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1-30 April				
07 April	World Health Day	World Health Day marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organisation		

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		in 1948. Each year a theme is selected that highlights a priority area of public health concern in the world.		
14 April		Vaisakhi (Punjabi : also known as Baisakhi , Vaishakhi , or Vasakhi is a Punjabi festival ^[1] which is a harvest festival of the Punjab region and the Punjabi new year falling on the first day of Vaisakh which is the		

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		<p>first solar month of the Punjabi calendar. Celebrated on the first day of Vaisakh month (April-May), Baisakhi is one of the most popular festivals of India. The people living in North India celebrate this harvest festival with great devotion and fun. It is also regarded as the beginning of New Year as per the Hindu Solar Calendar. According to Nanakshahi or the Sikh Calendar, Baisakhi falls on the 13th April every year and April 14th once in every 36 years. The celebrations get much bigger</p>		

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		for the Sikh/Punjabi community as on this day, Khalsa or the Sikh Religion was founded by Guru Gobind Singh. http://www.indiaonlinepages.com/festivals/baisakhi/when-is-baisakhi.html		
April - dates to be	Depression Awareness	Friends in Need need YOUR help to get rid of mental health stigma, get people talking about		

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confirmed	Week	depression and raise vital funds to allow Friends in Need to keep growing and helping more people through their recovery.		
April 7 th 2017	Leicester Progressive Jewish Community prayers in Knighton http://lpjc.org.uk/			6.30pm 8.30pm. Invitation to the Leicester Progressive Jewish Community prayers in Knighton http://lpjc.org.uk/ Opportunity to hear more about the Jewish tradition and progressive congregation, Ends by 8.30pm

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4 April	Good Friday	Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. This day memorialises the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. http://bankholidays-2017.co.uk/good-friday-2017/		

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16 April	Easter Sunday	<p>Easter isn't all chocolate eggs and bunny rabbits – it represents one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar.</p> <p>While Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus, Easter is all about rebirth. The date also falls around the beginning of spring giving new life to the countryside.</p> <p>http://metro.co.uk/2016/11/02/</p>		

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April 21	Bahai Faith	<p>The Bahá'í community of the United Kingdom is exploring Bahá'u'lláh's spiritual teachings with people of all backgrounds and is learning how this vision of the oneness of mankind, best expressed by the principle of unity in diversity, can be translated into action for the betterment of the world.</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org.uk/</p>		

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24 - 30 April	Allergy Awareness Week	This week raises awareness of all allergic conditions (including food, respiratory, skin and children's allergies), food intolerance and the plight of allergy sufferers.		

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28 April	On your Feet Britain	Take part in our national day when workers across Britain unite together and participate in a variety of fun and simple activities to #SitLess and #MoveMore at work. The On Your Feet Britain Challenge dares you to convert 'sitting time' to 'standing time' by following some simple changes.	*	http://www.religionfacts.com/bahai/holidays

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1-31 May	National Walking Month	National Walking Month encourages people to walk more throughout May. Initiatives include, Walk to Work Week and Walk to School Week.		
1-31 May	Action on Stroke Month	Make May Purple is the Stroke Associations annual stroke awareness month, taking place every May. Individuals show their		

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		support for those who have been affected by stroke and help to raise awareness and essential funds for the Stroke Association. Join #MakeMayPurple on social media.		
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridván (Ba`hai)	This holiday commemorates the departure of Bahá'u'lláh for Constantinople and brings to a close the Festival of Ridván. Work should be suspended on this		

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		holiday.		
8-14 May	Mental Health Awareness Week	Mental Health Awareness Week is a UK event supported by the Mental Health Foundation. The aim is to educate the public about mental health issues and		

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		to promote better mental health.		
15th -21st		Deaf Awareness Week		
17th		IDAHO - International Day Against Homophobia &		

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		Transphobia,		
27th		Ramadan begins		

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12 - 18 June	Carers Week	Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring by highlighting the challenges that carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. The campaign encourages others to organise activities and events throughout the UK. You can get involved by pledging your support. Remember to get		

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		involved with @carersweek.		
11-17 June	Diabetes Week	Diabetes Week is an annual highlight in the Diabetes UK calendar, as it's a time when supporters are brought together to raise awareness of the condition and the vital funds required for future work.		

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12-18 June	Men's Health Week	Led by the Men's Health Forum, the purpose of Men's Health Week is to raise awareness of preventable health issues and encourage men and boys to seek professional advice for health-related problems.		

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25- June	Eid - UI -Fitr			
1st	Roma Day Celebrations - Venue tbc			

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3 - 9 July	Health Information Week	Health Information Week is a campaign to improve access to health information. Staff from local authorities, public libraries, NHS, voluntary sector, independent information and advice centres have all been working together to make their health resources more available to the public.		

