



Issues Facing People with Disabilities and the Potential for Improved Treatment and Outcomes in the Next 50 Years Debate on 9 May 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Borwick to move that this House takes note of the issues facing people with disabilities and the potential for improved treatment and outcomes in the next 50 years.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- University of Bristol, [Getting Things Changed](#), 31 May 2018, pp 4–7

Executive summary of the results of research into the issues facing disabled people in the UK. It concludes that despite legislation, policy and guidance, disabled people still face exclusions, both in everyday life and within health and social care services.

- House of Lords Library, [Disability in the UK: Rights and Policy](#), 21 June 2018

Overview of the issues faced by disabled people in the UK. It includes a summary of the legislation governing disability rights and discusses the possible impact of Brexit. It also provides a reading list for further information, including from parliamentary committees and libraries.

- Chief Medical Officer, [Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer, 2018: Health 2040—Better Health Within Reach](#), 21 December 2018, chapter 12 pp 1–17

Chapter from the 2018 annual report of the Chief Medical Officer for England. The report looks in detail at a range of possible features of the health landscape in 2040. This excerpt specifically considers emerging technologies, in particular artificial intelligence.

- NHS England, [The NHS Long Term Plan](#), January 2019, pp 6–10 and 75–7

Summary of the NHS Long Term Plan, and an extract covering the role of “research and innovation” in improving future treatment outcomes. The summary includes an overview of a programme to upgrade technology and “digitally enabled care” across the NHS. The extract on research and innovation describes how the NHS will focus on “transformative” innovations, particularly genomics.

- UK Government, [Contained and Controlled: The UK’s 20-year Vision for Antimicrobial Resistance](#), 24 January 2019, pp 1–7

Extract from a document setting out the Government’s vision to contain and control antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by 2040. It quotes predictions that, unchecked, worldwide deaths caused by AMR will rise from

700,000 per year in 2014 to 10 million per year in 2050, at a cumulative cost of \$100 billion. The document accompanied a national action plan which sets out specific steps for tackling AMR over the next five years (HM Government, [‘Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance 2019–2024: The UK’s Five-year National Action Plan’](#), 24 January 2019).

- Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, [‘Advances in Cancer Treatment’](#), 11 April 2019, pp 1–4

Overview of advances in technologies for treating cancer, which the note describes as the leading cause of death in the UK. It reports predictions that cancer incidence will rise by 2% to 2035. However, it suggests that “some cancers will become treatable as long-term chronic diseases as treatments improve”.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [‘Debate on ‘Disabled People’](#), HL Hansard, 28 June 2018, cols 299–336
- [‘Oral Question on ‘Health: Chief Medical Officer’s Recommendations’](#), HL Hansard, 21 January 2019, cols 495–7
- House of Commons, [‘Written Question: Genetics: Health Services’](#), 27 March 2019, 234089
- House of Commons, [‘Written Question: Life Expectancy’](#), 26 May 2016, 38109
- House of Commons, [‘Written Question: Department of Health and Social Care: Databases’](#), 15 April 2019, 242861
- House of Commons, [‘Written Question: NHS: Innovation’](#), 10 April 2019, 240019

Press Articles and Comment

- John Appleby, [‘Spending on Health and Social Care Over the Next 50 Years: Why Think Long Term?’](#), King’s Fund, 2013, pp 8–11
- Ken Gilleo, [‘The Sci-fi Future of Medicine ... The Next 50 Years’](#), All Flex, accessed 3 May 2019
- Health24, [‘5 Diseases that may be Cured During Our Lifetime’](#), 14 March 2018
- Andrew Thompson, [‘What Will Medicine Look Like in Thirty Years?’](#), Thrive Global, 17 July 2018

Further Information

- Halla Thorsteinsdottir et al, [‘Genomics Knowledge’](#), World Health Organization, accessed 3 May 2019
- *Telegraph* (£), [‘Seven Visions of the Future of Healthcare’](#), accessed 2 May 2019
- James Love-Koh et al, [‘The Future of Precision Medicine: Potential Impacts for Health Technology Assessment’](#), *Pharmacoeconomics*, 13 July 2018, vol 36 no 12, pp 1439–51
- Jochanan Stessman et al, [‘Loneliness, Health and Longevity’](#), *Journals of Gerontology: Series A*, 28 September 2013, vol 69 no 6, pp 744–50

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