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Health Policy Update

January – March 2025



Introduction and Agenda

- Key trends and announcements
- Session Objective
 - techUK position and actions
 - Wider member feedback and discussion

Included in the update today:

- NHS Abolition
- Legislative Changes
- Wider sector update
- Health Data Research Service
- Horizon Scanning

NHS Abolition: Policy Change Overview

Structural Reform

- NHS England being fully absorbed into Department of Health and Social Care
- Reversal of 2012 Health and Social Care Act reforms
- Two-year transition period now underway
- New leadership: Sir James Mackey (CEO) and Dr. Penny Dash (Chair)

Financial & Operational Changes

- Return to "fair shares allocation policy" for Integrated Care Boards
- NHS finances: £311M deficit (reduced from projected £6.6B)
- Mandated 50% reduction in corporate costs across providers and ICBs
- Revised NHS Standard Contract with removal of elective payment limits
- Savings to be reinvested in frontline services

Strategic Direction

- Shift to "devolved, rules-based system built on strong Board accountability"
- ICBs repositioned as strategic commissioners with enhanced local autonomy

NHS Abolition: techUK actions

techUK response:

- [Statement released](#)
- Proactive engagement with leadership team
- Members' support & Advocacy

Potential Implications for Industry

- Impacted Programmes
- Changes to procurement policies and practices
- Implications for ICBs and management of digital products and projects

Legislative Changes

Procurement Act 2023

- The Procurement Act 2023 became effective on February 24, 2025, introducing a simplified procurement system with enhanced transparency and designed to increase accessibility for SMEs, VCSEs, and startups.
- [techUK Central Government Programme](#)
 - [Procurement Act 2023 is Live: Essential Information and Strategic Policy Highlights](#)
 - [Procurement Week 2025 Round Up](#)

Data Use and Access Bill

- [Policy and Public Affairs Programme](#)
 - [The Data \(Use and Access\) Bill: What's changed and what remains from the DPDI Bill](#)
- Health and Social Care Programme
 - [Event Round-up: Industry briefing on the New Data Use and Access Bill](#)

Health Data Research Service

- Government and Wellcome Trust investing £600 million to create a Health Data Research Service, providing secure, streamlined access to NHS data by end of 2026
- Clinical trial setup time to be reduced from 250+ days to 150 days by March 2026, cutting bureaucracy while maintaining gold standard security and privacy
- Initiative housed at Wellcome Genome Campus in Cambridgeshire, supporting the UK life sciences sector as part of the Modern Industrial Strategy

[Life Sciences Working Group](#)

Wider Updates

Public satisfaction with the NHS and social care in 2024 ([BSA](#))

Based on the British Social Attitudes (BSA) survey results published by The King's Fund and Nuffield Trust on April 2, 2025:

- **Record Low Satisfaction:** Only 21% of British adults were satisfied with the NHS in 2024, the lowest level since 1983
- **Rising Dissatisfaction:** 59% were dissatisfied with the NHS, a significant increase from 52% in 2023
- **Social Care:** Just 13% were satisfied with social care services (unchanged from 2023)
- **Service-Specific Findings:**
 - A&E services: Satisfaction collapsed to 19% (from 31%)
 - NHS dentistry: Continued decline to 20% (from 60% in 2019)
 - GP services: Fell to 31% (from 34% in 2023)
 - Hospital care: Highest satisfaction at 32%

