



# Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

## March 2023

### Centre for Health Economics

#### [Productivity of the English National Health Service: 2020/21 update](#)

NHS productivity compares growth in health care outputs and inputs: the more outputs produced with a given amount of inputs, the higher the productivity growth. This assumes that more health care – such as operations in hospitals – generates more health for society. However, this report finds that this assumption did not necessarily apply during the pandemic because hospitals were told to cancel as much non-emergency care as possible to free up acute beds and reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection. It also describes how, at the same time, the overall cost of the health care inputs – such as staff, beds and medicines – remained or even increased because the pandemic required the employment of extra staff where possible and also extra spending on new safety measures.

### Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development

#### [Putting people professionals on the road to net zero](#)

The transition to a net zero economy will become a defining trend of the coming three decades. This report provides a starting point for the people profession on its net zero journey.

### The Health Foundation

#### [Health care funding](#)

Three key questions about funding in England

#### [Public perceptions of the NHS: a winter of discontent](#)

The NHS is under extreme strain and debate about the future of the health system is growing louder. As political parties look ahead to the next general election, understanding what the public thinks should help inform thinking on NHS funding and reform. This long read examines public perceptions and expectations of the NHS. We present findings from the third wave of our programme of polling research with Ipsos that tracks the public's views on health and social care in the UK every 6 months.

### House of Lords Library

#### [UK-EU relationship in financial services](#)

In 2022, the House of Lords European Affairs Committee examined the relationship between the UK and EU in financial services. In its report, the committee said the UK's financial services sector remained strong and that some challenges presented by Brexit had proven to be less significant than predicted. However, it warned the government against complacency, saying that ministers must ensure their future approach delivered for the sector and the wider UK economy.



### **Institute of Development Studies**

#### [Pandemic preparedness for the real world: why we must invest in equitable, ethical and effective approaches to help prepare for the next pandemic](#)

This report warns the global health community to think beyond vaccines and lockdowns, proposing investment in a five point action framework for pandemic preparedness that responds to people's experiences, knowledge and needs. The proposed five areas for investment are: health professionals; diverse knowledge, expertise and perspectives; reform of health, social and other systems and structures to support resilience to disease crises; people's trust in politics; and ethics and social justice.

### **Localis**

#### [Moving through the gears: Where will local government finance be in 2030?](#)

This report contains a collection of essays covering perspectives on what the future could, should and might be for local government finance, featuring contributions from across the local government sector alongside leading practitioners and experts in the field. Subjects covered by the essays include financial sustainability, taxation, devolution and the net zero agenda.

### **NHS Confederation**

#### [How have provider collaborations been set up?](#)

Supporting provider collaborative and system leaders understand different governance models and what might be best for their emerging collaborative.

#### [The evolution of provider collaboration](#)

An in-depth look at the formation and development of provider collaboratives, identifying a range of benefits and where they need support.

### **NHS England**

#### [Carbon reduction plan requirements for the procurement of NHS goods, services and works](#)

In April 2023, the NHS will require all suppliers of new contracts for goods, services and/or works with an anticipated contract value above £5 million per year (excluding VAT) to publish a carbon reduction plan (CRP) for their emissions from the sources included in scope 1 and 2 of the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol, and a defined subset of scope 3 emissions, aligning with the government's procurement policy note (PPN) 06/21: [Taking account of CRPs in the procurement of major government contracts](#). This document outlines how this requirement will be applied in an NHS context and is intended to be used in conjunction with central government's guidance documents on PPN 06/21.



### [NHS Net Zero Building Standard](#)

The NHS Net Zero Building Standard provides technical guidance to support the development of sustainable, resilient and energy-efficient buildings that meet the needs of patients now and in the future. The standard will apply to all investments in new buildings and upgrades to existing facilities that are subject to the HM Treasury business case approval process and are at pre-strategic outline business case approval stage from 1 October 2023 onwards.

### **NHS Providers**

#### [No more sticking plasters: repairing and transforming the NHS Estate](#)

This report finds that the NHS's efforts to deliver national priorities including elective recovery and improvements in productivity are being put at risk because of a damaging lack of investment in buildings and facilities. It argues that major capital investment is crucial to enabling trusts to improve productivity, operational performance and patient care across all sectors.

## **Evidence Summaries**

### **NIHR**

#### [7 findings that could save the NHS money and improve care](#)

In this Collection, we build on our previous work in 2018 and 2020 to highlight 7 ways in which research could both save the NHS money, and provide better care. The studies we have included all featured as recent NIHR Evidence Alerts. The Collection provides useful information for those commissioning and delivering services, and for members of the public. We want to help the NHS make use of research to provide value for money and better care for patients.

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### **Online Resources**

**BMJ Best Practice** is a clinical decision support tool that provides step-by-step guidance on diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention of a wide variety of conditions:  
<https://bestpractice.bmj.com/oa-fed>

**ClinicalKey** is a database which supports healthcare professionals by providing access to the latest evidence across specialties: <https://www.clinicalkey.com/>