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Short Notice Item

Reminder: Dig In North West Quiz Night - 28 February 2014

Hello, just a last reminder that we are holding our quiz night tonight! We hope you have been preparing for the Ferre Roche challenge, as well as your general knowledge. The night begins at 7.30, at Grimsargh Village Hall. Teams are strictly no more than 6 people. It costs £3 per person, with all proceeds helping to support local military veterans. (for those who came last time, the lower price is because we are not serving food on the night - there will be brain fuelling snacks on your table). If you are hoping to come, either independently or as a team, I wonder if you would mind letting me know - I need to know how many of those little golden chocolate dreams to obtain! (This is just for a guideline number, if you decide last minute to come along please do - there will always be enough chocolate.) Looking forward to seeing you there

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And now, the news ...

[Funding Opportunities](#)

Funding for Social Digital Entrepreneurs - deadline 9 March 2014

UnLtd, the charity for Social Entrepreneurs, has announced that digital social ventures can apply for funding of up to £40,000. The funding is being made available by Wayra UnLtd, UnLtd's joint venture backed by the Government and Telefónica. UnLtd are looking for entrepreneurs with a sustainable business model based on technology and digital solutions that can have a positive impact in the community combining both business and social profitability. Up to nine digital social enterprises will be awarded seed funding, offered space in the purpose-built Wayra UnLtd Academy in central London, and gain access to Telefónica's skills and expertise. They will also get the chance to access the mobile giant's 300 million customer base across the world.

Applicants can submit their application online by completing a form at

<http://unltd.wayra.org>

<http://unltd.org.uk/2014/02/11/wayra-unltd-opens-second-call-for-applications/>

Teacher Training Scholarships for 2014 - deadline 10 March 2014

The Institute of Physics has announced that its Teacher Training Scholarships for 2014 are now open for applications. The IOP, in partnership with the Department for Education offers teacher training scholarships, worth £20,000 for people in England who would like to train to teach physics or physics with maths. Scholarships also include a package of benefits such as Institute membership and early career mentoring. 100 scholarships are available each year. To apply you will need to have a physics, engineering or mathematics degree or have a conditional PGCE offer subject to completing a Subject Knowledge Enhancement course in physics.; an excellent, proven (or predicted) academic record with a first or 2.1 degree or hold a PhD or Masters degree or recognised equivalent; by September 2014 secure your training place on an eligible PGCE or School Direct (non-salaried) physics or physics with maths course in England for the 2014/15 academic year; be eligible to apply for a tuition fee loan from the Student Loans Company; meet the bursary eligibility criteria as set out in the National College for Teaching and Leadership's bursary guidance; and have an excellent understanding of school-level physics; etc. The closing date for applications is the 10th March 2014. There will be further application rounds throughout the academic year.

http://www.iop.org/education/teach/itts/page_52632.html

Creative Employment Programme - deadline 21 March 2014

The £15 million, National Lottery funded programme is aimed at increasing work and training opportunities for unemployed young people within the creative sector. The programme will provide funding for 6,500 new traineeships, apprenticeships and paid internship opportunities to help young unemployed people enter the arts and cultural workforce. Employment created will be in a wide range of disciplines, from technical to administrative roles, provided they are located in England and fall within the Arts Council England's footprint of: Music, Dance, Theatre, Literature, Visual Arts, Contemporary Craft, Combined Arts, Carnival, Circus, Galleries, Museums, and Libraries. The programme will provide part wage grants to employers who create new apprenticeship and internship job opportunities for young unemployed people aged 16-24. Employers will need to make an application for funding in order to access a part wage grant.

