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Latest highlights (3 - 7 Jan):

- An investigation by The BMJ into undisclosed payments to GP commissioning groups was covered by various outlets, including The Daily Mail, The Times, POLITICO, The Pharmaceutical Journal, and STAT
- A compilation press release, featuring 34 separate BMJ Case Reports, to mark 15,000 submissions generated global headlines, including BBC and Sky News, Sydney Morning Herald, Los Angeles Times, Global News Canada, Newsweek and Russia Today
- Fiona Godlee was interviewed for Terra Green (a well-known environment magazine in India) about BMJ's vision for a healthier world

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Envisaging a Healthier World By Promoting Good Research in Public Health Care (Interview with Fiona Godlee) - Terra Green (well-known environment magazine in India) Jan 2018

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Feature: The pharma deals that CCGs fail to declare
NHS bosses have failed to declare nearly £4 MILLION of luxurious pay outs - including VIP tickets to watch Manchester United and Beyonce - Daily Mail 04/01/18
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Essay: What if sugar is worse than just empty calories?
Avoid sugar for a longer life: Fizzy drinks and sweets 'have major role in disease' - The Express 04/01/18
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Research: Impact of Financial Incentives on Early and Late Adopters among US Hospitals
Impact of US pay for performance programs “limited and disappointing” say experts - Eurasia Review 04/01/18
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The real reason there’s a crisis at Britain’s National Health Service - ThinkProgress 05/01/2018
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Neurosurgeon who was globally renowned for work during Troubles - Belfast Telegraph 06/01/2018
'I wished I was dead' Women who had 'lives ruined' by contraceptive device set to sue - Daily Record 07/01/2018

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Sydney Morning Herald 03/01/18
Health dangers posed by everyday items - WebMD 03/01/18
Is that a toy or lung cancer? BMJ Case Reports reveals the bizarre near misses in medicine
Stuff.co.nz

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EYE WATERING Man, 64, accidentally glued his eye SHUT after mistaking false nail glue for eye drops  The Sun 04/01/18
British man mistakes nail glue for eye drops, seals eye shut  Stuff.co.nz 04/01/18

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Mystery toothpick behind woman's gut pain  SBS 03/01/18
More common than you think: The potentially fatal consequences of swallowing a toothpick  TheJournal.ie 06/01/18


OAP 'stops' incurable blood cancer with wonder spice turmeric  The Express 03/01/18
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Surgeons find Heinz sachets in ‘Crohn’s disease’ patient’s gut  The Week 03/01/18
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Woman diagnosed with Crohn’s disease actually had ketchup packets stuck in her intestines  New York Post 03/01/18


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Cough syrup and antidepressant caused scary interaction  Atlanta Journal Constitution 02/01/18

Navy engineer, 24, with anxiety after being exposed to a cleaning chemical now requires 11 pills and drinks up to three bottles of wine a day to cope with his crippling symptoms.  Daily Mail 02/01/18

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Overlap Between Remission and Low Disease Activity Targets in Psoriatic Arthritis  Rheumatology Advisor 04/01/18

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Waitrose bans sale of energy drinks to under-16s  The Guardian 04/01/18

A man’s scent can make women drink more alcohol: study  Samaa TV News (Pakistan) 03/01/18

Smoking cessation: shifting the research focus to community pharmacy  02/01/18

Homeless more likely to leave hospital against medical advice  Irish Medical Times 02/01/18

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Study finds links between diabetes and older HIV antiretroviral drugs  OUTinPerth 04/01/18

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