

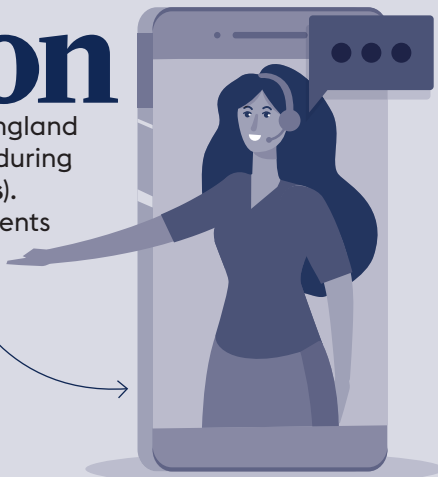
NEWS IN NUMBERS

More than

3 million

calls were answered by **NHS England mental health crisis helplines** during the **pandemic** (across **54 trusts**).

Anyone can call, including parents on behalf of their children



Almost

x2

The number of people **waiting** for **heart surgery** in England could **almost double** to **15,384** by February **2022** compared with **pre-pandemic** levels (around **8400**).

Numbers **waiting** for **heart care** and **diagnosis** could peak at around **550,385** in January **2024** (compared with around **225,000** before Covid).

This is **without action** now – such as investment – says the **British Heart Foundation**, estimating it will take up to **5 years** for the **backlog** to **recover**



1 in 3

middle-aged people in the UK **has multiple health conditions**, a study suggests. Health issues among **46- to 48-year-olds** included chronic pain, mental health problems and high blood pressure

52%

of **students** who were eligible for **free school meals** in **Wales** received **GCSE** grades between **A* and C**. That figure was **79.3%** for those **not eligible** for free school meals.

In **England**, **independent**

schools saw the largest **increase** in **top grades** – **61.2%** at **7 As**, compared with **26.1%** in **comprehensives**.

In **Scotland**, there was a **gap** of **9 percentage points** for National 5 qualifications (a passing grade) between pupils from the **least deprived backgrounds** (**90.2%**) and the **most deprived** (**81.3%**)



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