<http://creative-employment.co.uk/the-creative-employment-programme>

Swimathon Foundation Grants - deadline 24 March 2014

Local groups such as for example community groups, swimming clubs, swimming pools, older people's organisations, youth groups, sports clubs, scout troops and healthy living groups can apply for grants of between £300 and £2,500 to help more

people participate in and enjoy swimming and to make swimming more accessible.
<http://www.swimathonfoundation.org/apply/>

Preventive Conservation Grant Scheme for Museums - deadlines 31 March and 30 September 2014

The Association of Independent Museums (AIM) has announced that it has developed a second conservation funding strand to its Conservation Grant Scheme. The AIM Preventive Conservation Grant Scheme, run in association with its established scheme, will run until 2016. It has been set up to help small museums develop a more sustainable approach to the conservation and management of collections through improvements to preventive conservation within their museum. Bids will typically be small interventions, more passive and simple methods of environmental control, low energy, low carbon, no air-conditioning and methods that can be easily maintained by non-technical staff and volunteers. Priority will be given to obtaining professional advice in compiling conservation and implementation strategies, and training for volunteers. Eligible AIM members must be registered or accredited, or expect to achieve accreditation within two years, and they must have fewer than 60,000 visitors or a turnover of less than £300,000 per year. Maximum grant will be £10,000 and average grants awarded will be around £5,000.

http://www.aimmuseums.co.uk/content/aim_preventive_conservation_grant_scheme/

Centre for Social Action Innovation Fund - deadline 31 March 2014

Nesta, the UK's Innovation Foundation, has announced that its Social Action Innovation Fund is open for applications. Through the Fund, financial support of between £50,000 and £500,000 (per project) is available to back the best innovators that use social action to help people improve their skills and get into work, including through enterprise and self-employment. This could include: New approaches to mentoring, coaching and careers advice using volunteers; Supporting people to shape their own jobs and businesses; Developing platforms that showcase people's skills and help build work related networks to find work or better work. The Innovation Fund can accept applications from public services, charities, social enterprises and for profit businesses provided they can show that their projects will deliver public benefit. While applicants can be established in any part of the UK, the benefits of their proposals should focus primarily or significantly in England.

<http://www.nesta.org.uk/project/centre-social-action-innovation-fund/guidance-on-submitting-an-expression-of-interest>

Woodward Charitable Trust – Summer Playscheme Grants Programme - deadline 1 April 2014

The Woodward Charitable Trust has announced that its Summer Playscheme Grants Programme has re-opened for applications. Grants of between £500 and £1,000 are available to registered charities for the provision of children's summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5 and 16 years. The charities annual income should be under £100,000. Approximately 35 grants are awarded each year. The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding running costs (including core cost and salaries). The deadline for receipt of applications for the Summer Playschemes is 12 noon on the 1st April 2014.

<http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines.html>

Heritage Grants over £2 Million and under £5 Million - deadline 11 April 2014

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced the next closing date for applications to its

Heritage Grants scheme for project of over £2 million and under £5 million is the 11th April 2014. Under the Heritage Grants scheme funding is available for projects that relate to the national, regional or local heritage of the UK. Activities that can be funded include: Historic buildings; Archaeological sites; Collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives; natural and designed landscapes and gardens; People's memories and experiences (often recorded as 'oral history'); etc. HLF welcome applications from single not for profit organisations and partnerships led by the not for profit sector. In addition, the HLF also makes: Grants of £100,000 - £2 million; Grants in excess of £5 million. These are subject to different application deadlines information on which can be access through the link below.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/howtoapply/programmes/pages/heritagegrants.aspx>

Faith Action - Together in Service Fund - deadline 26 May 2014

Faith Action, which is a national network of over 1,300 faith-based and community organisations, has announced the launch of a new £100,000 Together in Service Fund. The aim of the fund is to support faith based groups in undertaking new multi-faith volunteering projects at local level that are done for the good of others (individuals, communities and/or society) and bring about social change and/or value.

Projects involving faith-based groups and / or people, that engage people from more than one faith community can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £5,000. The funding is available on a 1:1 match funding basis. To be eligible to apply, applicants need to be incorporated bodies (e.g. registered charities etc.).

<http://www.togetherinservice.net/funding/>

Funding to Tackle Fuel Poverty - deadline 26 August 2014

The Scottish Power Energy People Trust has announced that its grants programme is open for applications. The Trust provides grants to registered charities for projects that address fuel poverty. Organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000 for projects that: Improve home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and or other practical measures; Support front line charities who carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to; Provide assistance to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply, where such assistance is provided as part of a package of measures aimed at providing customers with long-term relief from fuel poverty. Applications are particularly welcome from charities who work with children, young people and families.

