



The All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin

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MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT

August 2014

Week 1

Friday 1st August

❖ News and Press Releases

[NHS England: Genome Project](#)

Simon Stevens welcomes the announcement by David Cameron of the new genome project. This will revolutionise the fight against cancer and rare disease.

Week 2

Monday 4th August

Tuesday 5th August

Wednesday 6th August

Thursday 7th August

❖ Scottish Government – News

[Health Investment: Flow of patients](#)

Health Secretary Alex Neil has announced an additional £5 million to help health boards to improve the flow of patients through the health and social care services.

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[Department of Health: Healthcare UK](#)

Healthcare UK review of 2013-14 and business plan for 2014-15

Friday 8th August

Week 3

Monday 11th August

Tuesday 12th August

Wednesday 13th August

Thursday 14th August

❖ News and Press Releases

[NHSE – Bulletin for CCGs](#)

New Co-Chair for the NHS Commissioning Assembly, Medicines optimisation. See [more](#).

Friday 15th August

Week 3

Monday 18th August

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[NHS Confederation](#)

Focus on how money is spent, not just how much

Place greater focus on how resources are allocated and distributed, rather than pushing prices lower and lower, the NHS Confederation has urged Monitor and NHS England.

Tuesday 19th August

Wednesday 20th August

❖ Scottish Parliament Official Report

[NHS Scotland](#)

The Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick): The next item of business is a ministerial statement on the future of the national health service.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil): Last week, Malcolm Chisholm asked for a statement on the consequences for the national health service of yes and no votes in next month's referendum. As I said last week, I am happy to oblige.

In short, the people of Scotland have a choice between two futures: one in which this nation's vast wealth can be marshalled to help to create a fairer society; and one in which the budgets that are available for Scotland's public services are consigned to the whim of Westminster.

See [more](#).

❖ News and Press Releases

[DH Republic of Ireland - New role for Secretary General for the Department of Health](#)

Minister for Health Leo Varadkar has announced that the Secretary General of the Department of Health, Dr Ambrose McLoughlin, will be moving to a new role supporting the implementation of the Healthy Ireland initiative ahead of his retirement next year.

Thursday 21st August

❖ News and Press Releases

[NHS England – Task force](#)

The work of the specialised commissioning task force has been extended for a further three months, until the end of October. To find out more about its progress, please [click here](#)

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Friday 22nd August

Week 4

Monday 25th August

Tuesday 26th August

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[Public Health England](#)

New analysis shows improving cancer survival in England using world-leading cancer staging data

National Cancer Intelligence Network data shows cancer survival for breast, lung, prostate, colorectal and ovarian cancer continues to improve

Wednesday 27th August

Thursday 28th August

❖ News and Press Releases

[Department of Health](#)

Thousands more patients to benefit from additional £160 million for cancer drugs

Thousands more cancer patients in England will be offered vital treatments in a £160m boost to the Cancer Drugs Fund, Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced today.

Friday 29th August

❖ Committees

[Health Select Committee: NICE](#)

On Tuesday 2 September the Health Committee holds an oral evidence session into the work of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

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[BBC: Rise in skin cancers](#)

The number of people admitted to hospital for skin cancer treatment in England rose by nearly a third in five years, official figures from PHE show.

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