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News from the weekend

Care England disappointed with LA 'lack of engagement' on fee rates

Professor Martin Green OBE, Chief Executive of Care England, said: "During this time of crisis it is important to give priority to health and social care and therefore is disappointing that some Directors of Adult Social Care are not inclined to work with the sector."

[Care Home Professional](#)

Tory heavyweights Jeremy Hunt and Damian Green demand Boris Johnson use the Budget to produce long-awaited plan to pay for social care as they warn it is 'now or never'

Mr Hunt, a former health secretary, and Mr Green, a former first secretary of state, said the PM should use the Budget to announce a commitment to publish a plan in the autumn of this year.

[Daily Mail](#)

'People say, I didn't know such homes existed': a care home with courage

Manager Jonathan Cunningham has ensured residents see family in lockdown on a rickshaw with a Perspex screen. When Matt Hancock announced that care home residents in England could finally receive indoor visits from one friend or relative from 8 March, families breathed a huge sigh of relief.

[The Guardian](#)

20 million people in UK have had first dose of coronavirus vaccine

Health secretary hails latest inoculation figures as 'magnificent achievement for the country'.

[The Guardian](#)

'I've had my vaccine - how well will it protect me and for how long?'

The latest answers to the important medical questions about the vaccines and the pandemic.

[The Guardian](#)

The NHS jab refuseniks: Almost a QUARTER of London's frontline healthcare workers - particularly ethnic minorities - have failed to accept the Covid jab, shocking figures reveal

Almost a quarter of frontline NHS staff in London, including some doctors and nurses, have failed to accept the Covid jab, shock Government figures reveal.

[Daily Mail](#)

Nearly a quarter of NHS staff in London are refusing Covid vaccines

NHS figures show 91 percent of front line staff across the country have taken up job offer – but that dips to 76 per cent in capital

[The Telegraph](#)

Exclusive: Single-shot Covid vaccine could be weeks away as regulators start approval process

A single-shot vaccine to combat Covid in Britain could be just weeks away, with regulators set to begin the approval process this week.

[The Telegraph](#)

More than 200,000 NHS and care staff have not had Covid jab

Vaccine hesitancy among health workers, particularly in London, could delay the lifting of lockdown.

[The Times](#) | [The Guardian](#) | [The Sun](#) |

Compulsory jabs for care staff supported by Robert Buckland

A senior cabinet minister has backed "no jab, no job" proposals from care homes as figures showed nearly one in three staff have not been vaccinated.

[The Times](#)

Justice secretary Robert Buckland defends 'no jab, no job' in care homes

Care homes have an "obvious rationale" for demanding that staff are vaccinated, a cabinet minister has said, as latest figures show that three in ten carers are yet to receive their first dose.

[The Times](#)

Care homes CAN impose 'no jab, no job' work contracts on new staff, says Justice Secretary

CARE homes can impose 'no jab, no job' contracts on new staff, the Justice Secretary has confirmed.

[The Sun](#) | [Metro](#) |

If we don't reform social care now, when will we?

The social care sector has borne the brunt of Covid-19 in many different and terrible ways. Some 28,000 care home residents have died from the virus since the pandemic began.

[The Telegraph](#)

It is only a matter of time before we turn on the unvaccinated

Poverty and religion are creating a class the newly inoculated will come to resent.

[The Guardian](#)

Single Pfizer jab can reduce asymptomatic Covid infections by 75%

A single dose of the Pfizer vaccine can reduce asymptomatic infections by 75%, according to research that suggests the jab could substantially curtail transmission of the disease.

[The Guardian](#)

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National Papers

Single Covid vaccine reduces risk of going to hospital by 90%

A single dose of the vaccine reduces the risk of hospital admission by more than 90 per cent and the Oxford jab is slightly more effective at this than the Pfizer one, new evidence suggests.

[The Times](#)

Rishi Sunak makes case for tax increases

Rishi Sunak has laid the groundwork for tax rises after he said it was time to “level with people” about the problems facing the economy. The chancellor confirmed yesterday that he would extend coronavirus support in the budget on Wednesday but warned that the pandemic had an “enormous hold” on the economy.

[The Times](#)

Matt Hancock hails 20 million Covid vaccinations

More than 20 million people in Britain have been given their first dose of a coronavirus vaccine.

[The Times](#)

More than 34,000 people with dementia have died from Covid, say campaigners

Research has found that 92 per cent of people with conditions such as Alzheimer's disease suffered a sharp deterioration during the last year, with isolation worsening difficulties in speaking and eating. At least 70 per cent of care home residents suffer from dementia.

[The Telegraph](#)

A QUARTER of all UK Covid fatalities had dementia: Huge death toll among elderly is revealed

More than 34,000 dementia sufferers have died from Covid-19, research published today shows. One in four of all virus deaths have been among those with the illness – but care home visiting bans have denied families the chance to say goodbye.

[Daily Mail](#)

Good news from governments

This book really grabbed my attention when it turned to the dismal-sounding topic of Dutch social care. About 30 years ago, politicians tried to “professionalise” a personal calling and almost ruined it. Managers arrived where there were none before. Caring activities became “products”, atomised into different tasks and given targets.

[Financial Times](#)

Vaccine certificates are vital step to freedom

We should not let the selfishness or ignorance of the few impinge on the rights and safety of the vaccinated majority.

[The Times](#)

Woman left heartbroken after care home staff said waving to her father, 80, through his window was 'illegal' - as she claims staff have shut the curtains to stop her from seeing him

A woman has revealed she was left devastated after she was told waving to her 80-year-old father through his care home window was 'illegal' by staff.

