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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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Equity

The Montefiore Health System in New York: a case study
"The Montefiore Health System in the Bronx, New York, has found ways of helping even the most deprived by stepping beyond the bounds of conventional health services. This

commissioned report builds on the overview of the Montefiore Health System published in April 2018 and explores building primary and community care, managing patients with complex needs, supporting infrastructure, and elements of a high-performing system." *Source: King's Fund*

[Building the Case for Health Literacy: Proceedings of a Workshop](#)
"To understand the extent to which health literacy has been shown to be effective at contributing to the Quadruple Aim of improving the health of communities, providing better care, providing affordable care, and improving the experience of the health care team, the Roundtable on Health Literacy established an ad hoc committee to plan and conduct a public workshop on building the case for health literacy. During this 1-day public workshop, a commissioned paper was presented. The workshop included presentations and discussion of issues related to the effect of health literacy interventions on health and health care costs, quality, behaviors, outcomes, and other areas." *Source: National Academies Press*

[Let's yarn about cancer Loddon Mallee: final report](#)
"The Let's yarn about cancer - Loddon Mallee took an iterative, inductive, community-oriented approach to investigate Aboriginal health workers' (AHWs) cancer understandings and practice needs." *Source: Loddon Mallee Aboriginal Reference Group*

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Child, Youth, & Maternal Health

[Evaluation of the implementation of the Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle in early adopter NHS trusts in England](#)
"This report presents the findings from the Saving Babies Lives Project Impact and Results Evaluation (SPiRE) conducted by the Tommy's Stillbirth Research Centre at the University of Manchester, commissioned by NHS England in May 2016. The report describes the results of a comprehensive evaluation involving nineteen NHS Trusts in England that have been implementing the Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle (SBLCB) since April 2015, which aims to reduce the incidence of stillbirth by implementing best practice in four aspects of maternity care" *Source: Tommy's Stillbirth Research Centre (UK)*

[Investing in a resilient generation: Keys to a mentally prosperous nation](#)
"This report sets out the evidence base around the factors that can impact on young people's mental health. This can be summarised in terms of four key building blocks for building a resilient generation." *Source: Mental Health Policy Commission (UK)*

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Community & Primary Care

[Clinical pharmacists in general practice: pilot scheme evaluation](#)
"This evaluation report showed that clinical pharmacists significantly increase patient appointment capacity and reduce pressure on GPs. More than 490 clinical pharmacists were placed in over 650 practices across England in the pilot project which supports the aim of having over 2,000 clinical pharmacists working in general practice by 2020/21 – a ratio of

one per 30,000 patients. The research team investigated the work of the newly created clinical pharmacist roles from the perspectives of the pharmacists, those working immediately with them in their roles, professional stakeholders and patients." *Source: NHS England*

[In good health: a report following the All Party Pharmacy Group's 2018 inquiry into long term conditions](#)
"This report highlights the opportunities for community pharmacies to deliver and improve care for patients with long-term conditions. It outlines four key actions that would enable long-term conditions to be managed in a community setting and argues that these actions should be implemented by 2020." *Source: All-Party Pharmacy Group (UK)*

[Guidance for the development, production and review of information to support UK population screening programmes](#)
"This document provides guidance to all 4 UK countries on the development or revision of screening publications for UK NSC recommended programmes, including public information, online content, guidance and training publications for health professionals and staff involved in screening." *Source: UK National Screening Committee*

Abuse & Violence Prevention

[Investigating adolescent family violence in Victoria: understanding experiences and practitioner perspectives](#)
"This project draws on the insights of 120 people who have experienced adolescent family violence and 45 Victorian experts, service providers, general practitioners and health service providers to provide new insights into the nature and impact of adolescent family violence, the adequacy of current criminal justice, service and therapeutic responses, and the needs for future practice and policy reform. While primarily Victorian focused, the findings are relevant to all Australian jurisdictions and comparative countries." *Source: Monash University (Australia)*

[Report on how White Ribbon New Zealand can align with the #MeToo movement](#)
"The White Ribbon Trust commissioned this report to help align White Ribbon with the #MeToo movement and develop an appropriate response. The report outlines a number of recommendations and these have been accepted by the White Ribbon Advisory Committee and by the White Ribbon Campaign Trust that is responsible for White Ribbon in New Zealand." *Source: White Ribbon Trust (New Zealand)*

[A future without violence: Quality, safeguarding and oversight to prevent and address violence against people with disability in institutional settings](#)
"This report outlines the Commission's findings and recommendations on the ways in which quality, safeguarding and oversight mechanisms that prevent and address violence against people with disability in institutional settings can be strengthened. The findings are based on evidence drawn from national consultations undertaken by the Commission with government, disabled people's organisations, disability advocacy organisations, industry and academia." *Source: Australian Human Rights Commission*

