



# Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

## February 2023

### Update on the UK's economic position

House of Commons Library

[GDP – International Comparisons: Key Economic Indicators](#)

### Guardian

[Britain the only G7 economy forecast to shrink in 2023](#)

IMF says UK economy is likely to contract 0.6% as rising interest rates and higher taxes take toll

### Update on the strikes

NHS Employers

[Confirmed industrial action strike days](#)

This page details the confirmed industrial action dates for health, transport and education staff in England.

BMA

[BMA announces dates for 72-hour walk out by Junior doctors in England, saying Health Secretary has left them, "with no choice."](#)

### Analysis / Guidelines / Policies / Reports

Healthcare Financial Management Association

[HFMA statement on the current NHS pressures](#)

The HFMA sets out its views on the current NHS pressures and what needs to happen now.

The Health Foundation

[What is the outlook for health funding?](#)

An analysis of the current outlook for health funding, including the potential impact of inflation and other cost pressures, and how plans for capital investment stack up against the cost of tackling the NHS estate maintenance backlog.



### **House of Commons Library**

#### [Delayed hospital discharges and adult social care](#)

What is the Government doing to reduce the number of people staying in hospital longer than necessary?

### **The King's Fund**

#### [Independent health care and the NHS](#)

In this briefing, The King's Fund sets out some of the trends in public and private spending on independent sector health care providers.

### **Nuffield Trust**

#### [Basis for negotiation: recommendations to improve the NHS pay review process](#)

With the NHS pay review process recently coming in for criticism, this long read presents an 11-point plan to help make it more fit for purpose. It sets out practical recommendations – for the UK governments, pay review bodies and unions – to improve the current pay review arrangements.

#### [People, partnerships and place: how can ICSs turn the rhetoric into reality](#)

Integrated care systems are now legally responsible for leading the charge on using a localised approach to bring multiple aspects of the health care system closer together, and for working better with social care and other public services. But this is far from a new aspiration - why should it be any different this time? Nuffield Trust hosted a series of roundtables to discuss concerns with stakeholders and experts and understand how to ensure the aims are achieved. This new report consolidates these findings and offers ways forward as the new era gets underway.

## **Evidence Summaries**

### **National Institute for Health and Care Research**

#### [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.



## **Blogs / Opinion pieces**

### **Financial Management**

#### [Creating a safe space: Senior leaders can do more to combat discrimination](#)

Senior leaders need to do more to challenge organisational cultures that enable discrimination, report finds.

#### [How to mitigate the risk of retirement brain drain](#)

Retiring professionals can take decades of experience with them when they leave, but finance leaders can take steps to prevent the loss of corporate knowledge.

### **NHS Confederation**

#### [Health and care face operational and financial pressures like never before](#)

Director of the Welsh NHS Confederation Darren Hughes reflects on the challenges of the last couple of months and those ahead of us.



## Library and Knowledge Services

### 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:  
<https://www.nhslincslibrary.uk/training/>

### 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/>