
Your weekly update

This week, we bring you our new explainer guides to critical care and integrated care systems. Plus, we share our latest resources to support leaders through Covid-19 and announce details of our free online course.

[What is critical care?](#)

Critical care units are at the front line in the response to Covid-19, and the NHS is taking unprecedented action to increase critical care capacity to cope with the pandemic. Find out more about these services and the crucial role they play with our new explainer.

[Read the explainer](#)



[Covid-19: supporting leaders in a time of crisis](#)

Last week, we launched 'Leading through Covid-19', our online resource hub for health and care leaders, which we'll be developing over the coming weeks. See below for our latest quick and practical guides.



5-minute watch: [Prerana Issar, Chief People Officer for the NHS, on why leadership is important right now](#)



Infographic: [Responding to stress experienced by hospital staff working with Covid-19](#)



How can we help? [We want this resource to be practical and helpful for you, so please use the form to tell us how we can help](#)



Blog

[What challenges face leaders in this moment of crisis?](#)

Richard Murray considers the challenges leaders across health and social care will face over the coming weeks and months, and explains how we'll work with them to develop our 'Leading through Covid-19' online resources.

[Read Richard's blog](#)

Explainer

[What are integrated care systems and how do they work?](#)

Integrated care systems (ICSs) represent a fundamental shift in the way the health and care system is organised. This essential guide explains how they work, why they're important, and the progress made towards ICSs before the coronavirus outbreak took hold.

[Read the explainer](#)

[Blog](#)

[How has general practice responded to coronavirus?](#)

General practice has seen an incredible transformation in the space of just a few weeks in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Beccy Baird reflects on the pace and scale of change, and whether the innovations are here to stay.

[Read Beccy's blog](#)

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[Covid-19: integrating health and social care](#)

The response to the coronavirus outbreak has shown examples of real community spirit, but has also revealed some deep-rooted differences between the NHS and the social care sector. Richard Humphries explores.

[Read Richard's blog](#)



[Free online course](#)

[The English NHS explained](#)

Back by popular demand, our free online course is now open for enrolment. This four-week course will develop your knowledge of the health service in England through articles, quizzes and videos with experts from The King's Fund. Plus you can study each week at a time that suits you.

[Find out more](#)

A message to our readers

The world has changed dramatically over the past few weeks. The Covid-19 outbreak has developed rapidly and has affected us all, but particularly our health and care systems and the incredible people who work in them. We want to send our best wishes to all of our readers – we hope you are staying safe and well in these unprecedented times.

The King's Fund office is currently closed in line with government guidelines, but we are working remotely and are exploring how we can focus on the impact of the outbreak and the experience of the staff who are working tirelessly across the health and care system to help those affected. Please follow [our website](#) and [Twitter](#) for our latest research and commentary.