<http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=home>

The National Churches Trust – Community Grants Programme - deadline 1 October 2014

The National Churches Trust has announced that its Community Grants programme is open for applications. The Community Grants Programme is for grants of £5,000 and above for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. Projects must have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees) to qualify. For example, St Michael's church in the centre of West Bromwich received a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of a new kitchen extension, the provision of accessible toilet facilities, storage provision, general refurbishment and re-modeling of the lobby and entrance, in order to make it more accessible and usable for the local community. To be considered for funding during this calendar year, the closing date for applications is the 1st October 2014.

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/community-grants>

Conduct your own funding searches at Funding Central

<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx>

Vacancies and Employment

Red Rose Recovery: Project Co-ordinator - Closing date 7 March 2014

Part Time - 12hrs per week

£25k per annum pro-rata for six months (6 month pilot)

Red Rose Recovery are working with Lancashire Sport Partnership, and have an exciting employment opportunity for a Project Co-ordinator to lead the Challenge through Sports Initiative (CSI) pilot programme and develop support workers to offer sport and physical activities to recovering communities in Fleetwood, Hyndburn, Lancaster, and Leyland. The Co-ordinator will lead the consultation with local communities regarding the most popular activities and develop a range of these locally. Other key responsibilities will be negotiating best value for money for delivery, managing the three support workers; providing project information in reports, feeding back at Steering Group meetings and contributing to the evaluation of the programme.

A job description and application form are available on-line at:

<http://www.lancshiresport.org.uk/jobs-in-sport/jobs-at-lancashire-sport-partnership/project-co-ordinator-challenge-through-sports-initiative-csi>

If you are interested in applying for this post, please complete the attached application form and return to Adrian Leather at:

contact@lancshiresport.org.uk

by 12.00pm on Friday 7th March 2014. Interviews will be held on Thursday 13th March 2014 at Young Lancashire Offices, Fishergate Hill, Preston. If you require any further information about this post please contact the Lancashire Sport Partnership office on 01772 299830.

Minimum wage: Low Pay Commission backs a 3% increase

The Low Pay Commission has recommended a 3% increase in the minimum wage to £6.50 an hour for adults. It would be the first increase in real terms since 2008, if the government accepts the proposal. The commission said it had to balance increased costs for businesses against doing more to help the lowest paid.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-26355725>

Volunteering

Nothing this week.

Fundraising News

PNE boss puts pen to paper for charity cash

Preston North End boss Simon Grayson has joined a host of other famous names to take part in National Doodle Day. Scribbles by the likes of Grayson, Coronation Street star Julie Hesmondhalgh, actor Christopher Biggins, author Josephine Cox and presenter Keith Chegwin will be auctioned on eBay from Friday, March 7 to raise money for national charity Epilepsy Action.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/pne-boss-puts-pen-to-paper-for-charity-cash-1-6458643>

UK visas should be auctioned, migration advisers say

The right to settle in Britain should be auctioned off to wealthy foreign investors, government advisers say. At present migrants can gain entry by investing £1m or more in the UK. But the Migration Advisory Committee says ordinary British citizens gain little from this. It recommends doubling the minimum investment to £2m and auctioning slots with a reserve price of £2.5m - with any surplus going to good causes in a scheme similar to the National Lottery. The changes recommended in the committee's report would apply to settlement rights only and not citizenship.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-26334978>

Training

Intact Training

Apologies for technical gremlins on this one. Although these courses have already started or are about to start immediately we have been reassured that people can attend remaining sessions without having had to have attended the first.

Creative Writing - 27 February - 27 March

Free 4 week course 12.30 - 4 p.m.

More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/02/27/creativewriting.pdf>

Breathing for Relaxation: I Love Me

Four week course from 26 February 2014 12.30 - 4 p,m.

More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/02/27/selfloveWorkshop.pdf>

Volunteer Training Course: For all existing volunteers and those interested in volunteering

First session 28 February 2014 9.30 a.m - 12 p.m.