Quality & Safety

Always events evaluation: Phase 4: scale-up and spread

"Always Events® are aspects of the patient experience that are so important to patients and family members that health care providers must aim to perform them consistently for every individual, every time. This report is focused on an assessment of the scale up and spread of Always Events." *Source: Picker (Europe)*

Safer care saves money

"States and hospitals already have plenty of financial incentives to reduce complications. The problem is that both public and private hospitals need better information so that they can see the opportunities to reduce complications, and the costs that complications involve." *Source: Grattan Institute (Australia)*

Health Systems, Costs, & Reforms

IHI innovation system

"This white paper describes how a health care organization might create its own internal innovation system, based on the needs of the organization, that focuses on improving health care delivery." *Source: Institute for Healthcare Improvement*

Joined-up listening: integrated care and patient insight

"In this article, [the authors] articulate the opportunity that integrated care presents for using insight from people and populations to design services that meet their needs and reflect their priorities. This includes breaking down siloes within and between organisations to listen to what patients are saying across their entire pathway of care." *Source: King's Fund*

From complexity to collaboration : creating the New Zealand we want for ourselves, and enabling future generations to do the same for themselves

"The purpose of this paper is to change how we approach public policy and implementation for complex problems such as child poverty." *Source: Institute for Governance and Policy Studies (New Zealand)*

Mental Health

Mental Health Atlas 2017

"Mental Health Atlas series is considered the most comprehensive resource on global information on mental health and an important tool for developing and planning mental health services within countries and regions. The Mental Health Atlas 2017 acquires new importance as it is providing information and data on the progress towards the achievement of objectives and targets of the Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020." *Source: WHO*

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[Australia's mental health and physical health tracker: technical paper](#)
"This is the first Australian study to quantify the risks of physical health conditions contributing to a wide range of mental health conditions, including anxiety and depression. The latest national report card reveals the strong links between chronic physical ill health and mental ill health." *Source: Australian Health Policy Collaboration*

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Drugs & Alcohol

[Understanding recovery from a family perspective : a survey of life in recovery for families](#)
"Family members of people in addiction and recovery have important things to say, and yet their voices are rarely heard. While there is a well-established research evidence base showing the impact of addiction recovery on the lives of drinkers (and other substance users) themselves, this is the first piece of work that illustrates the impact - across multiple domains - of recovery on family members around dependent drinkers." *Source: Alcohol Research (UK)*

[Alcohol outlet density and alcohol-related hospital admissions in England: a geographical analysis](#)
"The purpose of [this] study was to investigate if alcohol outlet density was associated with hospital admissions for alcohol-related conditions in a national (English) small area level ecological study." *Source: Alcohol Research UK*

[Investigating the potential impact of changing alcohol product labels](#)
"The University of South Wales was commissioned to undertake research using eye tracker technology and interviews to investigate what alcohol shoppers actually look at on alcoholic products' labelling, packaging and on-shelf presentation." *Source: Alcohol Research UK*

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Public Health

[Making the (transport, health and environment) link](#)
"The Transport, Health and Environment Pan- European Programme (THE PEP) aims to develop and promote sustainable and healthy transport patterns at the pan-European level." *Source: WHO*

[Progress on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Western Pacific Region: Country Capacity Survey 2017](#)
"Progress on the Prevention and Control of NCDs in the Western Pacific Region: Country Capacity Survey 2017 presents a snapshot of the progress on NCD prevention and control in the Region in terms of infrastructure, policies, health information systems and health systems capacity as collected in the NCD CCS 2017." *Source: WHO*

[The economic burden of asbestos-related disease](#)

"This report, commissioned by the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, measures the medical and economic opportunity costs associated with asbestos-related disease. The report looks at the direct health care costs, as well as the cost of productivity and other losses resulting from time out of the workforce due to an asbestos-related disease in one year (2015)." *Source: Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (Australia)*

Examining Special Nutritional Requirements in Disease States: Proceedings of a Workshop
"In April 2018, the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine convened a workshop in order to explore the evidence for special nutritional requirements in disease states and the medical conditions that cannot be met with a normal diet. Participants explored the impact a disease state can have on nutrient metabolism and nutritional status, and attempted to close informational gaps. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop." *Source: National Academies Press*

