : OHE, 2013

*Web publication*

Free registration required to access this document

<http://www.ohe.org/publications/article/ohe-guide-to-uk-health-and-health-care-statistics-135.cfm>

Powell, Tom

Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons. Library

### **The Francis Report (Report of the Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust public inquiry) and the government's response.**

Standard note ; SN/SP/6690 (2 December 2013)

[London] : House of Commons, Library, 2013

*Web publication*

This briefing sets out the main issues arising from the public inquiry led by Robert Francis QC, and other preceding reports, into serious failings in care at Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust. It also provides some information on the government's response to the Francis report, which was published on 6th February 2013.

<http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SN06690.pdf>

Regional Voices

**New structures in health and care : policy briefing for the voluntary sector.**

Leeds : Regional Voices, 2013

*Web publication*

This briefing gives an overview of the main changes to health and care structures that impact on the voluntary sector and the people it supports.

<http://www.regionalvoices.org/changes>

ISBN: 9781902671871

Curtis, Lesley

University of Kent at Canterbury. Personal Social Services Research Unit

**Unit costs of health and social care 2013.**

Canterbury : PSSRU, 2013

*Web publication*

<http://www.pssru.ac.uk/project-pages/unit-costs/2013/index.php?file=full>

Publication by section: <http://www.pssru.ac.uk/project-pages/unit-costs/2013/#sections>

Tilley, Letsie

Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

**NHS abbreviations.**

Bristol : HFMA, 2012

*Web publication*

<http://www.hfma.org.uk/download.ashx?type=infoservice&id=496>

ISBN: 9780102977189

Great Britain. National Audit Office

**Healthcare across the UK : a comparison of the NHS in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.**

House of Commons papers. Session 2012-13 ; HC 192 (29 June 2012).

London : The Stationery Office, 2012

*Web publication*

The National Audit Office has today published a report highlighting key trends and variations in the delivery of healthcare across the four nations of the UK. The report finds that, despite the shared history and similarities between the four nations, there are considerable variations in areas such as health outcomes, spending, staffing and quality.

<http://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/1213192.pdf>

Associated documentation:

<http://www.nao.org.uk/report/healthcare-across-the-uk-a-comparison-of-the-nhs-in-england-scotland-wales-and-northern-ireland/>

ISBN : 9781904624622

Healthcare Financial Management Association.

**Introductory guide to NHS finance in the UK.** 10th edition.

London : HFMA, 2011

*HIB1 (Hea)*

ISBN: 9781846194696

White, Tony

**NHS jargon explained**

Abingdon : Radcliffe, 2010

*1-HIBG (Whi)*

ISBN: 1857171489

Rivett, Geoffrey

The King's Fund

**From cradle to grave : fifty years of the NHS.**

London : King's Fund, 1998

*HIBG3 (Riv)*

*Online version is periodically updated:*

<http://www.nhshistory.net/>

## COMMENTARIES & EVALUATIONS

Appleby, John, et al.

The King's Fund

### **How is the health and social care system performing? : quarterly monitoring report January 2014.**

#### **How is the NHS performing?**

London : The King's Fund, 2014

*Web publication*

The King's Fund published its first Quarterly monitoring report in April 2011 as part of its work to track, analyse and comment on the changes and challenges the health and social care system is facing. This is the 10th report and aims to take stock of what has happened over the past quarter and assess the state of the health and social care system more than halfway through the ££20 billion Nicholson Challenge. It provides an update on how the NHS is coping as it continues to grapple with this productivity challenge under continued financial pressure and gauges early views about the potential impact of the Better Care Fund (formerly the Integration Transformation Fund).

[http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/field/field\\_publication\\_file/quarterly-monitoring-report-january-2014.pdf](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/field/field_publication_file/quarterly-monitoring-report-january-2014.pdf)

Previous editions:

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/quarterly-monitoring-report>

Ham, Chris

The King's Fund

### **Reforming the NHS from within : beyond hierarchy, inspection and markets.**

London : The King's Fund, 2014

*Web publication*

This paper reviews the impact of three approaches to NHS reform in England since the late 1990s: targets and performance management, inspection and regulation, and competition and choice. It argues for a fundamental shift in how the NHS is reformed, learning from what has worked (and what has not) in England and elsewhere.

