

15. Official publications

Note

- This can include government publications, white papers, research briefings and NICE guidelines.
- When citing from the GOV.UK website, use the government department name in place of the author. If the department is not obvious, then use HM Government as the author.
- Many UK government publications are published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, which can be shortened to HMSO in the publisher field.
- When the publisher is the same as the author, omit the publisher from the reference list.
- If you are referencing a long URL, you are encouraged to use a URL shortening service, e.g. <https://bitly.com/Bitly> or [TinyURL](#).

15.1 Government reports

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Format and order

- Organisation(s)/ author(s). (organisation followed by full stop OR family name, comma followed by initials, with full stop and space after each initial)
- (Date of publication). (year, followed by comma if including month and day, in round brackets followed by full stop)
- *Title* (in italics)
- (Publication and report number). (in round brackets, followed by full stop)
- Publisher. (followed by full stop)
- URL

In-text citation

As highlighted in the HM Government's latest report *The Future Relationship Between the United Kingdom and the European Union* (2018)...

"It shall not be lawful for a landlord to enter upon and resume possession of his own land let as an allotment garden" (Standing Committee B, 1950, p. 5)...

Domestic rental costs soared in 2023 (Wilson & Barton, 2023)...

Reference list

HM Government. (2018). *The future relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union* (CM 9593). HMSO. <http://www.gov.uk/government/publications>

Standing Committee B. (1950). *Minutes of proceedings on the Allotments Bill* (HCP 101). HMSO.

Wilson, W., & Barton, C. (2023). *Housing and the cost-of-living* (CBP09622). House of Commons Research Library. <https://tinyurl.com/yc25ye79>

15.2 Hansard

Format and order

- Organisation(s)/ author(s) or speaker. (followed by a full stop OR family name, comma followed by initials, with full stop and space after each initial)
- (Date of publication). (in round brackets, followed by full stop)
- *Title* (in italics)
- [Hansard]. (in square brackets followed by full stop)
- (Vol. volume number). (in round brackets, followed by full stop)
- URL

In text citation

As Yvette Cooper argued, “Whether they voted leave or remain, people are feeling deeply frustrated and let down” (Column 400, 2019).

Reference list

Cooper, Y. (2019, March 27). *EU: Withdrawal and future relationship* [Hansard]. (Vol. 657). <https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-03-27/debates>

Hansard. (2019, March 25). *Brexit: Article 50* [Hansard]. (Vol. 796). <https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords>

15.3 NICE guidelines/ guidance

Note

- This section covers both NICE guidelines and other NICE guidance series found on their website, e.g. Medical technologies guidance or Interventional procedures guidance.
- The first time you cite NICE, write the full *National Institute for Health and Care Excellence* in italics. You can abbreviate subsequent citations to NICE.

Format and order

- Organisation. (followed by full stop)
- (Year of publication). (in round brackets, followed by full stop)
- *Title* (in italics)
- [Title of guidance series with number]. (in square brackets, followed by full stop)
- URL

In-text citation

In text, first citation: (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], 2013) or National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE, 2013).

In text, subsequent citations: (NICE, 2013) or NICE (2013).

Reference list

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. (2019). *Fever in under 5s: assessment and initial management* [NICE Guideline No. 143].

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng143>