# **KNOWLEDGE SERVICES**

#### NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the April 2024 Knowledge Services Newsletter

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter.

As a reminder our services are listed on this page, and we can be contacted by telephone on 01384 816173 or email at: knowledgeservices@dudley.gov.uk

# So, what's in this edition of the Newsletter?

Health Foundation Report – Health Inequalities in 2040

Other recent reports and papers you may have missed

'How to Find, Organise and Present Public Health Information using AI: A Beginners Guide' – a forthcoming Lunch & Learn session

Knowledge Services – the statistics: an infographic of our year!

Looking for evidence - some of our recent searches

Finally, a reminder of how to get in touch with us.



#### *Our services include:*

- Evidence searching
- · Article requests
- Training: group sessions or 1:1
- · Health News Digest
- · Journal clubs
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## Health Foundation Report - Health Inequalities in 2040

This report explores how patterns of diagnosed ill health vary by socioeconomic deprivation in England and projects these patterns to 2040.

Key Findings

- On current trends, inequalities in health will persist over the next two decades: people in the 10% most deprived areas can expect to be diagnosed with major illness a decade earlier than people in the 10% least deprived areas.
- A small group of long-term conditions contribute to most of the observed health inequalities, out of which chronic pain, type 2 diabetes and anxiety and depression are projected to increase at a faster rate in the 10% most deprived areas by 2040.
- These conditions are typically managed in primary care, underlining the need to invest in general practice, particularly in the most deprived areas, and community-based services and focus on prevention and early intervention.
- Inequalities in working-age ill-health is also projected to persist. 80% of the increase in the number of working-age people living with major illness between 2019 and 2040 (from 3 million to 3.7 million) will be concentrated in more deprived areas (deciles 1–5).
- Action focused on risk factors linked to major illness is essential but insufficient on its own to tackle health inequalities. Making progress on inequalities in major illness will also require long-term effort across government and the economy to address the underlying causes of health inequality, such as poor housing, low income and insecure employment.

Read the report: <u>https://www.health.org.uk/publications/health-inequalities-in-2040</u>

## Other recent reports and papers you may have missed

#### Local Government Association, The case for home-based intermediate care, April 2024

Getting people home from hospital or helping them maintain their independence in their own home for longer are long-held policy goals; they also underpin the Better Care Fund policy and support programme, as well as the Local Government Association's integration vision.

https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/case-home-based-intermediate-care

Local Government Association, Top tips and key actions for successful collaborative partnership working across mental health services, April 2024

These top tips, and key actions, have been co-developed to support effective collaborative partnership working in the planning and delivery of community mental health services. They recognise that every heath and care system will experience challenges in relation to partnership working given the statutory and cultural differences of organisations working across the mental health pathways and that there will be different arrangements to frame local partnership working, including for example a Section 75 agreement.

https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/top-tips-and-key-actions-successfulcollaborative-partnership-working-across-mental

Local Government Association, Towards a healthy weight: Local government action to improve children's health, April 2024

Local councils across the country are embracing a variety of innovative strategies to promote children's healthy weight. These case studies offer valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with promoting children's healthy weight at the local level.

https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/towards-healthy-weight-local-governmentaction-improve-childrens-health

Nuffield Trust, Fractured and forgotten? The social care provider market in England, April 2024

*Covid-19 has highlighted many issues in the social care system in the last year, but providers of these vital services are still often ignored. This report highlights the systemic problems with the way the provider market for social care operates in England.* 

https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/research/fractured-and-forgotten-the-social-careprovider-market-in-

england?gad\_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI1YasxfjLhQMVRpJQBh2VvAbDEAAYASA AEgL3W\_D\_BwE

#### Nuffield Trust, The future for health after Brexit, April 2024

Our Health and International Relations Monitor project, supported by the Health Foundation, tracks issues that are important for the delivery of health and care in the UK to understand how our changing relationship with Europe is changing the picture for the NHS and health more generally, and what the prospects are for the future. This latest report shows that global medicine shortages are being felt particularly acutely in the UK, and the country's reliance on migration as a source of health and social care staff is intensifying.

https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/research/the-future-for-health-after-brexit

Nuffield Trust, Preventing people with a learning disability from dying too young, March 2024

Around 1.3 million people in England have a learning disability and may need more support to stay in good health. But are they able to get access to the services they are entitled to in order to prevent illness? Our new report looks at a set of five key preventive health care services and functions to understand whether they are working as they should for people with a learning disability.

https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/research/preventing-people-with-a-learning-disabilityfrom-dying-too-young

Nuffield Trust, Understanding differences in infant mortality rates across local areas, February 2024

Improvements in infant mortality rates in England have stalled since 2014, but our understanding of what's driving these trends and the part environmental factors might play remains limited. The health of children is determined by more than health care – so understanding the broader determinants of infant mortality is crucial to reducing it. This Nuffield Trust analysis applies a novel methodology to assess how local authority characteristics were associated with different rates of infant mortality in England in 2017.

https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/research/understanding-differences-in-infantmortality-rates-across-local-areas

#### King's Fund, What is happening to life expectancy in England? April 2024

*This article examines trends in life expectancy at birth up to 2022, the impact of Covid-19 on life expectancy, gender differences and inequalities in life expectancy, causes of the changing trends since 2011, and how life expectancy in the UK compares with other countries.* 

https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/whats-happening-lifeexpectancy-england King's Fund, Illustrating the relationship between poverty and NHS services, March 2024

Currently it is estimated that more than one in five people in the UK are living in poverty. Living in poverty has a profound impact on people's health and how they use NHS services. From greater prevalence of a wide range of diseases and difficulties in accessing health care, to later treatment and worse health outcomes, poverty affects every stage of the patient journey.

https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/relationship-povertynhs-services

How to Find, Organise and Present Public Health Information using AI: A Beginners Guide

Wednesday 22nd May, 13.00 via Teams.

Join Public Health's Intelligence and Knowledge Services at May's Teams Talk to find out more.

Do you feel that you should be using AI at work, (everyone else seems to be after all) but you are not sure where to start?

Join us as we explore some very practical ways you can use off the shelf AI tools to make your life easier and more productive with a focus on information work.

We will also briefly look at the ethical and legal issues of using AI.

No programming or technical knowledge necessary.

Click here to join the meeting

#### Knowledge Services - the statistics

Click the link below to see an infographic showing how we have performed over the last financial year.

https://www.allaboutdudley.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/04/Knowledge-Services\_the-stats\_23-24.pdf

## Looking for Evidence?



Looking for evidence to help inform a decision, or want to find best practice before implementing a new service? An evidence search is a thorough and organised way to find information on your topic. It can save you time and add valuable insight in the early stages of a project.

Knowledge Services can carry out an evidence search for you. To request a search please use our Search Request Form which can be found here:

https://www.allaboutdudley.info/home/knowledge-services/literaturesearch/

We have access to the NICE/NHS core databases, but can also carry out grey literature searches for reports, unpublished articles and ephemeral material.

Some examples of recent searches we have been asked to carry out are: **best practice about oral health work with Children in Care, best practice about oral heath work** with ethnic minority groups, loneliness or social isolation, and digital exclusion, understanding and perception of vaccine hesitancy and acceptance following the Andrew Wakefield MMR fraud, work stress interventions for organisations, frail older adults, linkages between child and adult obesity.

#### Just a reminder...

Just a reminder that if you need our services, our contact details and forms for requesting articles and evidence searches can be found on All About Dudley. <u>https://www.allaboutdudley.info/home/knowledge-services/about-us/</u>

You can also follow us on Twitter @ https://twitter.com/knowledgeservi1