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Welcome to Grey Matter, the Ministry of Health Library's Grey Literature Bulletin. In each issue, we provide access to a selection of the most recent NGO, Think Tank, and International Government reports that are relevant to the health context. The goal of this newsletter is to facilitate access to material that may be more difficult to locate (in contrast to journal articles and the news media). Information is arranged by topic, allowing readers to quickly identify their key areas of interest. Email library@moh.govt.nz to subscribe.

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Child, Youth, & Family Wellbeing

[Fostering Healthy Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Development in Children and Youth](#)

"This report identifies the complexities of childhood influences and highlights the need for a tailored approach when implementing new policies and practices." *Source: National Academies Press*

[Vibrant and Healthy Kids: Aligning Science, Practice, and Policy to Advance Health Equity](#)

“This report provides a brief overview of stressors that affect childhood development and health, a framework for applying current brain and development science to the real world, a roadmap for implementing tailored interventions, and recommendations about improving systems to better align with our understanding of the significant impact of health equity.”

Source: National Academies Press

[Wāhine Māori: Keeping safe in unsafe relationships](#)

The E Tū Wāhine, E Tū Whānau project is research undertaken with wāhine Māori, kuia and kaumātua, key informants, rangatahi Māori (young wāhine Māori) and tāne Māori (Māori men). Our aim was to understand better the realities of wāhine Māori living with partner violence, from their perspective. *Source: Taupua Waioira Research Centre, AUT*

[What works to prevent sexual violence against children : evidence review](#)

“Together for Girls, in partnership with The Equality Institute and the Oak Foundation, undertook a systematic review of proven solutions and best practices to prevent and respond to sexual violence against children and youth (SVAC). The review was completed in collaboration with a group of experts and allied organizations and highlights evidence-based solutions from around the world.” *Source: Together for Girls*

[Promoting Positive Adolescent Health Behaviors and Outcomes: Thriving in the 21st Century](#)

“Promoting Positive Adolescent Health Behaviors and Outcomes: Thriving in the 21st Century identifies key program factors that can improve health outcomes related to adolescent behavior and provides evidence-based recommendations toward effective implementation of federal programming initiatives. This study explores normative adolescent development, the current landscape of adolescent risk behavior, core components of effective programs focused on optimal health, and recommendations for research, programs, and policies.” *Source: National Academies Press*

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Workforce

[Taking Action Against Clinician Burnout: A Systems Approach to Professional Well-Being](#)

“This report explores the extent, consequences, and contributing factors of clinician burnout and provides a framework for a systems approach to clinician burnout and professional well-being, a research agenda to advance clinician well-being, and recommendations for the field.” *Source: National Academies Press*

[A new horizon for health services: optimising advanced practice nursing - a white paper](#)

“The Australian College of Nursing proposes solutions to improve health care for poorly serviced, underserved and marginalised populations. This paper presents solutions where the specific nursing practice model is most effective to address fragmented, uncoordinated and expensive care.” *Source: Australian College of Nursing*

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Public Health

[The Convergence of Infectious Diseases and Noncommunicable Diseases](#)

“On June 11 and June 12, 2019, the National Academies convened a workshop to explore the growing understanding of how the interplay between humans and microbes affects host physiology and causes noncommunicable diseases. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop.” *Source: National Academies Press*

[TIP Tailoring Immunization Programmes](#)

“To achieve high and equitable vaccination uptake, it is necessary to understand the barriers to vaccination among the population groups with suboptimal coverage. Then solutions can be designed that support, motivate and enable people to be vaccinated. Solutions that ensure all population groups are vaccinated, regardless of their income, education, age, geography, ethnicity, religion or philosophical beliefs. The Tailoring Immunization Programmes (TIP) approach was developed by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to support countries to do this.” *Source: WHO*

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Health of Older People

[Commitment to Care of People living with Dementia: SPACE principles](#)

“This guidance sets out the five principles that form a shared commitment to improving care for people living with dementia and their families. The document is designed to be used in a wide range of health and social care settings and has included the most recent evidence and best practice.” *Source: Royal College of Nursing (UK)*

