

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin

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Monthly Monitoring Report

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Recess Dates

- House of Commons 12th September – 13th October
- House of Lords 30th July – 13th October
- Northern Ireland Assembly 25th October – 2nd November
- Scottish Parliament 11th October – 26th October
- Welsh Assembly 27th October – 2nd November

Week 1

01.10.2014

News and Press Releases

NICE: New Health Quality Standards

NICE is to develop over 70 new public health quality standards on topics including skin cancer, following the latest topic referral from the Department of Health. See more [here](#).

NHS Confederation: Health Care Expenditure

Health secretary Jeremy Hunt failed to indicate what level of expenditure his party would spend on the NHS in the future, as he took to the stage at the Conservative Party Conference. See more [here](#).

02.10.2014

News and Press Releases

NHS England: Informed

The latest news from NHS England. Informed Issue 6. See more [here](#).

Kings Fund: The NHS

The Kings Fund respond to this week's announcements on the NHS by the Conservative Party. See more [here](#).

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Welsh Assembly

Welsh Government

Presenting the 'Priorities for Wales' Draft Budget, Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance & Government Business, today announced £425m of extra funding to the Welsh NHS in this year and next, in order to deliver high quality, sustainable health services. See more [here](#).

[03.10.2014](#)

News and Press Releases

NHS Confederation: Conservative Conference

Health and care was the big topic at Conservative Party Conference. David Cameron announced a [seven-day GP service and a five-year protected NHS budget](#), while Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt promised a [named GP for every NHS patient and a commitment to training and retaining an extra 5,000 GPs](#) should the party win next year's general election. See more [here](#).

Week 2

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News and Press Releases

NHS England: Future Health Conference

Patients and their long-term needs will again be the focus of this year's Future Health Conference. See more [here](#).

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News and Press Releases

Scottish Government: £40m Fund

A dedicated fund worth £40 million this year is to give patients greater access to new medicines, Health Secretary Alex Neil announced today. See more [here](#).

ABPI: Medicines Fund

ABPI Comments on the new Scottish Government Medicines Fund. See more [here](#).

[08.10.2014](#)

News and Press Releases

NHS Confed: Engagement with HWBs

The NHS Confederation welcomes the call for more effective provider engagement on health and wellbeing boards, made by the Secretary of State in his letter to health and wellbeing board chairs and NHS chief executives. See more [here](#).

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News and Press Releases

Scottish Government: Increase in health spending

Budget sees real term increase for the NHS. See more [here](#).

NHS England: Informed

Issue 7. Patients take centre stage at future of health conference Simon Stevens will open this year's Future of Health Conference in London on 21 November. See more [here](#).

Kings Fund Finances

Financial failure in the NHS. What causes it and how best to manage it. See more [here](#).

NHS Confederation: Kings Fund Finances

NHS Confederation responds to Kings Fund report on NHS finance. See more [here](#).

10.10.2014

House of Commons – Question Book

Sunbeds

Sir Paul Beresford (Mole Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what assessment his Department has made of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Skin report on sunbed regulation, published in May 2014; when he plans to announce his Department's response to that report; and whether his Department is preparing secondary legislation to implement the conditions of that report. See [here](#).

News and Press Releases

Department for Health: Branded Medicines

Consultations: Seeks views on proposals to improve the arrangements for limiting the amount of money the health service pays for branded medicines. See more [here](#).

Department for Health: Strategy

Our strategy for next year is to build on what we have already achieved, moving from 'proof of concept' to 'delivery at scale'. See more [here](#).

NICE: Medicines Optimisation

A clinical practice guideline on medicines optimisation is being developed for use in the NHS in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. See more [here](#).

Week 3

14.10.2014

House of Commons – Written Statements

NHS: Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment

Asked by **Lord Hunt of Kings Heath**: To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their

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assessment of the report by Cancer UK highlighting gaps in the provision of National Health Service cancer diagnostic and treatment services.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health (Earl Howe) (Con): My Lords, there has been significant growth in the provision of cancer diagnostic tests and treatment over the course of this Government. For example, urgent GP referrals for suspected cancer have increased by more than 50% since October 2009. NHS England is taking action to support the NHS to improve performance, including establishing a cancer waiting times task force. We are investing an additional £750 million over four years to improve diagnosis and treatment of cancer. See more [here](#).

