

FUTURE FOCUS

AUGUST 2019....

An overview of the policy announcements, events & consultations expected in the coming months, of relevance to the NHS & local government.

Change4Life: Sugar Swaps Campaign

To build on the success of Public Health England's Change4Life Sugar Swaps campaign in January, it has been announced that there will be further activity in **September**. The campaign encourages parents and carers to reduce their children's sugar intake by swapping to healthier food and drink options. Hard copy resources to support the campaign are available from Knowledge, Evidence and Insight (contact details overleaf); digital resources can be downloaded from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#).

Organ Donation Law Change

From **spring 2020** the [law](#) will change such that everybody over 18 will be considered as a potential donor unless they 'opt out' or are in an excluded group.

Policy/Strategy Announcements

School Sport and Activity Plan

The [recently-announced School Sport and Activity Action Plan](#) aims to give children greater opportunity to access 60 minutes of daily sport and physical activity. A series of regional pilots to trial innovative approaches of engaging more children and young people in physical activity are expected to run from **September 2020**. More details on the actions in the plan will be published **later on in the year**.

Michael Varnam Awards 2019

The [Michael Varnam Awards](#) are given annually to publicly recognise the commitment, enthusiasm and achievement of an individual or group that has made a difference to the health and wellbeing of people in Nottingham. Established in 2007 in memory of Dr Varnam, who worked for 35 years to improve the health and wellbeing of some of the most disadvantaged communities in Nottingham, this year's closing date for nominations is **13th September 2019**.

NICE Guidelines

[Fever in under 5s: assessment and initial management](#). Expected publication date: **7th November 2019**.

[Venous thromboembolic diseases](#). Expected publication date: **13th November 2019**.

[Thyroid disease: assessment and management](#). Expected publication date: **20th November 2019**.

[Workplace health: long-term sickness absence and capability to work \(Update\)](#). Expected publication date: **20th November 2019**.

Friends and Family Test

NHS England has announced several changes to the [Friends and Family Test](#) which are expected to take effect from **1st April 2020**. Updates about the development project will be available on [NHS England's website](#).

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Health Campaigns

- ◆ **1st-31st October:** [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)
- ◆ **8th-12th October:** [Back Care Awareness Week](#)
- ◆ **14th-20th October:** [International Infection Prevention Week](#)
- ◆ **18th October:** [World Menopause Day](#)
- ◆ **1st-30th November:** [Movember Men's Health Awareness Month](#)
- ◆ **4th-8th November:** [International Stress Awareness Week](#)

National and Local Consultations

- ◆ [Impact of tobacco laws introduced between 2010 and 2016](#): Seeks views on whether tobacco legislation has achieved its objective and if legislation is still the best way of achieving that objective. Closes on **15th September 2019**.
- ◆ [Health is everyone's business: proposals to reduce ill health-related job loss](#): Seeks views on different ways in which government and employers can take action to reduce ill health-related job loss. Closes on **7th October 2019**.
- ◆ [How should the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency \(MHRA\) engage and involve patients and the public in their work](#): Seeks views on adopting a more systematic approach to involving patients in the MHRA's work. Closes on **7th October 2019**.
- ◆ [Advancing our health: prevention in the 2020s](#): Seeks views on the proposals within the Government's [Green Paper](#), which signals a new approach to public health through a personalised prevention model. Closes on **14th October 2019**.

National and Local Events

- ◆ **21st August:** [Launch of Health Matters - Preventing STIs](#) via teleconference. Of relevance to local authorities, commissioners and public health professionals, it will include an interactive Q & A session.
- ◆ **20th September:** [Midlands Safeguarding - Liberty Protection Safeguards \(LPS\)](#). This free-to-attend training session is to provide health system colleagues from commissioning and provider organisations with up-to-date information about the development of the LPS.
- ◆ **25th September:** [Midlands Safeguarding- Working Together and ICS event](#). A free workshop on safeguarding within the Integrated Care System.
- ◆ **25th September:** Next meeting of [Nottingham Health and Wellbeing Board](#).

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Please note, this is *not* a comprehensive list of all forthcoming policy/events.