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/time-to-think-differently/publications/reforming-nhs-within>

ISBN: 9780102987461

Great Britain. National Audit Office

### **NHS waiting times for elective care in England.**

HC ; 964 (23 January 2014)

London : The Stationery Office, 2014

*Web publication*

The National Audit Office has highlighted the increasing challenge to the NHS of sustaining the 18-week waiting time standard for elective care and the importance for trusts of having reliable performance information and shared good practice. This report to Parliament concludes that value for money is being undermined by the problems with the completeness, consistency and accuracy of patient waiting time data; and by inconsistencies in the way that patient referrals to hospitals are managed.

<http://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/NHS-waiting-times-for-elective-care-in-England.pdf>

Associated documentation <http://www.nao.org.uk/report/nhs-waiting-times-elective-care-england/>

ISBN: 9780215068101

Hodge, Margaret, Chair

Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons. Committee of Public Accounts

### **Public expenditure on health and social care : seventh report of session 2013-14 : report, together with formal minutes relating to the report.**

House of Commons papers. Session 2013-2014 ; HC 793

London : Stationery Office, 2014

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmhealth/793/793.pdf>

Cumberlege, Julia, Baroness Cumberlege Chair  
All-Party Parliamentary Health Group

**A guided tour of the new NHS.**

London : APHG, 2013

*HIBG (Bar)*

This collection of essays contains contributions from many senior figures in the health service discussing how the new NHS is operating and the remaining challenges facing the new systems and structures. The essay collection will provide an introductory guide to the new bodies and structures in the words of the people leading them.

[http://www.healthinparliament.org.uk/sites/site\\_aphg/files/report/599/fieldreportdownload/aphg-aguidedtourofthenewnhswebsite.pdf](http://www.healthinparliament.org.uk/sites/site_aphg/files/report/599/fieldreportdownload/aphg-aguidedtourofthenewnhswebsite.pdf)

ISBN: 9780102987270

Care Quality Commission

**The state of health care and adult social care in England in 2012/13.**

HC ; 838

London : Stationery Office, 2013

*QAD (Car)*

This year's State of Care report looks at the pressures on accident and emergency (A&E) services due to an increase of admissions for 'avoidable' conditions. The report also brings together the findings of more than 35,000 inspections regarding the quality of health and social care services in 2012/13.

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/documents/cqc\\_soc\\_report\\_2013\\_lores2.pdf](http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/documents/cqc_soc_report_2013_lores2.pdf)

Associated documentation:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/public/news/state-care-report-shows-%E2%80%98avoidable%E2%80%99-emergency-admissions-are-increasing>

ISBN: 9781780743288

Davis, Jacky and Tallis, Raymond, Editors

**NHS SOS : how the NHS was betrayed - and how we can save it.**

London : OneWorld, 2013

*HIBG (Dav)*

ISBN: 9781909037427

Wood, Claudia Editor

Demos

**Health in austerity.**

Collection ; 36

London : Demos, 2013

*Web publication*

This collection brings together a series of papers on the impact of austerity on health policy. It takes a holistic approach - considering the NHS and inequalities of public health, questions of structures and behaviours, and regional and historical trends.

[http://www.demos.co.uk/files/DEMOS\\_Health\\_in\\_Austerity\\_-\\_web.pdf?1379898927](http://www.demos.co.uk/files/DEMOS_Health_in_Austerity_-_web.pdf?1379898927)

ISBN: 9781909029149

Naylor, Chris, et al.

The King's Fund and Nuffield Trust

**Clinical commissioning groups : supporting improvement in general practice?**

London : The King's Fund, 2013

*HOHCC (Kin)*

The King's Fund and the Nuffield Trust are working together to assess the implementation and impact of clinical commissioning groups. Between 2012 and 2015, we are following the evolution of clinical commissioning in six case-study sites and will publish the findings annually. This first report is based on fieldwork conducted before CCGs had become fully authorised. It provides an overview of developments through to March 2013, plus an assessment of the opportunities and challenges ahead.

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/clinical-commissioning-groups>

ISBN: 9781907236280  
Park, Alison, et al., editors  
National Centre for Social Research  
**British social attitudes 30.**  
London : Sage, 2013

*Web publication*

The chapter on Health is written by John Appleby, Chief Economist at The King's Fund, and Caireen Roberts, a Senior Researcher at NatCen Social Research.

