



Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

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Update on the UK's economic position

House of Commons Library

[Economic update: short recession looming and concern over US climate policies](#)

The UK economy was stagnant at the end of 2022, with a short recession expected in 2023. Consumer confidence and business output are falling, but businesses have been more optimistic in January than in the previous eight months, partly due to easing cost pressures and falling energy prices.

Update on the strikes

London School of Economics blog

[Will the nurses strike mark a turning point for the NHS?](#)

Strike action by nurses in late 2022 looks set to continue in 2023, as the perennial policy debate over the future of the NHS reaches boiling point. This comes amidst increasing tensions around the realities of Britain's healthcare system and the safety of frontline care. *Tony Hockley* argues that putting the health workforce centre stage and dispelling the myths around NHS pay that prevent dialogue will be vital steps to bring the health service back from the brink.

Nuffield Trust

[Nursing strikes: facts and figures on UK nursing staff](#)

A summary of key facts and statistics to help understand the nursing strikes.

News

Department of Health and Social Care

[Up to £250 million to speed up hospital discharge](#)

The NHS will buy thousands of extra beds in care homes and other settings to help discharge more patients to free up hospital beds. See also a letter from **NHS England** regarding the announcement: [Discharge funding for step down care/£200 million fund](#)



Analysis / Guidelines / Policies / Reports

Centre for Health Economics

[The potential for payment reform to influence emergency admissions: the case of blended payment in the English NHS](#)

In this project, we have focused on the implications of payment reform of blended payment for emergency care. Building on the new theoretical model (Chalkley et al 2022) this paper is an empirical investigation of hospitals' propensities to admit patients who attend their Accident and Emergency Departments. It provides a basis for considering the potential impact of the blended payment reform on emergency admissions.

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development

[Operating in tough economic times](#)

Recession and economic downturns present challenges for both employers and employees. This information hub contains actions for people professionals to consider, with links to relevant CIPD resources to help you support your organisation, work with unions, limit redundancies, and look after your own wellbeing.

Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)

[Finance available to NHS trusts and foundation trusts](#)

How DHSC can provide loans, public dividend capital or guarantees of payment to foundation trusts and NHS trusts (Updated 20 January 2023: Routine update of DHSC policy on the financial support available to NHS providers)

NHS Providers

[Realising the benefits of provider collaboratives](#)

Trust leaders see significant opportunities in working collaboratively to benefit patients and service users. They know that no single organisation can tackle the systemic challenges facing the health and care sector alone and want to build on the success of collaboration during the COVID-19 response to deliver high quality, joined up and more efficient care for local communities.

Blogs / Opinion pieces

FM Magazine

[How finance professionals can be more inclusive in the workplace](#)

In addition to recruiting employees from diverse groups, ensure inclusivity by providing the same levels of respect and opportunity.



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