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## Featured

### Adults urged to 'grab a jab' at walk-in NHS COVID-19 vaccination sites this weekend

Hundreds of [walk-in vaccination sites will open this weekend](#) where anyone aged 18 or over can get a COVID-19 jab without needing to book in advance.

The sites, which the NHS will publicise locally, include football stadiums, theatres, supermarket car parks and shopping centres.



NHS Chief Executive Sir Simon Stevens said: "With more than 63 million jabs already delivered by the NHS in England, we're now in a race to the finish line. It's now easier than ever to get your life-saving jab, and the more of us who are vaccinated the safer and freer we all will be. So this weekend why not join millions of others and 'GrabAJab' to take advantage of this life-saving protection".

Adults can also book a vaccination appointment on the [NHS website](#). If you cannot book online, call 119 free of charge, any time between 7am and 11pm, seven days a week. The second dose of the vaccine helps to provide maximum protection, so it's important to book both appointments



Chief Midwifery Officer Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent shared [a video](#) on the importance of pregnant and breastfeeding women getting the vaccine, and she joined an expert panel to [help answer questions about this](#).

Football legends Harry Redknapp, Chris Kamara, Jules Breach, Eni Aluko and Carlton Cole are backing the NHS vaccination programme as [the best defence of the season](#).

## Latest news

### **NHS sets up specialist young people's services in £100 million long COVID care expansion**

We are setting up [specialist long COVID services for children and young people](#) as part of a £100 million expansion of care for those suffering from the condition.

Fifteen new paediatric hubs will bring together experts to treat young people, advise family doctors or others caring for them, or refer them to other specialist services. GPs will also receive £30 million to improve diagnosis and care for people with long COVID.

### **Young people's mental health services to benefit from funding boost**

Mental health services will receive an extra [£40 million to help deal with the impact COVID-19 has had on children and young people's mental health](#). This will be used to enhance services across the country and address the increased demand for eating disorder treatments.

£10 million will fund extra beds at units which provide care for young people with the most complex needs. The funding will also ensure that alternatives to admission are in place.

### **Thousands of lives to be saved by health checks at NHS vaccination services**

The NHS will make 'every contact count' by [offering patients health checks](#) at times when they already have other appointments. A range of targeted tests including blood pressure, heart-rhythm and cholesterol checks will be offered to people when they drop in for top-up COVID-19 jabs or flu vaccinations this autumn.



### **Working together to improve health and social care for all**

At the heart of integrated care is the aim that people can live healthier lives and get the care and treatment they need, in the right place, at the right time.

The [Integrated care systems design framework](#) sets out how public health, social care and health services will work together to transform care for patients and tackle health inequalities.

### **Improving care for people with a learning disability and autistic people**

The [NHS Long Term Plan](#) committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people with a learning disability and autistic people. This included accelerating the work of the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review programme (LeDeR).

This [annual report from the University of Bristol](#) and our [Action from learning report](#) show how the NHS is addressing the findings from LeDeR reviews, improving care and preventing premature mortality. This includes:

- three-quarters of people with a learning disability having an [annual health check](#) two years ahead of target
- encouraging [secondary care to pilot new ways of working](#) to improve health and access to care for people with a learning disability
- appointing [former children's commissioner Anne Longfield](#) to help transform the care of children and young people with a learning disability and autism.

Easy read versions of the reports and [easy read examples of good practice](#) are also available.

## **NHS to invest £52 million to fast track online maternity records**

We will be investing [£52 million to fast track our NHS Long Term Plan commitment](#) to ensure that all women have access to their maternity notes and information through a smart phone or other device by 2023/24.

Ruth May, Chief Nursing Officer, said this will enable women “to take full control of their pregnancy journey by having all the information and decisions about their care at their fingertips”.

## **NHS pelvic health clinics to help tens of thousands of women across the country**

The NHS is setting up [new clinics](#) where pregnant women and new mums will receive support to prevent and treat incontinence and other pelvic floor issues.

The clinics, which bring together midwives, specialist doctors and specialist physiotherapists, will be initially available in 14 areas with up to 175,000 women set to benefit every year.

## **Patients with Type 1 diabetes to get ‘artificial pancreas’ on the NHS**

An [‘artificial pancreas’ designed to revolutionise the life of people with Type 1 diabetes](#) will be provided by the NHS.

Up to 1,000 patients will benefit from a pilot of the innovative ‘closed loop technology’, which continually monitors blood glucose and automatically adjusts the amount of insulin given through a pump. It can eliminate finger prick tests and prevent life-threatening hypoglycaemic attacks.

## **The NHS and St John Ambulance build ‘CPR Army’**

We have launched a programme, with the charity St John Ambulance, to [encourage everyone to learn CPR and how to use defibrillators](#).

The charity recently trained 27,000 vaccination volunteers in these life-saving skills and aims to train an army of 60,000 people as part of this programme.

This follows international footballer Christian Eriksen being saved by quick thinking medics during a Euro 2020 football match.

## Marking Volunteers' Week



Earlier this month we celebrated Volunteers' Week, recognising the incredible contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering.

More than 436,000 people from the [NHS Volunteer Responders programme](#) have so far carried out almost [2 million tasks](#) for those who needed to stay at home during the pandemic, while thousands have given up their time to help the NHS deliver the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

In [this video](#), NHS Chief Executive Sir Simon Stevens thanks NHS volunteers for their invaluable work.

In his [blog](#), Sam Moody, a student nurse and St John Ambulance volunteer, encourages “anyone thinking of volunteering to just go and do it – you won’t regret it!”



## Improving communications with patients waiting for care

[This guidance will help hospital staff](#) deliver personalised, patient-centred communications. It will help ensure patients waiting for care receive concise, clear and timely information.

## Get involved Raise a mug for the NHS Big Tea

The [#NHSBigTea](#), hosted by [NHS Charities Together](#), is an opportunity to come together and thank NHS staff and our communities for the incredible role they have played over the last year. At **3pm on the NHS's birthday (Monday 5 July)** we encourage you to take a moment to reflect and raise a mug in collective thanks.

You can [register online](#) and access resources to help you plan your tea party, virtually or in person.



## Take part in our patient and public voice partners and chairs surveys

If you are a patient and public voice (PPV) partner or chair, please share your views and experiences by taking part in our surveys:

- [PPV partners survey](#)
- [PPV chairs survey](#)

Your feedback will help us to make positive changes. In previous years we have used your responses to improve the training and support we offer to PPV partners and chairs. Your voice matters and it makes a real difference to the way we deliver services.

The deadline for responses is **Monday 12 July**.

## Use your voice to shape NHS services

We are [developing with allied health professionals \(AHPs\) a strategy](#) to shape how they deliver health and social care services for the next five years. This is being co-created with citizens, the AHP community and other health professionals.

Have your say by registering with [AHPsListen.org](#) and joining the conversation between **Monday 5 and Sunday 25 July**.

No matter where you live, how old you are, or how often you use NHS services, we want to hear from you. It's anonymous so your name won't be associated with anything you share.

## News from our partners

### Shared decision-making underpins good healthcare

[Shared decision-making](#) (SDM) is a collaborative process that involves a person and their healthcare professional working together to reach a joint decision about treatment and care.

SDM should be part of everyday practice across all healthcare settings, [new National Institute for Health and Care Excellence recommendations](#) advise.

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