



# Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

## March 2022

### **News and Features**

#### **BMJ**

##### [The public finance cost of Covid-19](#)

On top of the human cost, the financial impact of the covid-19 pandemic has been huge. John Appleby looks at how much the pandemic response has cost, and what the money has been spent on.

### **Guidelines, Policies and Reports**

#### **Cabinet Office**

##### [The digital, data and technology playbook: Government guidance on sourcing and contracting for digital, data and technology projects and programmes](#)

#### **Centre for Health Economics**

##### [Productivity of the English National Health Service: 2019/20 update](#)

This report updates the time-series of National Health Service (NHS) productivity growth for the period 2018/19 to 2019/20. NHS productivity growth is measured by comparing the growth in outputs produced by the NHS with the growth in inputs used to produce them. NHS outputs include all the activities undertaken for NHS patients wherever they are treated in England. It also accounts for changes in the quality of care provided to those patients.

#### **Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

##### [Levelling Up the United Kingdom](#)

Levelling up is a moral, social and economic programme for the whole of government. The Levelling Up White Paper sets out how we will spread opportunity more equally across the UK.

#### **NHS Confederation**

##### [Governing the health and care system in England: creating the conditions for success](#)

Where will system leadership and partnership working fit into the new operating model, and will commitments to devolve decision-making be fulfilled?

##### [Integrated care communications toolkit](#)

This toolkit was developed to help communicate the changes taking place in the health and care system. Resources have been produced to help with explaining integrated systems to the public, elected members and officers of councils, and non-executive directors. The toolkit also includes a jargon buster and some FAQs.



## Library and Knowledge Services

### [The state of integrated care systems 2021/22](#)

This is the first annual report by the NHS Confederation's ICS Network to assess the progress of integrated care systems (ICSs). It is based on the views of system leaders, gathered through a national survey and interviews with a range of stakeholders. This report sets out areas where leaders feel they have progressed well and where improvements are needed.

### **Office for Budget Responsibility**

#### [Economic and fiscal outlook: March 2022](#)

This report sets out forecasts for the economy over a five-year horizon and outlines the impact of the economic outlook on the NHS and associated public services, particularly in relation to pressures on the health service.

### **Published research**

#### **Outsourcing services in the healthcare sector: balancing risks and benefits.**

*British Journal of Healthcare Management, 2022; 28(3): pp. 96-103.*

Available via [journal article request](#)

The outsourcing of services in the healthcare sector needs to be thoroughly investigated and comprehensively reviewed to determine the advantages, disadvantages and challenges for healthcare providers. This review explores outsourcing in the context of healthcare services, with the aim of helping managers to understand and facilitate service outsourcing effectively within their healthcare organisations by maintaining the balance between maximising benefits and minimising risks.

### **Library Services**

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We can provide training on how to search healthcare databases and resources as well as showing you how to appraise the information that you find:

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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/oafed>

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