More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/02/27/volunteertraining.pdf>

Preston: Creating dementia friendly communities - 3 March 2014

Preston City Council is providing further free dementia awareness sessions as part of a national Alzheimer's Society campaign after past sessions were hugely successful. Sessions are to be held on the CitizenZone vehicle on Monday 3 March. At St Anne's Church Car Park, Woodplumpton Road, Woodplumpton, Preston, PR4 0NE. Session one will run from 3:30pm to 4:30pm and the second runs from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. There are 12 places available for each session. **Early booking is essential.** To book contact Jackie Singleton, Tel 01772 906453.

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/news/2014/feb/creating-dementia-friendly-communities/>

Preston: Citizenzone: Award Winning Free Beginners Internet Taster Sessions - 4, 11, 18 March 2014

If these dates don't suit, don't give up! We conduct lessons throughout the year - please call us to discuss future sessions. We can add you to our waiting list and we

will contact you back.

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/events/details/2813/>

Preston: Workshop: How to Deliver Engaging Sports Sessions for Young People - 8 March 2014

Location: Preston Trampoline Club, Cost £35

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Expand Your Knowledge so 14 to 25 year olds keep coming back for more. Sport England's research shows a dropout rate across most sports around the ages of 14 to 25. This is the brand-new practical-based workshop that will develop your coaching to help you better meet the needs of this age group.

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/events/details/2800/>

The Autism Experience Training: Ideas (Invisible Disabilities Education & Access Services) - 10 or 27 March, 2 April 2014

Free Training Sessions

CVS Central Lancashire offices, Units 23/27, Guild Hall Arcade, Preston, PR1 1HR

Session 1 either Monday 10th March or Thursday 27th March 2014 9.30am to 1.00pm

People with autism have many talents and skills, but the condition means that they may need some support in their daily living, in the workplace and in accessing services. The training is aimed primarily at professionals and volunteers, whose understanding of the condition will support people to manage their daily living, fulfil their potential as employees and enjoy leisure activities, but anyone with an interest may attend. Delivered by people who are on the autistic spectrum or who have family members who are, the course is a lively mix of activities, real life accounts and discussions.

Session 2 (follow up Session) Wednesday 2nd April 2014 9.30am to 1.00pm - What Works

This second session builds on the knowledge from session 1 to look in more detail at ways to offer support. As the title indicates the content is based on what people who are on the spectrum and their carers find works. As in part one the presentation is a mix of activities presentations and discussion.

NB.SESSION 2 CURRENTLY FULLY BOOKED BUT PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND AS WE COULD ARRANGE A SECOND SESSION

The feedback from the half day training courses has been brilliant. 'An excellent introduction for people to consider the key things that would make a difference on a daily basis'

If you would like further details please contact Denise at IDEAS on 01772 750880.

To reserve a place please ring CVS Central Lancashire on 01772 251108 or email:

info@cvscentrallancashire.org.uk

NHS Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group and Lancashire County Council - 12 and 27 March 2014

Breathe Free, Feel Good: Brief Intervention Training

This free one-hour session enables primary care professionals to support COPD patients to stop smoking and refer those who want to quit to Local Stop Smoking Services. Issues covered include: COPD and smoking; The impact of smoking and benefits of quitting; COPD patients' experiences: Film; Quit smoking support; Raising the issue: A brief intervention; Health professional role.

Chorley - 12th March 2014

Conference Room, Global Renewables Lancashire, Farington Waste Recovery Park,

Leyland, PR26 6TB
Preston - 27 March 2014
Conference Room, Lancashire Conservation Studios, St Mary's Street, Preston, PR1 5LN (parking on site)

To reserve a place, please contact Julie Taylor on 01772 539871

Julie.Taylor2@lancashire.gov.uk

More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/02/27/Preston.pdf>

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/02/27/Chorley.pdf>

Events

Preston: Money Matters Roadshow: St Matthew's Ward - 5 March - 30 April 2014

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/events/details/2825/>

Education Centre 3, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital: Bringing Healthcare to Life - 15 March 2014

Saturday 15th March 2014, 11.30am to 3.00pm

Light refreshments will be available

come along for a fun, educational day where you will be able to learn more about the work of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals

The day will include: tours of the Chorley Birth Centre and Renal Home Dialysis Training Unit; staff will showcase their various services and departments; demonstrations; informational and promotional stands; interactive activities, try your hand at some clinical skills; health checks; displays featuring recent and future developments; meet Governors. Drop in anytime but places may be limited. To avoid disappointment call the Membership Office on 01772 522884 to register your interest or email

foundation.trust@lthtr.nhs.uk

Poster. Please download, print and display.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/02/27/NHSOpen.pdf>

