



## OHID London Health, Work and Skills Update - 19 June 2025

Dear Health and Work Leads

Please find below latest updates. Do please share with relevant colleagues, local businesses, organisations and community networks.

### Labour Market Statistics, June 2025

[Labour Market Statistics, June 2025 | Institute for Employment Studies \(IES\)](#)

### Survey to get views - smoking cessation support

The London Tobacco Alliance are currently running a survey to get views and input into developing the smoking cessation intervention called Very Brief Advice (VBA) for non-clinical staff. This intervention enables those working in a range of community-focused roles where they engage with, and support, people face-to-face, to be able to provide evidence-based prompts to encourage them to consider stopping smoking.

VBA is a concise, structured intervention that typically that can be offered in just a few minutes. This approach has proven effective because it leverages routine interactions to prompt smokers to consider quitting, providing an accessible first step towards cessation. This VBA, which is led by the National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training, for non-clinical staff is based on [existing VBA](#) that has been used successfully for many years by clinical staff

This very short survey is to gauge views from those who work in community-facing roles to enable it to be developed in a way that would be most supportive and helpful. No expertise is required to complete the form; it asks about 'engaging with service users who smoke' and 'potential barriers and opportunities to engaging with service users about their smoking' and it should take no longer than **five** minutes to complete. The link to the form is here: [Speaking about smoking with service users who smoke - survey](#) .

The survey is open until the end of the month, 30 June.

### Mens Health

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) recently announced [details of England's first ever men's health strategy](#), to tackle the life expectancy gap between men and women. To inform the strategy, our Men's Health Strategy Team opened a [call for evidence](#). It's open until **Thursday 17 July**,



1. **[NHS Confederation report: A new operating model for health and care](#)**, the report explores how the health and care system and central government can collaborate to implement a more integrated and devolved healthcare model, as outlined in the 10-year Health Plan.
2. Age UK London - On the Edge: The impact of financial pressures on older Londoners May 2025 [https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wp-assets/globalassets/london/campaigns/poverty-2025/ageuk\\_ote\\_final.pdf](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wp-assets/globalassets/london/campaigns/poverty-2025/ageuk_ote_final.pdf)

## Events

### ❖ **Webinar: Maximising Your Mental Health Support Offers**

*This webinar is being coordinated by Thrive LDN, London's public health partnership, with support and funding from the Greater London Authority's health team in partnership with The Mayor's Good Work Standard.*

**Thursday, July 3, 12pm - 1pm:**

Join a free, one-hour webinar led by Healthy Dialogues designed for HR leads and people managers to enhance awareness, confidence, and communication around mental health support resources. Despite their value, many EAPs and mental health services available to employees remain underused or misunderstood. This session explores common barriers to engagement, provides practical communication strategies, and helps managers normalise and embed support tools in their everyday leadership practice.

This is an interactive session, and registration is limited to 80 people. Multiple people from an organisation are welcome but please register individually.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-maximising-your-mental-health-support-offers-tickets-1396661765939?aff=oddttdcreator>

### ❖ **London Legal Support Trust( LLST) June 25th: 'Helping Hands - valuing the advice workforce'.**

Advising Londoners is a partnership of 41 agencies across London co-ordinated by London Citizens Advice and LLST supported by the Greater London Authority to provide additional capacity, advice, legal support and representation in response to new needs that have arisen over the cost-of-living crisis.

This conference is open to frontline advisers including volunteers, managers and trustees in advice organisations, and partner organisations across both programmes. Whether you work as a leader within the advice sector, or represent another stakeholder community who would like



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To learn about systemic workforce challenges and potential solutions, we would love you to join us. We hope to share ideas and solutions and offer a safe space to discuss some of the difficult and intersecting workforce challenges that the advice sector is facing - recruitment, retention, progression, and making a career in advice organisations rewarding, fulfilling and great experience. Register here [Helping Hands - Valuing the Advice Workforce Tickets, Wed 25 Jun 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Find additional information on the breakout rooms and speakers here - [Helping Hands: Valuing the Advice Workforce Conference Breakout rooms – Advice Workforce Development Fund](#)

❖ **Money Helper is a free service provided by the Money and Pensions Service. They are running a series of free Pensions webinars from July 2025**

[Free and impartial help with money, backed by the government | MoneyHelper](#)

Thursday 17 July 2025 11:00 - 12:00: [NHS pension basics](#)

Thursday 16 October 2025 11:00 - 12:00: [The menopause and your pension: a focus on defined benefit pension scheme](#)

Thursday 16 October 2025 14:00 - 15:00: [The menopause and your pension: a focus on defined contribution pensions](#)

Wednesday 26 November 2025 11:00 - 12:00: [Understanding your pension later in your career: a focus on defined benefit pensions](#)

Wednesday 26 November 2025 14:00 - 15:00: [Understanding your pension later in your career: a focus on defined contribution pensions](#)

**If you would like to join this network and have future updates emailed directly to you, please contact [Monica.Acheampong@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:Monica.Acheampong@dhsc.gov.uk)**