Spring Statement 2025

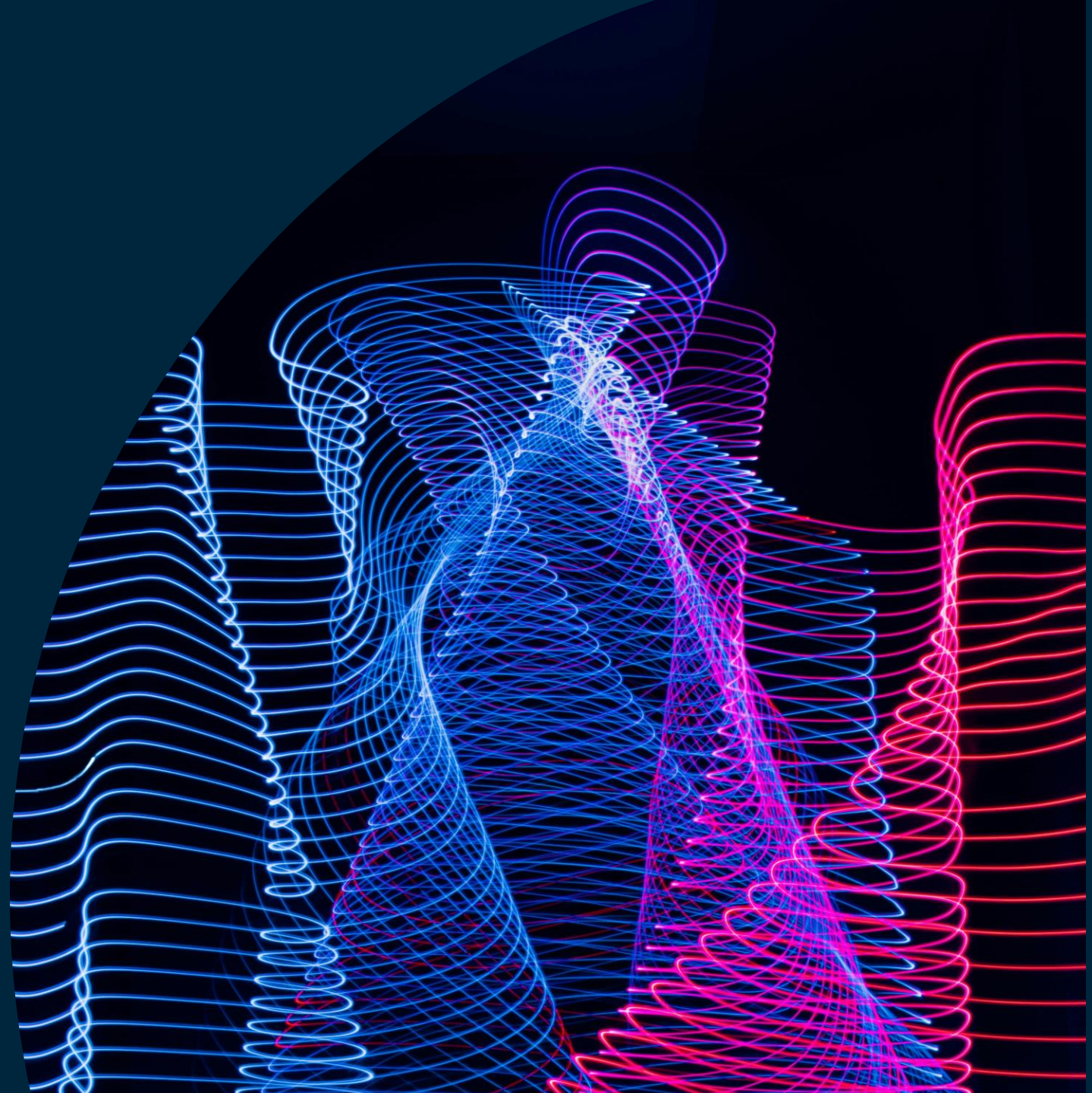
[Spring Statement 2025 - techUK Roundup and Response](#)

Horizon Scanning

- [MHRA Change of Leadership: new CEO Lawrence Tallon](#)
- 10 Year Plan
 - [techUK response to the consultation](#)
- Life Sciences Sector Plan ([Life Sciences Working Group](#))
- Industrial Strategy ([Digital Economy Team](#))
- Spending Review ([Spending Review 2025 - techUK's representation](#))


Comments, feedback and reflections...


Member Discussion




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