Gala dinner for Mayor of Preston - 21 March 2014

Tickets are now available for The Mayor's Gala Dinner 2014, being held on Friday 21 March at The Villa at Preston North End in The Invincibles Lounge. The Black Tie event begins with a drinks reception at 7.00pm, with the arrival of the Mayor at 7.30pm. A formal three course dinner will be followed by coffee and live entertainment. There will be a number of fundraising activities throughout the evening, with many of the prizes and auction items being generously donated by local traders.

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/news/2014/feb/gala-dinner-mayor-preston/>

Public Notices

Active kids are getting streetwise

Children in Preston have been getting active at an after school sport and activity event. Streetwise Sports Club runs every week at West View Climbing and Leisure Centre. Children aged between eight and 14 can attend every Thursday between 4pm-6pm and take part in a range of sports and activities to keep them occupied and

improve their health.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/active-kids-are-getting-streetwise-1-6458631>

Youngsters in campaign to save Preston's Guild Hall

Youngsters involved in a city theatre group have launched a campaign to save Preston's Guild Hall. The future of the city centre venue is under threat, but members of Kidz 4 Kidz are determined to support any attempt to save it. The community theatre group rehearses and performs at the Charter Theatre, and the founder said children were "devastated" at the prospect of its closure.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/what-s-on/theatre-comedy/youngsters-in-campaign-to-save-preston-s-guild-hall-1-6458589>

Preston could bid to become fracking capital

Preston is poised to declare itself a "frack friendly" city following a year-long investigation into the controversial shale gas process. The authority could also make a bid to site the industry's administrative headquarters - nationally as well as regionally - after councillors decided to "cautiously accept" fracking. The city's environmental scrutiny panel will finalise a 28-page document next Tuesday which will recommend embracing the idea, subject to rigorous safety measures. In a draft of the report, members want to push for better financial incentives for councils which allow drilling in their area.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/business/preston-could-bid-to-become-fracking-capital-1-6463006>

Shale gas firm hails Preston as 'frack friendly'

Shale gas explorers Cuadrilla have welcomed what they see as Preston's "positive" stance on fracking. But the company, which is leading the chase to tap into Lancashire's hidden energy reserves, is giving nothing away about the chances of relocating its administrative headquarters to the county.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/business/shale-gas-firm-hails-preston-as-frack-friendly-1-6465499>

Clive Grunshaw: IPCC probes Lancashire PCC's expenses again

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is revisiting its investigation into Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has said it will not prosecute Clive Grunshaw over allegations about his expense claims. But the IPCC is carrying out "further investigatory work" after a complaint about its initial investigation. Last month Mr Grunshaw said he made "mistakes" in some of his expenses.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-26312842>

Atos seeks early exit from fit-to-work tests contract

IT company Atos has confirmed it is seeking to end its government contract to assess whether benefits claimants are fit to work. Staff carrying out work capability assessments for Atos have received death threats online and in person, according to the Financial Times. In a statement, Atos pledged to carry on undertaking the tests until a new company was in a position to take over. But the government said that standards at Atos had declined unacceptably. Disability campaigners have described the work tests as "ridiculously harsh and extremely unfair". The Financial Times reported that Atos recorded about 163 incidents of abuse or assault on staff each month last year.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-26287199>

Atos: Anne Begg on government disability tests contract

The firm wanting to get out of its government contract for disability payment tests has become the 'lightning rod for hatred and upset', said the chair of the Work and Pensions Select Committee. Anne Begg said there was a "real problem" with the £500m contract with Atos, as it did not suffer penalties for failing to deliver. The Labour MP said she understood why the company "feared for its reputation" as she was asked about her party initially giving the firm a contract, which was renewed under the coalition.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-26341171>

Atos quietly dropped from carrying out repeat reassessments by DWP, internal memo shows

An internal memo has revealed that the Department of Work and Pensions has stopped outsourcing company Atos from carrying out repeat assessments on people currently claiming work-related disability benefits. The department's staff have been told to leave all current employment and support allowance (ESA) claimants on their benefit, without repeat medical checks, until another company can be found to do work capability assessments (WCAs).