Full report: [http://www.bsa-30.natcen.ac.uk/media/37580/bsa30\\_full\\_report.pdf](http://www.bsa-30.natcen.ac.uk/media/37580/bsa30_full_report.pdf)

Chapter on Health: <http://www.bsa-30.natcen.ac.uk/download.zip?ids=2347>

Report by chapter: <http://bsa-29.natcen.ac.uk/downloads.aspx>

NHS Confederation

**Tough times, tough choices : being open and honest about NHS finance.**

London : NHS Confederation, 2013

*Web publication*

The NHS faces an unprecedented financial dilemma: the supply of funding is struggling to match the growing rate of demand for healthcare. We have so far avoided the conversation needed with the public about how the NHS should confront these pressures. This report addresses this 'missing dialogue' by being open and honest about NHS finances and the tough choices ahead. This report sets out options, not solutions. These choices are not pain-free and some may prove too difficult to swallow. The public will be better placed to understand and engage in a national debate if we are open about what happens, where, and why. In this report four tough choices are identified: do nothing; spend more; do more for less; and do things differently

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/Documents/Tough-times-open-honest-report.pdf>

Associated documentation:

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/reports/Pages/Tough-times-open-honest-finance-report.aspx>

ISBN: 9781905030637  
Timmins, Nicholas, Editor  
Nuffield Trust

**Changing of the guard : lessons for the new NHS from departing health leaders.**

Viewpoint ; 3 (March 2013)

London : Nuffield Trust, 2013

*Web publication*

This publication gathers together reflections from 12 former or soon-to-depart hospital, primary care trust (PCT) and strategic health authority (SHA) chief executives, as well as health regulators. It offers insights into the challenges they faced during the last decade or more in the NHS. It also provides insight and commentary on the complexity of health management and the size of the task that these leaders were dealing with - both through the unprecedented funding increases of the Blair and Brown years, and the current period of austerity.

[http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/130328\\_changing\\_of\\_the\\_guard-final.pdf](http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/130328_changing_of_the_guard-final.pdf)

Associated documentation:

<http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/publications/changing-of-the-guard>

Timmins, Nicholas Editor  
Nuffield Trust

**The wisdom of the crowd : 65 views of the NHS at 65.**

Viewpoint.

London : Nuffield Trust, 2013

*Web publication*

This publication contains interviews and essays with 65 health and political leaders, consisting of current and former health secretaries and ministers, senior civil servants, clinicians, managers, academics, patient representatives, journalists and other key individuals.

[http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/130704\\_wisdom\\_of\\_the\\_crowd.pdf](http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/130704_wisdom_of_the_crowd.pdf)

Associated documentation: <http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/publications/nhs-65>

ISBN: 9781905030613

Jones, Nick M. and Charlesworth, Anita  
Nuffield Trust

**The anatomy of health spending 2011/12 : a review of NHS expenditure and labour productivity.**

London : Nuffield Trust, 2013

*Web publication*

This report examines patterns of spending and labour productivity, drawing on the accounts data of SHAs, hospital and mental health trusts, and commissioning organisations going back to 2003/04. It finds that the proportion of trusts in deficit has risen over the past four years; that there has been little improvement in hospital productivity over recent years; and that competition appears to have a small but significant negative effect on labour productivity.

[http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/130305\\_anatomy-health-spending.pdf](http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/130305_anatomy-health-spending.pdf)

Nuffield Trust and The Health Foundation

**Is the quality of care in England getting better? : QualityWatch annual statement 2013.**

London : Nuffield Trust, The Health Foundation, 2013

*Web publication*

The aims of the QualityWatch programme (developed in partnership by the Nuffield Trust and the Health Foundation) are to: provide an authoritative and independent analysis on the quality of health and social care over time, while at the same time augmenting and informing other statutory and non-statutory national initiatives; highlight where there are clear and compelling gaps between existing standards of care and what is possible, in order to prompt action to improve quality; and help develop the way quality of care is measured.

