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Improving midwifery preceptorship with a midwifery development pathway [A case study is available to read](#) by University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust which details their improved offer for junior midwives. **Source:** NHS Improvement

Supporting NHS providers: right skills, right staff, right place, right time [An updated set of expectations](#) has been issued for nursing and midwifery care staff which will help NHS provider boards make local decisions that support the delivery of high-quality care for patients.

Source: NHS Improvement

Staffing for Safe and Effective Care: RCN Member Campaigning in the UK The [RCN is campaigning for laws ensuring safe and effective staffing in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland](#), following a resolution passed by our members at RCN Congress 2016 after the successful introduction of the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016. **Source:** Royal College of Nursing

Welcome to the National Bereavement Care Pathway Prime Minister urges all NHS Trusts to [adopt the National Bereavement Care Pathway](#). **Source:** National Bereavement Care Pathway

National Bereavement Care Pathway helps improve care received by parents A project to improve the quality of care that bereaved families receive when their baby dies has been found to be making a big difference, and should be rolled out nationally, [a new study has found](#). **Source:** Sands

Bereaved parents invited to a special service to remember their babies

Bereaved parents and their families are being invited to a special family day of remembrance and hope. Sands will [hold their annual Garden Day and Remembrance Event](#) on Saturday 8 June from 11am-4pm. **Source:** Sands

Sexual and reproductive health: education, training and career progression in nursing and midwifery

[A publication has been developed](#) which offers detail on the routes available to train in the areas of sexual and reproductive health and signposts nurses and midwives to valuable information.

Source: Royal College of Nursing

BDA joins call for long-delayed consultation on folic acid fortification The British Dietetic Association has joined the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Nutrition Society, the British Nutrition Foundation, SHINE the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus charity and others to [call on government to release a long delayed consultation on folic acid fortification of flour](#). **Source:** British Dietetic Association

Magnesium sulfate: risk of skeletal adverse effects in the neonate following prolonged or repeated use in pregnancy Maternal administration of magnesium sulfate for longer than 5–7 days in pregnancy [has been associated with skeletal adverse effects and hypocalcaemia and hypermagnesemia in neonates](#). If use of magnesium sulfate in pregnancy is prolonged or repeated, consider monitoring of neonates for abnormal calcium and magnesium levels and skeletal adverse effects. **Source:** Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

Pregnancy makes many women feel negative about their body image, new Mental Health Foundation survey reveals Pregnancy leaves many women feeling more negative about their body image, compared to before they were pregnant, [according to a new online survey about body image from the Mental Health Foundation](#). **Source:** Mental Health Foundation

PHE spotlights nurses and midwives' roles in global public health A conference led by Public Health England [highlights the vital contributions made by nurses and midwives](#) to improving health and wellbeing worldwide. **Source:** Public Health England

Report calls for national adoption of National Bereavement Care Pathway The results of an evaluation of the National Bereavement Care Pathway (NBCP) to support families affected by stillbirth and neonatal death [has highlighted the benefits it has for parents and professionals](#). **Source:** The Society of Radiographers

Employer response to NMC midwifery education consultation NHS Employers has [submitted a response](#) to the second phase of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) UK wide consultation, looking at education and proficiency standards for midwives. **Source:** NHS Employers

Assessment and management of babies who are accidentally dropped in hospital

A resource [Patient Safety Alert](#) has been issued to help organisations ensure any injuries to an accidentally dropped baby are detected and treated as quickly as possible. **Source:** NHS Improvement

Reducing perinatal mortality As part of NHS England's Maternity Transformation Programme, [version two of the Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle \(SBLCBv2\) has been produced](#), providing detailed information for providers and commissioners of maternity care on how to reduce perinatal mortality across England. **Source:** The Society of Radiographers

Hormone 'can reduce chances of miscarriage' Giving the hormone progesterone to women who have had a miscarriage and experience early bleeding in pregnancy could improve their chances of having baby, [a study suggests](#). **Source:** BBC News

Fetal anomaly screening: 20-week scan [Patient information has been made available](#) about the screening test that takes place between 18 weeks and 20 weeks 6 days of pregnancy, commonly known as the 20-week or mid-pregnancy scan. **Source:** Public Health England

Early pregnancy scan: brief description [An updated information sheet is available](#) following a programme review. **Source:** Public Health England

RCOT developing perinatal mental health training RCOT has been commissioned by Health Education England (HEE) to produce a blended learning programme for [occupational therapists working in perinatal mental health](#). **Source:** RCOT

NHS Long Term Plan to give mums the ‘Royal Treatment’, as 14,000 choose home birth

Almost 14,000 families [have opted for a home birth](#) in a single year, which might include the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, as mothers-to-be are offered greater choice over the care they receive thanks to the NHS Long Term Plan. **Source:** NHS England

Screening tests for you and your baby [Information is available](#) about the screening tests offered during and after pregnancy. **Source:** Public Health England

‘Digital midwives’ open up about role challenges and hopes for the future A number of “digital midwives” have spoken about [the challenges they face in their roles](#) and what they hope to achieve in the future in the run up to International Midwives’ Day on 5 May. **Source:** digitalhealth

Improving the diagnosis for early pregnancy loss Revised guidance about early pregnancy loss and introducing the use of ultrasound for early diagnosis of tubal ectopic pregnancies [has been published](#). **Source:** The Society of Radiographers

Employer workshops on overseas registration review The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) [are running a series of workshops](#) to gather employer feedback on how they can refine the approach to overseas registration further. **Source:** NHS Employers

Ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage: diagnosis and initial management [NICE guideline \[NG126\]](#) has been issued which covers diagnosing and managing ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage in women with complications, such as pain and bleeding, in early pregnancy (that is, up to 13 completed weeks of pregnancy). It aims to improve how early pregnancy loss is diagnosed, and the support women are given, to limit the psychological impact of their loss. **Source:** NICE

NIPE: checks and audits to improve quality and reduce risks The 'Newborn and infant physical examination screening checks and audits' template [has been updated](#). **Source:** Public Health England

Improving the stabilisation of the preterm infant – non-invasive respiratory support and deferred cord clamping [A case study has been released](#) which outlines University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust's quality improvement project, delivered as part of their participation in the maternal and neonatal health safety collaborative. **Source:** NHS Improvement

Improving care of neonatal hypoglycaemia [Information is available](#) on a maternal and neonatal quality improvement project which was delivered by Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. **Source:** NHS Improvement

Learning from excellence [Information is available on a quality improvement project](#) which was delivered by University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust as part of the maternal and neonatal health safety collaborative. **Source:** NHS Improvement

Diabetes in pregnancy [A case study is available](#) of the maternal and neonatal quality improvement project delivered by Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. **Source:** NHS Improvement

Improving the proportion of smoke free pregnancies [A case study has been released](#) which describes the quality improvement project delivered by Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as part of the maternal and neonatal health safety collaborative. **Source:** NHS Improvement

RCPCH supplementary statement and FAQs on formula milk [A statement has been issued](#) which gives further details of the College's position on engaging with formula milk companies, including answers to some commonly asked questions. **Source:** Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Caesarean section [NICE guideline \[CG132\] has been updated](#) - it covers when to offer caesarean section, procedural aspects of the operation and care after caesarean section. It aims to improve the consistency and quality of care for women who are considering a caesarean section or have had a caesarean section in the past and are now pregnant again. **Source:** NICE

Quit smoking advice for pregnant women in NHS drive to prevent stillbirths [Pregnant women are to be offered specialist stop smoking referrals](#) as part of NHS action to reduce stillbirths, which has already resulted in at least 160 babies' lives being saved. **Source:** NHS England

Valproate use by women and girls The annual risk acknowledgement form, which must be completed as part of the pregnancy prevention programme, [has been updated](#).
Source: Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

Specialist neonatal respiratory care for babies born preterm [NICE guideline \[NG124\] has been released](#) - it covers specific aspects of respiratory support (for example, oxygen supplementation, assisted ventilation, treatment of some respiratory disorders, and aspects of monitoring) for preterm babies in hospital. **Source:** NICE

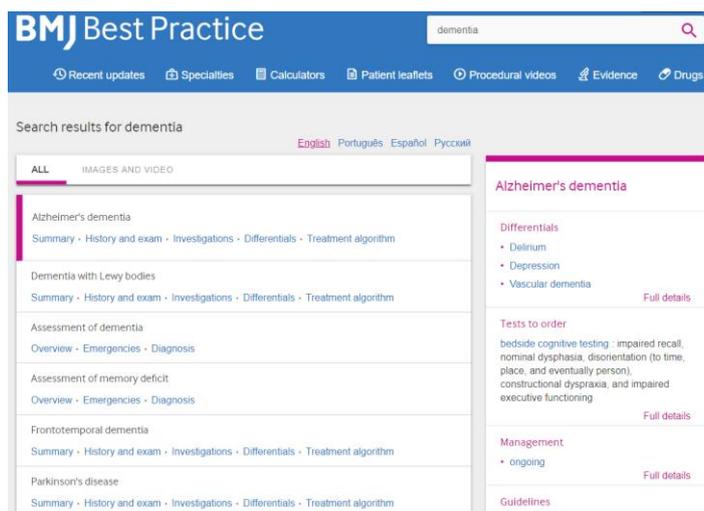
Sickle cell and thalassaemia screening: education and training [The information has been updated](#) on the training and continuing professional development (CPD) for people working in the sickle cell and thalassaemia screening programme in England. **Source:** Public Health England

Specialist mental health support for new mums available in every part of England New and expectant mothers across the country can now access specialist mental health care [in the area where they live](#). **Source:** NHS England

Pregnancy and bipolar disorder: international prescribing consensus? In a Mental Elf blog Dean Connolly reviews the evidence on prescribing guidelines for those [bipolar and pregnant](#). **Source:** The Mental Elf

Pregnancy and early life: reducing stillbirth and infant death [A revised stillbirth and infant mortality tool has been added](#) to the information on reducing stillbirth and infant death. **Source:** Public Health England

NHS to offer mums-to-be new blood test for pre-eclampsia Pregnant women in England will be able to get a new type of blood test [to check for the potentially life-threatening condition pre-eclampsia](#). **Source:** BBC News



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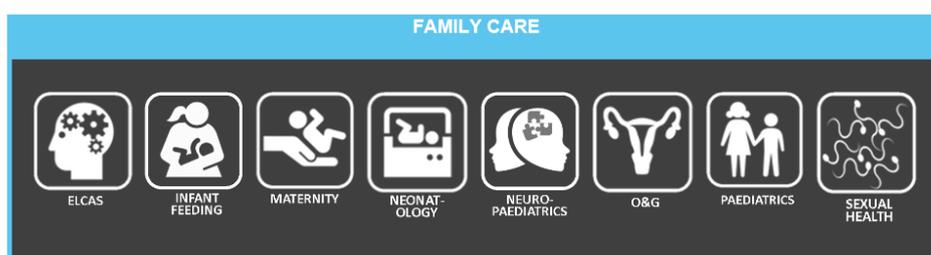
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