



Your need-to-know mental health and social care issues

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## News

### **Title:** NHS Evidence – Innovation and Improvement

**Summary:** The aim of the website is to provide timely and efficient access to high quality information resources for those involved in the innovation and improvement of health and social care services. Content will cover both theory and practice and will include best available evidence, tools and techniques, measurement, case-studies and policy on all aspects of innovation and improvement.

**Date:** 7 May 2009

**Location:** <http://www.library.nhs.uk/improvement/>

### **Title:** Eliminating Mixed Sex Accommodation

**Author:** Chief Nursing Officer and Director General NHS Finance, Performance and Operations

**Published:** Department of Health

**Summary:** Updates on the progress of the delivery of same-sex accommodation and confirms further action required in the coming months - for completion by 30th June 2009.

**Date:** 7 May 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Professionalletters/Chiefnursingofficerletters/DH\\_098894?IdcService=GET\\_FILE&dID=192724&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Professionalletters/Chiefnursingofficerletters/DH_098894?IdcService=GET_FILE&dID=192724&Rendition=Web)

**Note:** Professional Letter PL/CNO/2009/2

### **Title:** People with Dementia will benefit from Major Investment in Health Care Environments

**Published:** King's Fund

**Summary:** Minister for Care Services, Phil Hope MP, has announced that nurse-led teams in 10 NHS trusts in England that provide mental health and learning disabilities services in hospitals to people with dementia will each receive £30,000 from the Department of Health. The trusts will be asked to commit another £10,000 to their projects, which will aim to improve the physical areas in hospitals that people with dementia regularly use

**Date:** 30 April 2009

**Location:** [http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/press/people\\_with\\_dementia.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/what_we_do/press/people_with_dementia.html)



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## **Title:** Voices that Help Improve Care

**Summary:** Ambulance crews in the East of England are being coached by a schizophrenia sufferer in order to help them offer better treatment to people with mental health issues

**Date:** 20 April 2009

**Location:** <http://www.hc2d.co.uk/content.php?contentId=11052>

## Reports

### **Title:** Childhood Mental Health and Life Chances in Post-war Britain: Insights from Three Birth Cohort Studies

**Author:** Marcus Richards and Rosemary Abbott et al

**Summary:** This report examines the long-term consequences of childhood and adolescent mental health problems, not just for adult mental health but for a wide range of economic and social outcomes. It used three national birth cohorts that have been tracking large representative samples of people born in the UK in 1946, 1958 and 1970.

**Date:** 7 May 2009

**Location:** [http://www.scmh.org.uk/pdfs/life\\_chances\\_report.pdf](http://www.scmh.org.uk/pdfs/life_chances_report.pdf)

### **Title:** Necessity – Not Nicety: A New Commercial Operating Model for the NHS and Department of Health

**Publisher:** Department of Health

**Summary:** Sets out why commercial skills are now integral to the NHS at all levels and describes a new operating model for commercial capability. It outlines the benefits for key groups in the NHS and DH and sets out in summary the commercial model key roles.

**Date:** 7 May 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_098876?ldcService=GET\\_FILE&dID=192676&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098876?ldcService=GET_FILE&dID=192676&Rendition=Web)

### **Title:** Tackling Health Inequalities: 10 years on. A review of Developments in Tackling Health Inequalities in England over the last 10 years

**Publisher:** Department of Health

**Summary:** Reviews developments in health inequalities over the last 10 years across government - from the

publication of the Acheson report on health inequalities in November 1998 to the announcement of the post-2010 strategic review of health inequalities in November 2008

**Date:** 7 May 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_098936?ldcService=GET\\_FILE&dID=192834&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098936?ldcService=GET_FILE&dID=192834&Rendition=Web)

### **Title:** The Bradley Report: Lord Bradley's Review of People with Mental Health Problems or Learning Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System

**Author:** Rt Hon Lor Bradley

**Publisher:** Department of Health

**Summary:** Examines the extent to which offenders with mental health problems or learning disabilities could, in appropriate cases, be diverted from prison to other services and the barriers to such diversions. Makes recommendations to government including the organisation of effective liaison and diversion arrangements and the services needed to support them

**Date:** 30 April 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_098694?ldcService=GET\\_FILE&dID=192270&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098694?ldcService=GET_FILE&dID=192270&Rendition=Web)

## Policies and Guidance

### **Title:** Independent Mental Health Advocates: Supplementary Guidance on Access to Patient Records under Section 130B of the Mental Health Act 1983

**Author:** Department of Health

**Summary:** Provides guidance on issues arising in connection with independent mental health advocates (IMHAs) and access to information in patients' records which would not be disclosed directly to the patient.

**Date:** 5 May 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_098828?ldcService=GET\\_FILE&dID=192560&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098828?ldcService=GET_FILE&dID=192560&Rendition=Web)

## **Title:** Creating an Innovative Culture

**Author:** Andy King

**Publisher:** Department of Health

**Summary:** High Quality Care for All created a legal duty to promote innovation. This is intended to support SHAs to fulfil that duty, it explains the purpose of the duty and what it means for patients, public and staff.

**Date:** 27 April 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_098540?lDCService=GET\\_FILE&dID=191999&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098540?lDCService=GET_FILE&dID=191999&Rendition=Web)

## **Title:** NHS Performance Framework: Implementation Guidance

**Publisher:** Department of Health

**Summary:** Guidance to support the application of the NHS Performance Framework. It informs NHS organisations of the criteria against which their performance will be assessed.

**Date:** 24 April 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_098525?lDCService=GET\\_FILE&dID=191961&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098525?lDCService=GET_FILE&dID=191961&Rendition=Web)

## **Title:** SCIE Guide 29. Changing Social Care: An Inclusive Approach

**Author:** Joanne Lenham

**Publisher:** Social Care Institute for Excellence

**Summary:** Our Health, Our Care, Our Say outlined changes to adult social care, putting service users at the centre of their care, this move was then confirmed in Putting People First. This review looks at how social care can successfully change in order to achieve this and provides case studies and examples.

**Date:** 29 April 2009

**Location:** <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/guides/guide29/files/guide29.pdf>

## Consultations

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### **Title:** A Better Future – A Consultation on a Future Strategy for Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions

**Author:** Social Care. Local Government and Care Partnerships Directorate, DH

**Summary:** This consultation seeks views about the focus and priorities to be contained in the forthcoming government strategy for autism. The consultation identifies five key themes – social inclusion, health, choice and control, awareness raising and training and access to training and employment. The consultation will run from 29 April 2009 to 15 September 2009.

**Date:** 29 April 2009

**Location:** [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH\\_098587?lDCService=GET\\_FILE&dID=192125&Rendition=Web](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_098587?lDCService=GET_FILE&dID=192125&Rendition=Web)

## Statistics

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### **Title:** Mental Health Minimum Dataset (MHMDS) Experimental Statistics 03-08

**Publisher:** NHS Information Centre

**Summary:** The NHS Information Centre has released for the first time statistics based on MHMDS data. The design of the analysis is new and there are some issues with data coverage and quality so they have been released as experimental. This site aims to answer: the number of people using NHS mental health services; the number of people detained in hospital; the number of people on the Care Programme Approach (CPA); information about how long people spend in hospital; information about the number of beds, patient admissions and discharges; number of contacts with different professional staff groups; information about types of clinical teams coordinating patient care.

**Date:** April 2009

**Location:** <http://www.mhmdsonline.ic.nhs.uk/>

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