[http://www.qualitywatch.org.uk/sites/files/qualitywatch/field/field\\_document/131127\\_QualityWatch\\_Annual-Statement-2013\\_Report.pdf](http://www.qualitywatch.org.uk/sites/files/qualitywatch/field/field_document/131127_QualityWatch_Annual-Statement-2013_Report.pdf)

Summary:

[http://www.qualitywatch.org.uk/sites/files/qualitywatch/field/field\\_document/131010\\_QualityWatch\\_Annual-Statement-2013\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.qualitywatch.org.uk/sites/files/qualitywatch/field/field_document/131010_QualityWatch_Annual-Statement-2013_Summary.pdf)

QualityWatch website <http://www.qualitywatch.org.uk/>

ISBN: 9780215061263

Dorrell, Stephen, Chair

Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons. Health Committee

**Urgent and emergency services : second report of session 2013-14.**

**Volume I : report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence.**

House of Commons papers. Session 2013-14 ; HC 171

London : Stationery Office, 2013

*Web publication*

This report examines the quality of provision of urgent and emergency services in hospitals, following the failure of emergency departments to meet national waiting time targets in early 2013.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmhealth/171/171.pdf>

Associated documentation:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/health-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/emergency-services-and-emergency-care/>

ISBN: 9780215055323

Hodge, Margaret, Chair

Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons. Committee of Public Accounts.

**Department of Health : progress in making NHS efficiency savings : thirty-ninth report of session 2012-13 : report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence.**

House of Commons papers ; HC 865 (13 March 2013)

London : Stationery Office, 2013

*Web publication*

This Public Accounts Committee report examines progress to date in making NHS efficiency savings, on the basis of evidence from the Department of Health.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmpubacc/865/865.pdf>

Associated documentation:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/public-accounts-committee/news/nhs-efficiency-savings-report/>

Picker Institute Europe. NHS Staff Survey Co-ordination Centre

**Briefing note : issues highlighted by the 2012 NHS Staff Survey in England.**

Oxford : Picker Institute Europe, 2013

*Web publication*

This briefing note provides an overview of results from the tenth annual national survey of NHS staff. The 2012 NHS staff survey involved 259 NHS organisations in England. 203,000 NHS staff were invited to participate using a self-completion postal questionnaire survey method. We received responses from 101,169 NHS staff, a response rate of 50 per cent (54 per cent in 2011). All full-time and part-time staff who were directly employed by an NHS organisation on September 1st 2012 were eligible. Fieldwork for the survey was carried out between late September and early December 2012.

[http://www.nhsstaffsurveys.com/Caches/Files/NHS%20staff%20survey%202012\\_nationalbriefing\\_final.pdf](http://www.nhsstaffsurveys.com/Caches/Files/NHS%20staff%20survey%202012_nationalbriefing_final.pdf)

Associated documentation:

<http://www.nhsstaffsurveys.com/Page/1006/Latest-Results/2012-Results/>

Royal College of Physicians

**Hospital workforce : fit for the future?**

London : Royal College of Physicians, 2013

*Web publication*

This report brings together findings from the medical registrar report and the 2011 RCP consultant census and looks at the key challenges that are facing the medical workforce. It concludes that there needs to be a rethink of the skills in which doctors are trained, in order to better meet patients' needs; while the role of the medical registrar and the esteem in which it is held must be reassessed and better valued.

<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/sites/default/files/hospital-workforce-fit-for-the-future.pdf>

Executive summary:

<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/sites/default/files/future-medical-registrar-exec-summary.pdf>

Cawston, Thomas, et al.

Reform

**Flat-lining : lack of progress on NHS reform.**

Reform Ideas ; 6 (June 2013)

[London] : Reform, 2013

*Web publication*

This report collects available evidence on the progress of NHS reform in this Parliament. It highlights concerns on the increase in A&E visits and emergency admissions, the rise in A&E waiting times, and an increase in hospital occupancy rates.