[Is co-living a housing solution for vulnerable older people?](#)

This “research looked at how co-living might help older people to age in place given the increasing pressures placed on the UK by a growing ageing population. With loneliness and isolation exacerbating the vulnerabilities of older people, co-living, an alternative model of housing which seeks to promote social contact through the living environment, has been presented as a possible housing solution for vulnerable older people.” *Source: Cambridge Centre for Housing & Planning Research (UK)*

[Community co-design of digital interventions for primary prevention of ageism and elder abuse: the OPERA project: Older People Equity Respect and Ageing](#)

“The project ‘Older People: Equity, Respect & Ageing’ (OPERA) focusses on understanding firstly, how ageism is perceived and experienced by older people in the EMR and secondly, how that evidence can be used to frame a co-designed digital intervention into community experiences of ageism in the Eastern Metropolitan region (EMR). The assumption underlying this project was that ageism and ageist behaviours are drivers of elder abuse – this project evaluates a methodology for disrupting ageist assumptions and behaviours as one part of a primary prevention strategy.” *Source: The OPERA project: Older People Equity Respect and Ageing (Australia)*

[Review of Innovative Models of Aged Care](#)

“To assist the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety (established in October 2018), a review of international models of aged care has been undertaken, identifying key innovative models of care from Australia and around the world.” *Source: Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety*

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Social Care

[Adult social care and wellbeing policy in the four nations of the UK](#)

“This review summarises main policy developments on wellbeing in the field of adult social care since 2000 in the four nations of the UK.” *Source: University of Sheffield*

[The Shared Lives Incubator](#)

“The experience of the Shared Lives Incubator pilot is that the growth of person-centred models of adult social care can make an incredibly important contribution to the wellbeing and independence of vulnerable people, but is significantly harder to achieve than anticipated. This report highlights some of the lessons and insights from the Incubator pilot.” *Source: Social Finance (UK)*

[Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care](#)

“The consistent and compelling evidence on how social determinants shape health has led to a growing recognition throughout the health care sector that improving health and health equity is likely to depend – at least in part – on mitigating adverse social determinants. This recognition has been bolstered by a shift in the health care sector towards value-based payment, which incentivizes improved health outcomes for persons and populations rather than service delivery alone. The combined result of these changes has been a growing emphasis on health care systems addressing patients’ social risk factors and social needs with the aim of improving health outcomes.” *Source: National Academies Press*

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Mental Health

[Best Practices in Care Transitions for Individuals with Suicide Risk: Inpatient Care to Outpatient Care](#)

“This report presents feasible, evidence-based practices that health systems can take to improve patient engagement and safety during the transition from inpatient to outpatient care.” *Source: Action Alliance (United States)*

[Improving mental health services in systems of integrated and accountable care: emerging lessons and priorities](#)

“Through a combination of research, policy analysis, site visits and interviews, this report aims to better understand the priorities and lessons for improving mental health services in established and emerging ICSs and make recommendations that reflect the opportunities and challenges in doing so.” *Source: Royal College of Psychiatrists (UK)*

[Prevention and mental health](#)

“Understanding the evidence so that we can address the greatest health challenge of our times. A resource for policymakers, health professionals, mental health advocates and their families and friends.” *Source: Mental Health Foundation (UK)*

[Second-hand gambling harm and concern about gambling within the community: Results from the 2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey](#)

“This short report presents key findings from the 2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey (HLS) concerning respondents’ experiences of second-hand gambling harm for themselves or for others close to them and their concern about the level of gambling within their communities.” *Source: Health Promotion Agency (New Zealand)*

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Health Research & Technology

[Digital health technology: Global case studies of health care transformation](#)

It might seem that health care systems and challenges are local and unique, but there are more similarities than differences. Throughout the world, health care systems struggle with affordability, inequitable health care access, uneven outcomes, and increasing demand for services from growing populations with longer life spans. Health information and digital technologies can help meet these challenges, support population health goals, improve consumer experience, and drive insights into health conditions. *Source: Deloitte*

