



**BMJ in the News** is a weekly digest of BMJ stories, plus any other news about the company that has appeared in the **national and a selection of English-speaking international media**.

Latest highlights (5 Feb - 11 Feb):

- A series of articles on assisted dying was published in **The BMJ** which generated global print and online coverage, including *The Times*, *Sky News* and *International Business Times* (two articles included quotes from Fiona Godlee).
- **The BMJ** published a research paper about how anti-obesity programmes are unlikely to halt child obesity, gained national print and broadcast coverage including *The Guardian*, *BBC 2* and *The Conversation UK*.
- A study in **Tobacco Control** which looked into the exposure of tobacco related images to millions of viewers of reality TV show *Love Island* generated headlines including *The Independent* and *Daily Mail*.

### **The BMJ**

**Features:** [Case for assisted dying “stronger than ever” says The BMJ](#)

[Top docs call for assisted dying to be legalised to reflect view of “great majority of the public”](#)

- Daily Mirror (Fiona Godlee quoted) 08/02/2018

[Doctors urge legalisation of assisted dying](#) - The Times (Fiona Godlee quoted) 08/02/2018

[Doctors want law change with majority now backing assisted dying](#) - International Business Times 08/02/2018

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**Research:** [Anti-obesity programmes in schools unlikely to halt child obesity epidemic](#)

[School diet and exercise regime failed to reduce pupils’ obesity](#) - The Times + The Times Scotland 08/02/2018

[Anti-obesity programmes in schools ‘make no difference to children’s weight’](#) - Independent i 08/02/2018

[Schools are not the answer to childhood obesity epidemic, study shows](#) - The Guardian 08/02/2018

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Leicester Mercury, Derby Telegraph, Yahoo News UK, Science Daily, NHS Choices, thejournal.ie

**Editorial: [Drugs, alcohol and suicides contributing to alarming drop in US life expectancy](#)**

[Drugs, alcohol and suicides contribute to alarming drop in U.S. life expectancy](#) - USA Today 07/02/2018

[Trifecta of opioids, alcohol and suicide are blamed for the drop in U.S. life expectancy](#) - Los Angeles Times 08/02/2018

[Drugs, Alcohol and Suicide Are Causing Life Expectancy in America to Drop Dramatically](#) - TIME 08/02/2018

**Also covered by:** WSWS.org, 24/7 Wall St., UPI.com, KHOU, Yahoo News, PJ Media, WTSP 10 News, Richmond, WND.com, Daily Mail, Sputnik International, Richmond.com, Infosurhoy

**Other coverage included:**

Continued coverage for migraine linked with greater risk of heart problems: The New York Times, Reuters

[How to survive the cold snap without getting the sniffles as temperatures all set to plummet](#) - Daily Mirror + Irish Daily Mirror 05/02/2018

[Jacob Rees-Mogg and Jeremy Corbyn have a lot in common](#) - The Times + The Times Ireland 06/02/2018

[Have You Heard? This Guy Has a Cold](#) - The New York Times 05/02/2018

[Exciting new co-working space Newton's of Bury opens at The Rock](#) - Bury Times 05/02/2018

[Weight loss lifts fertility levels, studies show](#) - Herald Live 05/02/2018

[Desperate for help: prescription drug addicts turn to the web](#) - The Guardian 07/02/2018

[Does a Full Moon Cause More Motorcycle Crashes?](#) - Medical News Bulletin 06/02/2018

[19 simple steps to surviving winter without catching a cold](#) - Scottish Daily Record 06/02/2018

['We tread lightly, we cower, we fear': When doctors fight amongst themselves, patient care suffers](#) - National Post 06/02/2018

[What is the Sound of One Hand Clapping?](#) - National Pain Report 06/02/2018

[The real reason today's children are so unhappy](#) - Daily Telegraph 08/02/2018 (link unavailable)

[Is Fat but Fit a Myth?](#) - Medical News Bulletin 07/02/2018

[Punishing doctors is last thing NHS needs](#) - The Times + The Times Scotland + The Times Ireland 08/02/2018 (link unavailable)

[Scapegoating overworked professionals benefits nobody – the root causes must be tackled](#) - Nursing Times 08/02/2018

[Drinking While Pregnant May Feel Empowering. That Doesn't Mean It's Not Hurting Your Baby](#) - Mother Jones 08/02/2018

[Cholesterol lowering for people over the age of 60](#) - Switzer 08/02/2018

[Focus on developing each child's ability](#) - The Straits Times 08/02/2018

[Error terror: Protest against 'scapegoat' medic decision](#) - Camden New Journal 08/02/2018

[DPD boss admits taking picture on phone while motorway driving](#) - The Guardian 08/02/2018

[Seeber's Science: What can schools do to help teachers beat the winter blues?](#) - tes.com 08/02/2018

[The flu that killed more people than World War I](#) - Morning Star 09/02/2018

[Don't say 'good girl' to women in labour because it is disrespectful, midwives are told](#) - Daily Telegraph 09/02/2018

[The words midwives are BANNED from using because they are disrespectful to pregnant women](#) - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 09/02/2018

[An indispensable series in which top doctors answer the questions that worry you most](#) - Daily Mail + Scottish Daily Mail 09/02/2018 (link unavailable)

[Mind your language, midwives told](#) - The Times 10/02/2018

[Midwives BANNED from saying 'good girl' and 'delivered' because they are disrespectful to pregnant woman](#) - The Sun 09/02/2018

[Do Rainy Days Cause Achy Joints?](#) - Medical News Bulletin 09/02/2018

[It's better to be single, according to science](#) - Business Insider UK 09/02/2018

[Vaping not the answer for some](#) - Otago Daily Times 10/02/2018

[Does a Woman's Position During Labour after an Epidural Affect Delivery?](#) - Medical News Bulletin 09/02/2018

[Your morning to HEART G night GUIDE](#) - Sunday Express (S magazine) 11/02/2018

[Midwives told not to say "good girl", "delivered" and "big baby" in bid to stamp out 'old-fashioned' phrases](#) - Daily Mirror 10/02/2018

[Midwives banned from saying 'good girl' to women giving birth](#) - Metro (London) 10/02/2018

[Leftie lunacy: When push comes to shove](#) - Conservative Woman 11/02/2018

[It's Better To Be Single, According To Science](#) - Hot Air 09/02/2018

[News about coffee perking up](#) - The Paducah Sun 11/02/2018

[Celtic Haven Golf and Leisure Club's fitness tip of the week with Iân Morris](#) - Narberth & Whitland Observer 11/02/2018

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[The best meds for back pain](#) Harvard Health 07/02/18

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09/02/2018

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[A boy scrapes his elbow. One week later doctors find a sea snail in the wound](#) LiveScience  
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