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6th Aug	Caribbean Carnival			
1st Sept	Eidal-Adha			
21 - 30th	Navratri			

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Sept				
1-30 September	Urology Awareness Month	With an ageing population and the effects of today's lifestyle, urology conditions, diseases and cancers are becoming more prevalent. The Urology Foundation is spreading knowledge of urology health, breaking down the stigma associated with many of		

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		its conditions and persuading people to talk about these issues.		
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	World Suicide Prevention Day promotes worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides. The sponsoring organisation, International Association for Suicide Prevention, the co-sponsor WHO and other		

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		partners, advocate for the prevention of suicidal behaviour, provision of adequate treatment and follow-up care for people who attempted suicide, as well as responsible reporting of suicides in the media.		
18-24	Know Your Numbers!	Blood Pressure UK's flagship blood pressure testing and awareness campaign,		

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September	Week	encourages adults to know their blood pressure numbers and take the necessary action to reach and maintain a healthy blood pressure. This year around 250,000 free checks will be available across the UK.		
18-24	National Eye Health	National Eye Health Week (NEHW) is about healthcare professionals joining forces to		

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September	Week	encourage more people to have regular sight tests and make lifestyle choices that benefit their vision and general wellbeing. NEHW raises awareness of how we can improve the UK's eye health, contribute towards a reduction in avoidable blindness and enhance people's everyday lives.;		

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22 September	Jeans for Genes Day	Genetic disorders are rare but together they affect one in 25 children born in the UK. Jeans for Gene's day raises awareness and funds for Genetic Disorders in the UK to support families affected by genetic disorders. Whatever you do on this Friday, do it in your jeans! Join the hype and get involved with the conversation using #JeansForGenesDay on social		

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		media.		
October 1st	Older Peoples day			
2-6 October	Back Care Awareness Week	The aim of the week-long event, organised by BackCare, is to raise awareness of the problems back pain can cause, as well as		

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		prevention and treatments.		
07 October 2017	National Personal Safety Day	National Personal Safety Day, which is organised by Suzy Lamplugh Trust, is an annual event aimed at highlighting some of the simple, practical solutions that everyone can use to help avoid violence and aggression in today's society. It's about helping		

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		people live safer, more confident lives.		
10 October 2017	World Mental Health Day	World Mental Health Day raises public awareness about mental health issues.		
19th	Diwali - Hindu, Jain, Sikh,	Deepawali or Diwali is a Hindu festival. It's the festival of lights (<i>deep</i> = light and <i>aval</i> = a row i.e., a row of lights) that's		

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		marked by four days of celebration. Each of the four days in the festival of Diwali is separated by a different tradition. https://www.thoughtco.com/diwali-festival-of-lights-1770151		
19th	International Day Against Hate Crime,			

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1—31 st October	Black History Month (UK),	Annual celebration of achievements by black people is also held in Canada and UK (in October) http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/black-history-month-2017-what-is-it-where-is-it-held-what-is-the-controversy-a7556191.html		
1-30 November	Movember Men's Health Awareness Month	Each year, Movember is responsible for thousands of moustaches on men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of Movember is to raise vital		

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		funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer.		
01 November	National Stress Awareness Day (NSAD)	NSAD aims to develop greater understanding of stress and offer individuals and organisations access to proven coping strategies and sources of help.		

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November - dates to be confirmed	Alcohol Awareness Week	It is estimated that the cost of alcohol on society is in excess of £21 billion. The aim of Alcohol Awareness Week is to get people to think about alcohol – how it affects us as individuals, families, communities and society as a whole.		

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25 November - 10 December	16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence	16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence is aimed at businesses that lack an infrastructure to deal with the large-scale problem that is domestic violence. As it stands, companies can do more to aid their employees who endure domestic violence, train those who witness it, and to protect staff as a whole, with the goal of securing safety and mitigating financial loss.		

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03 December 2017	International Day of Persons with Disabilities,	Is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It has been celebrated with varying degrees of success around the planet. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity , rights and well-being of persons with disabilities https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations'_International_Day_of_Persons_with_Disabilities		

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		<u>Persons with Disabilities</u>		
7th -14th	Hannukah http://www.bing.com/search?q=what+is+hannukah&gs=SC&pg=what+is+hannukah&sc=7-16&cvid=6D1027427C1D429EA4FE12F002EAS3FF&FORM=QBRE&sp=1	Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday .Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of <u>Kislev</u> according to the <u>Hebrew calendar</u> , which may occur at any time from late November to late December.		

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25th	Christmas Day	Christmas Day is one of the biggest Christian celebrations and falls on December 25 in the Gregorian calendar. https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/comm/on/christmas-day		