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/atos-quietly-dropped-from-carrying-out-repeat-reassessments-by-dwp-internal-memo-shows-9151893.html>

Five lose housing benefit cut appeal

Five disabled social housing tenants have lost their Court of Appeal bid to have benefit cuts for those with spare bedrooms ruled unlawful. Judges said the court could not intervene in the government's "controversial" housing benefit changes - dubbed a "bedroom tax" by critics. Lawyers for the group had argued the regulations applying in England, Wales and Scotland failed to reflect the accommodation needs of disabled people.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-26288112>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-26295761>

Appeals

Nothing this week.

Consultations

Nothing this week.

Health

Stroke study goes online

An international study, led in the UK by academics from University of Central Lancashire has won cyber acclaim. The study is being featured as part of a new online resource launched by the National Institute for Health Research which aims to give the

public an insight into the work being done in the NHS to deal with strokes.
<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/education/stroke-study-goes-online-1-6454534>

Chorley: Council launches bid to become dementia-friendly

Chorley Council has launched a pioneering bid to help the borough become 'dementia friendly.' It is one of the first towns in Lancashire to launch a campaign aimed at making communities more supportive of people with dementia. Currently more than 800,000 people suffer from the illness in the UK. Chorley Council says it wants to help raise the awareness of dementia and what the illness is. Workshops will be provided by the council for employees to help give them a better understanding of the condition.
<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/council-launches-bid-to-become-dementia-friendly-1-6455943>

The cancer sufferers hit by loneliness

Loneliness is damaging the lives of around 9,000 people living with cancer in Lancashire, shock figures reveal. Cancer sufferers are being hit by loneliness as a result of the disease, leaving many housebound and unable to feed themselves properly according to Macmillan Cancer Support. And the charity has warned of a looming loneliness epidemic with the number of people diagnosed with cancer set to double by 2030.
<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/health/local/the-cancer-sufferers-hit-by-loneliness-1-6456786>

Critics of giant NHS database 'are scaremongering'

Opponents of the plan to share medical records on a giant database are "peddling scaremongering myths", medical research organisations say. The warning by Patients4Data, an umbrella group for more than 70 bodies, comes after the launch of Care.data was delayed this week to the autumn. Patients4Data said the opponents risked preventing patients benefiting from a revolution in modern medicine. But privacy campaigners maintain their concerns are justified.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26277866>

Medical records rules broken, NHS admits

Medical records appear to have been wrongly given to the insurance industry by the health service, the NHS admits. Details on hospital admissions from 1989 to 2010 were handed to the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. The information was used to produce a report to help insurance firms price their products. The Health and Social Care Information Centre, which runs the database of records, said "greater scrutiny" should have been applied. The information given to the Institute contained details on treatments and diagnoses, age, the area the patient lived in, but not their names. It was handed over in January 2012 and the Institute paid £2,220 to cover the Information Centre's costs in compiling the data.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26329748>

Tough EU smoking rules approved

Anti-smoking legislation is to be introduced across the European Union in an attempt to cut the number of smokers by 2.4 million. The rules, voted in by the European Parliament, mean picture health warnings will have to dominate the front and back of all packaging. There will also be a ban on flavoured, such as menthol, cigarettes. Pro-smoking groups have criticised a "nanny state mentality", but cancer charities have backed the measures. Ministers are expected to endorse the rules in March, to come into force in May 2014. Member states will have two years to introduce the legislation.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26355419>

Cooking meat 'may be dementia risk'

Browning meat in the oven, grill or frying pan produces chemicals which may increase the risk of developing dementia, US researchers suggest.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26323720>

Teen pregnancy rate 'lower still'

The number of teenage pregnancies in England and Wales has continued to drop, latest figures show. Office for National Statistics data show the under-18 conception rate is the lowest since 1969 at 27.9 conceptions per 1,000 women aged 15-17. This is a drop of 10% on the previous year, but experts say it is not enough to bring the UK in line with other western European countries. At the same time, the conception rate among women over 35 has been rising.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26338540>

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