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Welcome to the latest [Spotlight on Vulnerability - Broadband Edition](#). This service is brought to you by the **Rural Services Network** and the **Rural England CIC** in association with **Calor**.

The Spotlight on Vulnerability service aims to disseminate information about three key rural issues: fuel poverty, broadband and rural transport.

[This newsletter](#) focuses on the availability of broadband across rural areas.



In [Hinterland](#) this week:

We have a Brexit free zone this week. Which I hope will attract everyone fancying some light relief. We still profile some hard hitting stuff: community care and the need to make sure any cash injection is strategically directed, the chance for the Public Works Board to ride to the rescue of councils in payday loan scenarios, the Eden project transferred to Morecambe Bay courtesy of the eco “shell”, evil deals leading to people losing the ownership of their roofs and more urban bias in the reporting of GP shortages. And finally no chance for privacy going forward – not even in the smallest room in the house. [Read on...](#)

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

NEW 2018 Economic Factsheets!



These can be found in our Observatory [here](#).

For each area they compare the authority performance with a rural average, urban average and type of authority comparator. They include:

- Working age population

LATEST RESEARCH & COMMENTARY



[How can we build a rural health and care workforce?](#)

Jessica Sellick investigates

The NHS turned 70 on 5 July 2018. This year has seen celebrations and appreciation of the vital role that the service plays. As the NHS ages the pressures and demands it faces are very different to those of 1948 – with the workforce under considerable strain to provide services.

How can we plan, fund, recruit, train and retain health and care workers in rural areas that meet people's (clinical and wellbeing) needs and the (professional/lifestyle) aspirations of staff?

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