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What Evidence Briefings are currently available?

The Evidence Briefings that have been produced so far are available to download below. ***List valid at 06/11/2019*.**

Alcohol drinking

- [What is the excess cost/use of health and social resources related to alcohol?](#) (July 2018)
- [What is the evidence on the effectiveness of social marketing strategies for lowering the alcohol consumption of middle-aged people?](#) (November 2018)

Behavioural change

- [Do teachable moments change the lifestyle behaviours of patients after they received their investigation results having been referred to secondary care with suspected cancer?](#) (December 2017)

Cancer

- [Which population groups are more likely to delay presentation with cancer symptoms and are more frequently diagnosed with late stage cancer, and why?](#) (March 2019)

Digital health

- [What is the effectiveness of digital health technology-based behaviour change?](#) (August 2017)

Domestic violence

- [What works to prevent intimate partner violence in young people?](#) (April 2019)

Global health

- [What approaches are there for monitoring and evaluation of global public health programmes?](#) (July 2018)
- [What is the evidence around knowledge and library service provision and knowledge management to support global health, and disaster and emergency preparedness?](#) (June 2017)

Health inequalities

- [Which service or policy mechanisms, models or approaches have been shown to be effective or ineffective at reducing inequalities in employment?](#) (October 2018)
- [Which service or policy mechanisms, models or approaches, have been shown to be effective or ineffective at reducing the inequalities that are known to have an impact on childhood obesity?](#) (November 2018)
- [Which service or policy mechanisms, models or approaches, have been shown to be effective or ineffective at reducing inequalities in access to health and social care services?](#) (October 2018)
- [Which service delivery mechanisms, models or approaches have been shown to be effective or ineffective at reducing the inequalities that older people experience?](#) (October 2018)
- [Which service delivery mechanisms, models or approaches have been shown to be effective at reducing educational inequalities in early years?](#) (November 2018)

Health protection

- [What is the evidence for the experiences of health care workers \(HCWs\) using respiratory protective devices, in terms of tolerance and duration of usage? An update?](#) (March 2018)

Immunisation/vaccination

- [What are the factors influencing health care workers' uptake of flu immunisation?](#) (August 2016)

Infections

- [What interventions are there to reduce Gram-negative bloodstream infections and how effective are they?](#) (December 2018)

Knowledge retention

- [What definitions and models exist for knowledge retention?](#) (October 2016)

Mental health

- [Does training teachers in mental health literacy improve the mental and emotional wellbeing of school pupils?](#) (January 2018)

NHS Health Checks

- [What is the latest evidence on NHS Health Checks?](#) (issued several times per year)

Physical activity

- [How can primary care interventions increase the uptake of physical activity for people at different stages of life?](#) (April 2018)
- [What evidence is there that physical activity builds or supports brain health?](#) (March 2018)

Reproductive health

- [Are healthy weight management interventions effective before, during and after pregnancy?](#) (October 2019)
- [How does smoking, alcohol use, folic acid, maternal obesity and timing of antenatal care in pregnancy vary by socioeconomic status or age of mother?](#) (November 2017)
- [In what ways do women experience stigma or embarrassment in relation to reproductive symptoms or in accessing healthcare, and what are the policy responses?](#) (November 2017)
- [What do current policies and guidance say about the provision of post-natal contraception to women in healthcare settings?](#) (April 2017)
- [What does the evidence say about the delivery and receipt of post-natal contraception in healthcare settings?](#) (July 2017)

Screening

- [Why is cervical screening coverage falling in the UK and what has primary care done to increase uptake of cervical screening?](#) (January 2018)

Self-harm

- [Does self-harm prevalence and admission vary across English regions or local authorities, and if so, what might be the reasons for this variation?](#) (May 2018)

Sexual health

- [What is the effect of syphilis testing frequency on the incidence of syphilis in men who have sex with men \(MSM\)?](#) (August 2018)
- [Is social marketing an effective method for improving sexual health outcomes in the developed world, particularly for black minority ethnic \(BME\) groups, young people and men who have sex with men \(MSM\)?](#) (December 2017)
- [What methods have been effective in promoting uptake of Pre-exposure prophylaxis \(PrEP\) among individuals at high risk of HIV, excluding men who have sex with men \(MSM\), in developed cities comparable to London?](#) (March 2019)

Sleep

- [What is the impact of poor sleep on physical and mental health? What is the evidence on the individual interventions to improve sleep?](#) (September 2017)

Substance abuse

- [What is the current evidence for the efficacy of drug consumption rooms?](#) (March 2019)

Work and health

- [Do health and social care staff experience higher levels of stress, greater health risks and poorer health than workers in other sectors?](#) (February 2018)
- [Does remaining in work benefit those with musculoskeletal conditions?](#) (March 2018)
- [How can health care workers help patients with a health condition and/or disability remain in or get back into work?](#) (January 2018)
- [How can health care workers help young people not in employment education or training \(NEETs\) transition into work?](#) (February 2018)
- [What is the impact of job loss and unemployment on the physical and mental health of older adults, and how can they be supported back into work?](#) (February 2018)
- [What are the methods for improving mental or physical health after a transition from unemployment to employment in those with a long term condition or disability?](#) (March 2018)
- [What can employers do to support women going through the menopause?](#) (August 2019)
- [What evidence is there showing how employers can address obesity in the workplace?](#) (May 2017)
- [What does the evidence say about employee sleep?](#) (May 2017)
- [What are the pros and cons of activity-based/flexible working?](#) (January 2017)