

Resources

Organisations (general)

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory

Supports and promotes evidence-based health policy-making through comprehensive and rigorous analysis of the dynamics of healthcare systems in Europe. Its website includes news items, policy briefs and summaries, and the BRIDGE series of key lessons and best practice to inform health policy-makers and to foster evidence into practice.

The Health Foundation

www.health.org.uk

An independent charity committed to bringing about better health and healthcare for people in the UK through its programme of commissioned research.

Health Services Management Centre (HSMC) at the University of Birmingham

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/departments/
health-services-management-centre/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx)

One of the leading centres in the UK for the provision of research, teaching, professional development and consultancy to health and social care agencies. For more than 40 years, HSMC has been conducting high-quality, original, policy-relevant research into the organisation,

coordination and effectiveness of health and social care services, and helps to shape policy and practice in the UK and abroad.

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

www.ihi.org

An independent not-for-profit organisation based in the US. For more than 25 years it has been a leading innovator, convener, partner and driver of results in health and healthcare improvement worldwide.

Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV) at the University of Birmingham

www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/index.aspx

The leading academic centre for research and teaching on local governance and strategic public management. With over 40 years' experience working within local government and the public sector, INLOGOV creates the latest thinking for public servants.

Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (Iriss)

www.iriss.org.uk

A charitable company working to enhance the capacity and capability of the social services workforce in Scotland by enabling access to, and promoting the use of, knowledge and research for service innovation and improvement.

International Federation for Integrated Care (IFIC)

<http://integratedcarefoundation.org>

A not-for-profit educational membership-based network that crosses organisational and professional boundaries in order to bring people together to advance the science, knowledge and adoption of integrated care policy and practice.

The King's Fund

www.kingsfund.org.uk

An independent charity working to improve health and healthcare in England. It helps shape policy and practice through research and analysis; develops individuals, teams and organisations; promotes understanding of the health and social care system; and brings people together to learn, share knowledge and debate. Its online resources also include video clips of key speakers leading UK and international integrated care projects: www.kingsfund.org.uk/topics/integrated-care.

Leadership Centre

www.localleadership.gov.uk

Created and launched in 2004, this organisation acquired charitable status as the Leadership Centre for Local Government in April 2008. It works closely with the Local Government Association (see below) to support, promote and improve local government.

Local Government Association

www.local.gov.uk

A politically led, cross-party membership organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. The organisation aims to influence and set the political agenda on the issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems.

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

www.evidence.nhs.uk

Provides national guidance, advice and evidence-based recommendations on a wide range of topics, from preventing and managing specific conditions, to providing social care to adults and children, and planning broader services and interventions to improve the health of communities. These aim to promote integrated care where appropriate, for example by covering transitions between children's and adult services and between health and social care.

National Voices

www.nationalvoices.org.uk

Brings the voices of patients, service users and carers to bear on national health and social care policy in England. The organisation works with its membership to influence government ministers and departments, professional bodies and other organisations, and to ensure that policy focuses on delivering what matters most to patients and service users and their families and carers.

Nesta (National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts)

www.nesta.org.uk

An independent charity dedicated to supporting ideas that can help improve lives, with activities ranging from early stage investment to in-depth research and practical programmes. Its areas of work include health and ageing and citizen engagement in public services. The Centre for Social Action Innovation Fund is a partnership between Nesta and the Cabinet Office, with funds being provided to support a range of activities and projects with a strong engagement focus.

Nuffield Trust

www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk

An independent health charity that aims to improve the quality of healthcare in the UK by providing evidence-based research and policy analysis and informing and generating debate.

Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)

www.rcgp.org.uk/policy/rcgp-policy-areas/integration-of-care.aspx

Has long championed the development of integrated care, and this web page collects together some of the work the organisation has done in this area, including their policy paper on integrated care published in 2012.

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

www.scie.org.uk

A leading improvement support agency and independent charity, working with the care and support sector in the UK. The organisation co-produces its work with people who use services and carers.

Virtual Staff College

www.virtualstaffcollege.co.uk

Designs and delivers professional development opportunities for leaders in local authority children's services and other stakeholders such as health and wellbeing boards, clinical commissioning groups and other partners, working in services for children, young people and families.

World Health Organization (WHO)

www.who.int/servicedeliverysafety/areas/people-centred-care/en

Created in 1948 with the primary role of directing and coordinating international health within the United Nations' system. The organisation's global strategy on people-centred and integrated health services represents a call for a fundamental shift in the way health services are funded, managed and delivered. The strategy is made up of two linked documents – the first of which is the strategy itself, whilst the second is an overview of good practice, which presents a number of case studies and the evidence on the benefits that people-centred and integrated care can bring to people, communities and countries.

Organisations (advocacy)

Age UK

www.ageuk.org.uk

Other charities for specific conditions/diseases are also useful, e.g. Diabetes UK.

Gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mental-capacity-act-making-decisions>

Provides information for making decisions under the Mental Capacity Act.

Mencap

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/our-services/personal-support-services/advocacy/empower-me>

Mencap is the voice of learning disability.

NHS Choices

www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/pages/advocacy-services.aspx

Provides information on advocacy services.

Older People's Advocacy Alliance (OPAAL)

www.opaal.org.uk

Advocacy for older people.

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

www.scie.org.uk/independent-mental-health-advocacy

Provides information on Independent Mental Health Advocacy.

Journals

Health & Social Care in the Community

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1365-2524](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1365-2524)

An international peer-reviewed journal with a multi-disciplinary audience.

International Journal of Integrated Care

www.integratedcarefoundation.org

The Integrated Foundation for Integrated Care is an international collaboration that hosts this open-access journal.

Journal of Integrated Care

www.emeraldinsight.com/journal/jica

The UK's leading journal looking at practice, policy and the research of integrated care.

Journal of Interprofessional Care

www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=aimsScope&journalCode=ijic20#.VioDGH7nvIU

Aims to disseminate research and new developments in the field of interprofessional education and practice.