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”
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Doctors urge legalisation of assisted dying - The Times (Fiona Godlee quoted) 08/02/2018
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School diet and exercise regime failed to reduce pupils’ obesity - The Times + The Times Scotland 08/02/2018

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

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