[Methodological development of international measurement of acute myocardial infarction 30-day mortality rates at the hospital level](#)

“From 2015-2018 the OECD developed a method for measuring hospital level acute myocardial infarction 30-day mortality for international comparison. The methodological development and pilot data collections undertaken over this time have resulted in robust and feasible approach to ongoing routine international hospital level data collections on AMI 30-day mortality rates with potential applications to other subnational level indicators. This paper discusses the development of this measurement including technical as well as practical aspects of collecting, displaying, and analysing such data.” *Source: National Academies Press*

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Nutrition, Physical Activity, & Obesity

[A Health Equity Approach to Obesity Efforts](#)

“The National Academies convened a workshop on April 1, 2019 to explore the history of health equity issues in demographic groups that have above-average obesity risk and to consider principles and approaches to address these issues as part of obesity prevention and treatment efforts. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop.” *Source: National Academies Press*

[Advancing Effective Obesity Communications](#)

“On September 16, 2019, the Roundtable on Obesity Solutions of the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, held a public workshop, Advancing Effective Obesity Communications, in Washington, DC. The workshop explored effective communication of obesity-related issues by providing an overview of the current communications environment and addressing the complexity of identifying key audiences and developing targeted messages.” *Source: National Academies Press*

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Health Systems, Costs, & Reforms

[Leading for integrated care: ‘If you think competition is hard, you should try collaboration’](#)

“The purpose of this piece is to explore what is involved in leading the drive to better integrated care. The discussion is based on interviews with 16 chairs and leads around the country who gave up their time to contribute. What are the skills needed? How is it being done? What are the challenges and barriers to getting there? What helps, and what stands in the way?” *Source: King’s Fund*

[Unconventional health and care: five organisations delivering care differently](#)

“This long read discusses five unconventional health and care organisations. These are organisations that have considered deeply the needs of people in their care and found substantively different ways of supporting them, in some cases adopting practices that might seem unusual or even risky to people working in traditional health and care services. There is also evidence that they have been successful.” *Source: King’s Fund*

[Person-Centred Intelligence: Our guide to implementation and our offer of support](#)

“There’s a strong policy steer towards a person-centred worldview – with personalisation and involvement coming to the fore. And many health and care systems have explicitly stated intentions which support this, intending to implement measures which focus on the needs of the people they serve and to involve them in the process of deciding what to measure and how to measure it.” *Source: The Strategy Unit (UK)*

[Supporting better work through procurement: a guide](#)

“This guide is designed to support the development and implementation of ‘good work procurement’ strategies by public bodies. Based on regional development work and learning from other parts of the UK, it is primarily aimed at public sector decision makers as well as strategic and operational leaders.” *Source: Carnegie UK Trust*

[The legal and regulatory framework for community pharmacies in the WHO European Region](#)

“This report provides an overview of the main possible components and provisions of the legal and regulatory framework for community pharmacies and their activities in Europe. It analyses the diverse approaches to community pharmacy licences and to establishment of new pharmacies and their ownership, as well as possible limitations in terms of horizontal and vertical integration.” *Source: WHO*

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Primary Care

[Quality improvement in general practice: what do GPs and practice managers think?](#)

“There is growing recognition of the importance of quality improvement in general practice. But what is the extent of knowledge and usage of quality improvement tools and approaches across the UK, and how can we embed a culture of improvement?” *Source: Health Foundation*

[Creating 21st century primary care in Flanders and beyond](#)

“This report focuses on primary care developments in Flanders, Belgium. Following state reforms in Belgium, the region is now upgrading and integrating its primary care services, aiming to improve their effectiveness and efficiency and the quality of life of both users and providers of those services. It is doing so through careful planning, sustained engagement across society, and systematic, well organized implementation. The report also touches on primary care developments in other parts of Europe – in Catalonia in Spain, Slovenia, Botoșani in Romania and Utrecht in the Netherlands – and concludes with lessons that these different experiences suggest might be useful to others.” *Source: WHO*

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