[http://reform.co.uk/resources/0000/0813/Flat\\_lining.pdf](http://reform.co.uk/resources/0000/0813/Flat_lining.pdf)

ISBN: 9780571303649

Taylor, Roger

**God bless the NHS : the truth behind the current crisis.**

London : Faber & Faber, 2013

*HIBG (Tay)*

ISBN: 9780215049704

Hodge, Margaret, chair

Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons. Committee of Public Accounts

**Department of Health : securing the future financial sustainability of the NHS : sixteenth report of session 2012–13.**

House of Commons papers. Session 2012-2013 ; HC 389

London : Stationery Office, 2012

*Web publication*

This report, on the basis of evidence from Department of Health and Monitor, examines the financial sustainability of the NHS.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmpubacc/389/389.pdf>

ISBN: 9781909029026

Gregory, Sarah, et al., editors

The King's Fund

**Health policy under the coalition government : a mid-term assessment.**

London : The King's Fund, 2012

*HIB (Kin)*

Written halfway through the 2010–2014 parliament, this review considers how the NHS is performing under the coalition government, following on from The King's Fund's major review of NHS performance from 1997 to 2010. It examines the policies introduced by the coalition government, assesses how far these will address current and emerging performance issues, and identifies further action needed.

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/health-policy-under-coalition-government>

ISBN: 9781909029033

Appleby, John

The King's Fund

**Spending on health and social care over the next 50 years : why think long term?**

London : The King's Fund, 2012

*HIBI (Kin)*

In the past 50 years, spending on the NHS in the United Kingdom has increased from 3.4 per cent to 8.2 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP). If the next 50 years follow the same trajectory, the United Kingdom could be spending nearly one-fifth of its entire GDP on the public provision of health and social care.

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/time-to-think-differently/publications/spending-health-and-social-care-over-next-50-years>

ISBN: 9781909029002

Ham, Chris, et al.

The King's Fund

**Transforming the delivery of health and social care : the case for fundamental change.**

London : The King's Fund, 2012

*HIBG (Kin)*

The UK has the second highest rate of mortality amenable to health care among 16 high-income countries, and evidence shows that variations in health outcomes between social groups are widening. This paper (the first in a series on the future of health and social care in England) explores how the current health and social care delivery system has failed to keep pace with the population's needs and expectations. It argues that incremental changes to existing models of care will not be sufficient in addressing these challenges and that a much bolder approach is needed to bring about innovative models that are appropriate to the needs of the population and are high quality, sustainable and offer value for money.

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/transforming-delivery-health-and-social-care>

Timmins, Nicholas

The King's Fund and Institute for Government

**Never again? : the story of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.**

London : Institute for Government, 2012

*HIBG (Tim)*

'Never Again?' tells the story of how and why the Health and Social Care Act 2012 - by far the most controversial piece of NHS legislation in more than two decades - became law.

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/never-again>

NHS Confederation

**Papering over the cracks : the impact of social care funding on the NHS.**

Briefing ; 248 (September 2012)

London : NHS Confederation, 2012

*Web publication*

This Briefing outlines the current demographic and financial realities of social care and how these impact upon the NHS. It shows the additional pressure that will be put upon the health and care system in the coming years; and it sets out the NHS Confederation's recommendations for a lasting solution for the funding of social care and a redoubling of efforts to integrate care.

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/Documents/papering-over-cracks.pdf>

Buchan, James and Seccombe, Ian  
Royal College of Nursing and Queen Margaret University  
**Overstretched, under-resourced : the UK nursing labour market review 2012.**  
RCN Labour Market Review  
London : RCN, 2012

*Web publication*

This report is the 2012 annual review of the UK nursing labour market commissioned by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN). In the twelve months since the last Labour Market Review (LMR) was published, the post-recession impact on the NHS workforce has become clearer, and for the first time since the annual LMR began publication in 2001 we report on an actual decline in NHS nurse staffing numbers across the four UK countries. Moreover, associated indicators suggest that the decline is likely to become a deepening trend unless remedial policy action is initiated.

[http://www.rcn.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0016/482200/004332.pdf](http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/482200/004332.pdf)

Previous labour market reviews:

[http://www.rcn.org.uk/support/the\\_working\\_environment/employment\\_relations\\_publications](http://www.rcn.org.uk/support/the_working_environment/employment_relations_publications)

Bojke, Chris, et al.  
University of York. Centre for Health Economics  
**Productivity of the English National Health Service 2003/4-2009/10.**

CHE Research paper ; 76

York : University of York, 2012

*HIBG (Uni)*

We estimate output, input and productivity growth for the English NHS for the period 2003/4 to 2009/10 using the most detailed and comprehensive information at our disposal.