Harmonization of Approaches to Nutrient Reference Values: Applications to Young Children and Women of Reproductive Age
"Recommended intake levels for nutrients and other dietary components were designed initially to prevent nutrient deficiency diseases in a given population, and the original methodological approach used to derive intake values did not include consideration for other applications. However, with the increasing globalization of information and the identification of a variety of factors specific to different population subgroups (e.g., young children and women of reproductive age) that influence their nutritional needs, there has been increasing recognition of the need to consider methodological approaches to deriving nutrient reference values (NRVs) that are applicable across countries and that take into account the varying needs of different population subgroups." *Source: National Academies Press*

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Health of Older People

Healthy settings for older people are healthy settings for all: the experience of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy
"This report analyses how, over two decades, the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia-Giuli, Italy has used WHO frameworks on healthy ageing and scaled up the pioneering experience of the city of Udine to develop a policy response to an ageing population. The approach addresses the whole region, and involves many sectors and all levels of governance." *Source: WHO*

Exploring education and training in relation to older people's health and social care
"To gain a deeper understanding of the extent to which health and social care staff are equipped to provide high quality care to older people, Dunhill Medical Trust commissioned Picker, a not-for-profit healthcare research organisation, to conduct research focussing on the education and training of health and social care staff, and the impact on older people's care." *Source: Picker (Europe)*

Beyond social care: keeping later life positive

"Most people do not want to think about getting old and will not plan for the possibility of needing care. Behavioural research suggests that this will remain the case even if people are better informed about how the social care system works, the choices they may face and the costs they may incur. So it is important that the design of the social care system reflects this and can respond quickly and effectively at times of crisis. People need to be able to find relevant information and advice and be supported to make good decisions quickly." *Source: Which? (UK)*

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Disability & Social Care

Competition and collaboration between service providers in the NDIS
"This report utilises qualitative interview data from disability service providers during the roll out of the NDIS to examine the effects of the introduction of a more competitive environment on collaborative working between providers who had historical relationships of working together." *Source: Centre for Social Impact (Australia)*

Learning disability: Improving Lives programme
"This review was set up to better understand whether people with a learning disability in Wales have what they need to lead successful lives and to examine how services could be strengthened. It involved a desk top review of information and meetings with over 2,000 people, including people with a learning disability, parents and carers. The review took a life course approach and maps key issues, risk and protective factors for: Early years, Adolescence, Early adulthood, Mid life and Later life." *Source: Welsh Government*

Commissioning services for adults with learning disabilities or autism: the views and experiences of commissioners
"Research to explore commissioning practice for services for people with learning disabilities and autism in England, focusing on the information used to help make decisions about services to commission and the challenges to commissioning effective services. The study explores the following questions: is quality or outcomes of services part of the commissioning process?; What sources of quality information are used in the commissioning process?; What are the barriers and facilitators of using quality information in commissioning?; and What are the main challenges to commissioning high quality services?" *Source: Quality and Outcomes of Person-centred Care Policy Research Unit (UK)*

The 'So what, what next?' project: supporting people with a learning disability, autism or both to use their skills and interests to play a part in the community
"The empowerment steering group wanted everyone involved in the project to think differently and creatively about people's support. They wanted the focus of the project to be on supporting individuals to establish links within their communities, to increase independence and enable people to be active citizens, contributing their skills and passions." *Source: Local Government Association (UK)*

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Hospital Care

[Rethinking outpatient services: Learning from an interactive workshop](#)
"Outpatient services in England have experienced a sharp rise in activity, leading to many STPs outlining ambitious plans to reduce activity and cut costs. This briefing, in collaboration with health leaders across the country, reveals opportunities to improve the design of services and challenges if some services should be delivered in their current form." *Source: Nuffield Trust*

[Patient Discharge from Hospital to General Practice: Thematic Report 2017-2018](#)
"The way in which patients are discharged from hospital is critical to the effectiveness of their ongoing care in the community. The quality and timeliness of discharge information provided by hospitals is of particular importance." *Source: Health Inspectorate Wales*

[What is the experience of decentralized hospital governance in Europe?](#)
"A new policy brief has been released by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, exploring the experience of 10 European countries using decentralized governance models to help hospitals adapt to increasing pressures and better meet the needs of patients." *Source: European Observatory*

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Health Technology

[Issues Surrounding the Estimation of the Opportunity Cost of Adopting a New Health Care Technology: Areas for Further Research](#)
"In this paper [the authors] set out a research agenda proposing alternative approaches in three areas to improve understanding of supply side opportunity costs for the English NHS. A subsequent paper will set out our findings." *Source: Office of Health Economics (UK)*

[Artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare and research](#)
"This briefing note examines the current and potential applications of AI in healthcare, its limits, and the ethical issues arising from its use." *Source: Nuffield Council on Bioethics*

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