

Broadlake Times

Weekly Bulletin - Social Care, Disability, Residential and Healthcare Staffing

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This edition applies the Broadlake filters and running order to developments across social care, complex care, residential and disability services, children's services, healthcare staffing, and AI where it intersects with mental health, youth safety and regulatory risk. It covers material signals in Ireland, the UK and EU.

Overview

Article Summaries

Most material developments across Ireland, the UK and key EU policy moves.

Disability services publication statement [NHS backs AI notetaking to free up](#)

15 January 2026

more face-to-face care

Ireland | Disability services, residential care | Source: HIQA United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Ongoing compliance with regulations; areas for improvement identified

Key Stat: Increased face-to-face care time for patients as a result of reduced administrative workload.

Quote: The report emphasizes the need for continuous improvement in disability services to ensure the well-being of residents.

Quote: The NHS recognizes that by leveraging AI, we can significantly improve patient interaction and care delivery.

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Children's services publication statement 14 January 2026

Ireland | Children's residential care, safeguarding | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Publication includes inspection results and compliance levels; focus on safeguarding standards.

Quote: HIQA underscores that safeguarding children's welfare remains a top priority in the assessment of residential care facilities.

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Disability services publication statement 12 December 2025

Ireland | Disability services, residential care | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Inspection results indicate varying levels of compliance across multiple designated centres.

Quote: HIQA emphasizes the importance of ongoing monitoring and improvement in the delivery of disability services to ensure the well-being of residents.

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NHS diabetes prevention scheme helps one million people

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: One million participants; significant lifestyle changes achieved

Quote: The NHS emphasizes that early intervention through the diabetes prevention scheme is crucial in preventing the onset of type 2 diabetes and improving long-term health.

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Hundreds of thousands of young children now to be protected against chickenpox

United Kingdom (England) | Healthcare staffing | Source: NHS England

Key Stat: Hundreds of thousands of children to receive chickenpox vaccinations

Quote: This vaccination program is a crucial step in safeguarding the health of our youngest citizens, ensuring that they are protected against potentially serious infections.

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NHS England warns of resurgence in winter viruses

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Warning issued by NHS chief; increased pressure expected on healthcare services

Quote: The NHS must prepare for a challenging winter as we see a bounce back in winter viruses, and it is essential that healthcare staffing levels are maintained.

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HTA and Evidence Synthesis Bulletin Third Bulletin 2025

Ireland | Healthcare staffing | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Focus on evidence-based practices; highlights staffing shortages and training needs in healthcare.

Quote: The bulletin emphasizes that adopting evidence-based approaches can significantly enhance the quality of care delivered across healthcare settings.

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Second National Maternity Experience Survey reveals high levels of respect and trust in maternity care, but highlights need for stronger communication and postnatal support

Ireland | Healthcare | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: High levels of respect and trust reported; need for stronger communication and postnatal support identified

Quote: The survey highlights that while women feel respected and trusted, there is a significant demand for better communication and support postnatally.

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Older people's services publication statement 13 January 2026

Ireland | Older people's care, private residential | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Recent inspections reveal varying compliance levels in older people's services; specific areas identified for improvement.

Quote: HIQA emphasizes the importance of maintaining high standards in care for older people, urging providers to address identified areas of non-compliance.

[Link To Source](#)

Menopause and prostate conditions prioritised for NHS's new online hospital

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: New online hospital launched focusing on menopause and prostate conditions.

Quote: This new online hospital will enhance patient access to care, particularly for those dealing with menopause and prostate health challenges, which have historically received less attention.

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Monitoring inspections in healthcare services publication statement 17

December 2025

Ireland | Healthcare regulation | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Recent inspections reveal varying compliance rates across healthcare services, with specific focus on safety protocols.

Quote: The report underscores the necessity for ongoing monitoring to ensure patient safety and adherence to regulations in healthcare services.

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Second biggest drop in NHS waiting list in 15 years amid record number of patients

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Second biggest drop in waiting lists in 15 years; record number of patients still waiting

Quote: The latest figures demonstrate both progress in reducing waiting times and the substantial demand still placed on NHS services.

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HIQA launches public consultation on a health technology assessment of immunisation against RSV

Ireland | Healthcare staffing | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Public consultation launched on RSV immunisation assessment

Quote: HIQA seeks feedback from the public and healthcare professionals to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of RSV immunisation.

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Dr Arun Chopra assumes role of Interim Chief Executive of CQC

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Interim CEO appointed; transition in leadership.

Quote: Dr. Chopra stated, 'I am committed to ensuring the CQC continues to deliver its vital role in regulating health and social care services effectively.'