[http://www.york.ac.uk/media/che/documents/papers/researchpapers/CHERP76\\_Productivity\\_of\\_the\\_English\\_NHS.pdf](http://www.york.ac.uk/media/che/documents/papers/researchpapers/CHERP76_Productivity_of_the_English_NHS.pdf)

ISBN: 9780199639953

Crisp, Nigel

**24 hours to save the NHS : the chief executive's account of reform 2000-2006.**

Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2011

*HIBG:HAB (Cri)*

ISBN: 9781857176117

Goodwin, Nick, et al.

**Improving the quality of care in general practice : report of an independent inquiry commissioned by The King's Fund.**

**An Inquiry into the Quality of General Practice in England.**

London : King's Fund, 2011

*HMP:HB (Kin)*

Final report <http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/improving-quality-care-general-practice>

Key findings for GPs:

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/Quality-general-practice-Key-findings-GPs-independent%20inquiry-The-Kings-Fund-March-2011.pdf>

ISBN: 9781857176261

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The King's Fund

**Understanding New Labour's market reforms of the English NHS.**

London : The King's Fund, 2011

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Book by chapter:

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/understanding-new-labours-market-reforms-english-nhs>

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Player, Stewart and Leys, Colin

**The plot against the NHS.**

Pontypool : Merlin Press, 2011

*HIBG (Pla)*

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Storey, John, et al.

**Governing the new NHS : issues and tensions in health service management**

Abingdon : Routledge, 2011

*HIBG:HAB (Sto)*

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Warner, Norman

**A suitable case for treatment :the NHS and reform.**

Guildford : Grosvenor House, 2011

*HIBG (War)*

ISBN: 9781846194092

Klein, Rudolf

**The new politics of the NHS : from creation to reinvention.**

Oxford : Radcliffe, 2010

*HIBG (Kle)*

ISBN: 9780335229031

Gauld, Robin

**The new health policy.**

State of Health series

Maidenhead : Open University Press, 2009

*HIB (Gau)*

ISBN: 9780230507579

Ham, Chris

**Health policy in Britain.** 6th edition

Basingstoke : Macmillan, 2009

*HIBG (Ham)*

## WEB RESOURCES

Here are just a few of the sites providing information on different aspects of the NHS.

### The Dalton review

Sir David Dalton, Chief Executive of Salford Royal, has been appointed to lead a review into how to secure the clinical and financial sustainability of providers of NHS care through offering new options for organisational forms. The work aims to report by October 2014.

<http://www.srft.nhs.uk/dalton-review/>

### Department of Health

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

- **Health and Social Care Act fact sheets**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-social-care-act-2012-fact-sheets>

### British Medical Association (BMA)

<http://www.bma.org.uk>

- **The changing NHS**

<http://bma.org.uk/working-for-change/the-changing-nhs>

### Care Quality Commission

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/>

### The Health & Social Care Information Centre

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/>

- **Statistics & data collections**

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections>

- **Fast facts for journalists**

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/article/4809/Fast-facts-for-journalists>

### Health Education England

<http://hee.nhs.uk/>

### The Health Foundation

<http://www.health.org.uk/>

### Healthwatch England

<http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/>

### History of healthcare

Socialist Health Association

<http://www.sochealth.co.uk/healthcare-generally/history-of-healthcare/>

**ICSA (Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators) - NHS portfolio**

<http://www.icsa.org.uk/nhs>

**The King's Fund**

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/>

**Monitor**

<http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/>

**National Audit Office : health & social care pages**

<http://www.nao.org.uk/search/type/report/sector/health-and-social-care>

**NHS England**

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/>

**NHS Confederation**

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/>

**NHS History - Geoffrey Rivett**

<http://www.nhshistory.net/>

**NHS Improving Quality**

<http://www.nhsiq.nhs.uk/>

**The NHS in England : NHS Choices**

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/about/Pages/overview.aspx>

**NICE - National Institute for Health & Care Excellence**

<http://www.nice.org.uk/>

**Nuffield Trust**

<http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>

- **NHS in numbers: in detail**

<http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/nhs-numbers-detail>

**Public Health England**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>