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NHS England: Informed Issue 8

See more [here](#).

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House of Commons – Debates

NHS Services (Access)

Andy Burnham: I beg to move, That his House notes comments from leading experts that the NHS and social care services are at breaking point; believes that this is linked to the Government's decision to reorganize the NHS. See more [here](#).

News and Press Releases

CQC: State of Care

CQC publishes its fifth annual report on the state of health and care services in England. See more [here](#).

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House of Commons – Written Answers

Skin Disease

Henry Smith To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many people in England have been diagnosed with chronic spontaneous urticaria in each year since 2010.

Norman Lamb: Information concerning the number of people with chronic spontaneous urticaria (also known as hives, welts or nettle rash) in England is not collected. However, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence estimates that approximately 15% of people in the United Kingdom experience urticaria at some time in their lives and the lifetime prevalence of chronic urticaria is 0.5–1%. See [here](#).

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Sunbeds

Luciana Berger: To ask the Secretary of State for Health, when he plans to bring forward delegated legislation under the Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010; and what the reason is for the time taken to bring forward such regulations.

Jane Ellison: The All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin issued a report following their inquiry into the regulation of sunbeds in England.

The Department will respond to this report shortly, setting out its position. See [here](#).

Week 4

[20.10.2014](#)

House of Commons – Calendar

Public Accounts Committee: Funding healthcare

Witness(es): Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England, Richard Douglas, Director General of Finance and NHS, Department of Health and Paul Baumann, Chief Finance Officer, NHS England. See more [here](#).

House of Lords – Calendar

NHS funds: Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe

Impact on NHS funds of the reforms introduced under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. See more [here](#).

Medical Innovation Bill: Lord Saatchi / Earl Howe

Medical Innovation Bill [HL] - Committee of the whole House. See more [here](#).

News and Press Releases

NHS England: National Clinical Director for Innovation

NHS England is pleased to announce the appointment of a new National Clinical Director for Innovation, Professor Tony Young PhD, FRCS (Urol). See more [here](#).

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News and Press Releases

NHS England: Five-Year Forward View

NHS England have today published their Five Year Forward View. See more [here](#).

HEE: Five-Year Forward View

The NHS Five Year Forward View has been published today. The Review sets out new models of care built around the needs of patients. It has been developed by the partner organisations that deliver and oversee health and care services: NHS England; Public Health England; Monitor; Health Education England; the Care Quality Commission; and the

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NHS Trust Development Authority. Patient groups, clinicians and independent experts have also provided their advice. See more [here](#).

NHS Confederation: Five-Year NHS Plan

The NHS' national leadership has unveiled an ambitious five-year plan for the health service, saying now is the time for decisive action. See more [here](#).

King's Fund: Five-Year Forward View

No escaping the financial challenge facing the NHS: our response to NHS England's Five Year Forward View. See more [here](#).

CQC: Five-Year Forward View

Today (Thursday 23 October), [NHS England](#) and its partners have set out what actions the NHS should take over the next five years to make sure that everyone receives high-quality care and that their health needs are met. See more [here](#).

ABPI: Five-Year Forward View

Stephen Whitehead, ABPI Chief Executive, welcomes the publication of NHS England's Five Year Forward View earlier today. See more [here](#).

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News and Press Releases

NHS England: Informed

Issue 9: New National Clinical Director for Innovation. See more [here](#).

Week 5

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House of Commons - Committees

Health Committee: Public expenditure

On Tuesday 28 October 2014 the Health Committee holds its first oral evidence session on Public expenditure on health and social care. See more [here](#).

NHS England: Informed

Issue 10. Topics include the Five Year Forward View, issues around patient safety and palliative care. See more [here](#).

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News and Press Releases

NICE: Psoriasis

Healthcare professionals should be aware that psoriasis can affect a person's psychological and social wellbeing, and not just their physical

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health, says NICE. See more [here](#).

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King's Fund: NHS performance
Quarterly Monitoring Report. See [here](#).

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