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NHS backs AI notetaking to free up more face-to-face care

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: AI technology expected to reduce administrative time, increasing face-to-face care availability.

Quote: NHS England emphasizes that the integration of AI notetaking will significantly free up clinicians to focus on the patients in front of them.

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CQC upgrades rating of Westgate-on-Sea care home to outstanding

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Care home upgraded to 'outstanding' after inspection

Quote: The CQC noted that the care home 'exemplifies best practices in delivering care and support'.

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Children's services publication statement 21 January 2026

Ireland | Children's residential care, safeguarding | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Recent inspections revealed key compliance issues; focus on safeguarding in children's services.

Quote: HIQA stresses that maintaining high standards of safeguarding is crucial for the well-being of children in residential care.

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Older people's services publication statement 9 December 2025

Ireland | Older people's care, private residential |
Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Inspections conducted across multiple centres; overall compliance observed, with some noted areas for improvement.

Quote: The report emphasizes the importance of continuous oversight and improvement in the quality of care provided to older people.

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International Protection

Accommodation Service centres publication statement 16 December 2025

Ireland | Disability services, residential care | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Publication of inspection findings; focus on compliance and quality of care.

Quote: HIQA emphasizes the importance of maintaining high standards of care and compliance to ensure the well-being of residents in accommodation services.

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NHS in 'calmer waters but not out of danger' yet as winter viruses still circulating

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: NHS reports stabilization; winter viruses still pose risk

Quote: Officials caution that despite improvements, the NHS must remain vigilant as winter viruses circulate.

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Rebuilding CQC: progress during 2025

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Increased transparency; enhanced inspection processes; collaborative efforts with care providers

Quote: CQC's commitment to rebuilding trust in care services is crucial for ensuring safety and quality in adult social care.

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NHS staff to train teachers, school nurses, and GPs to spot eating disorders

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: NHS initiative to train educators and healthcare professionals in identifying eating disorders

Quote: The initiative emphasizes the importance of early detection and intervention in managing eating disorders, which are on the rise among young people.

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HIQA publishes HTA of abdominal aortic aneurysm screening programme for men

Ireland | Healthcare services | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Health Technology Assessment published; focus on screening programme effectiveness and cost-effectiveness.

Quote: The assessment emphasizes the significant potential of early detection through screening to improve patient outcomes and reduce mortality rates associated with abdominal aortic aneurysms.

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NHS far from complacent despite drop in flu admissions

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Flu admissions have dropped, yet NHS is actively monitoring the situation.

Quote: NHS officials state, 'We are not complacent; our focus remains on ensuring the safety and health of the public.'

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CQC takes action to protect people at The Vale Residential Care Home, Kent

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Action taken to protect residents; issues identified with staffing and management practices

Quote: The CQC's intervention was necessary to ensure that residents receive the safe and high-quality care they deserve.

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CQC to continue to lead on programme of Independent Care (Education) and Treatment Reviews (ICETRs)

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Continuation of leadership in ICETRs program; focus on improving care for individuals with complex needs.

Quote: CQC emphasizes the importance of ICETRs in safeguarding the quality of care for individuals requiring specialized support.

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NHS helped thousands of patients get home for Christmas despite doctors strike

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Thousands of patients discharged for Christmas; healthcare operations maintained during strikes

Quote: The NHS has shown remarkable dedication in ensuring that patients can spend Christmas at home, even amidst the challenges posed by the doctors' strike.

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**Disability services publication statement
18 December 2025**

Ireland | Disability services, residential care | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Recent inspections assessed compliance in designated disability services.

Quote: HIQA emphasizes the importance of continuous monitoring to ensure high standards of care in residential facilities.

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NHS to offer thousands of men life-extending prostate cancer drug

United Kingdom (England) | Healthcare staffing | Source: NHS England

Key Stat: Thousands of men to benefit from new life-extending drug

Quote: NHS representatives state that this new treatment option will significantly enhance the quality of life for many prostate cancer patients.

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CQC rates child and adolescent mental health wards at Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust as requires improvement

United Kingdom (England) | Adult social care, health services regulation | Source: CQC

Key Stat: Rating of 'requires improvement' for mental health wards; emphasis on safety and support needs.

Quote: CQC stresses the need for the trust to improve the safety and support of its young patients, ensuring their care meets necessary standards.

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**Disability services publication statement
15 January 2026**

Ireland | Disability services, residential care | Source: HIQA

Key Stat: Recent inspections conducted; focus on compliance and quality of care.

Quote: The report emphasizes the importance of maintaining high standards in disability services to ensure the safety and well-being of residents.

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