[Daily Mail](#)

Trade Papers

NHS Providers and the NHS Confederation must be 're-unified'

Oxford Health Foundation Trust chair David Walker on the reunification of NHS Providers and NHS Confederation to avoid duplication and non-effectiveness.

[HSJ](#)

R&RA calls for CQC to monitor care home compliance

The Relatives & Residents Association (R&RA) is calling for the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to monitor care homes' compliance with new Government visiting guidance. This forms part of the charity's six point plan on the change needed to end isolation in care.

[Care Management Matters](#)

'Join Social Care' platform launches to recruit 100,000 new carers

The Join Social Care platform originally launched with the DHSC in May 2020 and has already filled thousands of roles across the UK care sector.

[Care Home Professional](#) | [Home Care Insight](#) |

Local Papers

Fears at-risk adults with learning disabilities will miss out on Covid vaccine

Thousands whose names are on GP registers in the Swindon, Wiltshire and Bath and North East Somerset CCG area will be prioritised for a jab following new advice.

[Swindon Advertiser](#)

'Weaknesses' exposed in crisis hit care sector

ISSUES affecting the care sector like low pay, a lack of investment and fragmentation of services have all been laid bare during the coronavirus pandemic, according to industry experts.

[The Northern Echo](#)

Care homes 'at risk of closure' - property experts Frank Knight

THE region could face a shortage of care home beds with many "not fit for purpose" homes at risk of closure in the next five years, a report has warned.

[The Northern Echo](#)

Covid doctor's response when people refuse the vaccine

A frontline doctor has revealed what he says to people who say they do not want the Covid vaccine.

[Essex Live](#)

Green leader of Brighton and Hove City Council sets out vision for recovery in budget speech

The Green leader of Brighton and Hove City Council has spoken about plans for recovery from the coronavirus crisis at the annual budget council meeting this afternoon (Friday 25 February).

[Brighton and Hove News](#)

Vulnerable people asked to shield invited for Covid-19 vaccine jab

Hundreds of thousands of people asked to shield in England are being invited for a Covid-19 vaccine jab.

[Express and Star](#)

Media

Budget 2021: Extra £1.6bn for UK's Covid vaccination rollout

The UK's Covid vaccination rollout will receive an extra £1.65bn in the Budget to help it reach its target of offering a first dose to every adult by 31 July.

[BBC](#)

'Shocking' salaries of some care workers remain below minimum wage, Wakefield councillors told

The "shocking" salaries of some care workers remain below minimum wage, councillors in Wakefield have been told.

[ITV News](#)

Covid: People with learning disabilities 'left behind' by needle vaccine

People with learning disabilities have been "left behind" while the Covid-19 vaccine can only be delivered by injection, their families say.

[BBC News](#)

Guernsey to follow Jersey in giving islanders with learning disabilities vaccine priority

Officials in Guernsey say they'll start vaccinating islanders with learning difficulties imminently but have not yet confirmed when, where or how.

[ITV News](#)

COVID-19: Vaccine rollout by age not profession makes sense, says ex-chief scientific adviser

Mark Walport

A former chief scientific adviser says rolling out the COVID-19 vaccine by age rather than prioritising professions "makes sense".

[SKY News](#)

Government and Stakeholder Updates

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 variants identified in UK

Latest updates on SARS-CoV-2 variants detected in UK.

[GOV.UK](#)

NHS invites people aged 60-plus to get life-saving COVID vaccination

Almost two million people aged 60 to 63 will be invited to book a Covid jab this week as the NHS vaccination programme, the biggest in health service history, gains fresh momentum.

[NHS England](#)

UK CHARITIES JOIN TOGETHER TO BOOST VACCINE DRIVE – press release

Sixteen frontline charities have formed a new partnership to encourage those with long-term health conditions and their carers to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

[GOV.UK](#)

Why the market matters in adult social care (and what we can do about it)

The Covid-19 pandemic has shone a harsh light on adult social care. Between March 2020 and January 2021, there were 27,167 more deaths in England's care homes than we would normally expect.

[The King's Fund](#)

UK to strengthen its ethical approach to the international recruitment of health and care workers –

press release

UK aligns with World Health Organization's advice on ethical recruitment to promote effective, fair and sustainable international recruitment practices.

[GOV.UK](#)

Health and Social Care Secretary's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 26 February 2021

Speech by Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock at the Downing Street coronavirus briefing.

[GOV.UK](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested – updated guidance

Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested.

[GOV.UK](#)

COVID-19: supporting adults with learning disabilities and autistic adults – updated guidance

Guidance for care staff who are supporting adults with learning disabilities and autistic adults during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

[GOV.UK](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): testing guidance for employers – updated guidance

Guidance for employers and third-party healthcare providers on the regulations and legal obligations of running testing programmes.

[GOV.UK](#)

Digital

Digital devices for people with learning disabilities

The government has set up a £2.5 million fund to provide devices, data and digital support to people with learning disabilities who can't afford to get online.

[Electronics Weekly](#)

Event

Together with Music Webinar 4 March 2021 2-4pm

Care England has partnered with Intergenerational Music Making to launch Together with Music. Together with Music aims to connect schools, community groups and creatives to their local care home or older people in the wider community through music. These connections aim to tackle loneliness and isolation, supporting those living with dementia and other conditions and creating stronger, healthier, intergenerational communities across the UK.

[Book your place](#)



COVID-19 vaccination programme

Documents relating to the new coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme.

Contents

- Guidance
- Training resources
- Consent forms and letters
- Leaflets and posters
- Programme documents

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