



**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

### **Exercise and Industry**

#### **1. UK Sport's merger with Sport England and counterparts in Scotland and Wales runs into problems** **Daily Telegraph**

The proposed merger of UK Sport, Sport England and its home nations counterparts is running into difficulty because of political reluctance to give up devolved powers to a new UK body.

[Daily Telegraph](#)

#### **2. Cancer patient's gym 'ban' by 'Dragon' Duncan Bannatyne** **BBC News**

An NHS nurse recovering from cancer says she is "shocked" to have been banned from joining a gym owned by Dragons' Den's Duncan Bannatyne. Bronwen Davies asked to suspend her membership of the Bannatyne Health Club in Llanishen, Cardiff after being diagnosed with cancer. In September, she went to the county court and after winning the case was reimbursed for membership fees of £164. Mr Bannatyne wrote to her saying he would never re-accept her as a member.

[BBC News](#)

#### **3. London 2012 Olympics: BOA's Lord Moynihan wants tougher sanctions in fight against drug cheats** **Daily Telegraph**

Lord Moynihan, the chairman of the British Olympic Association, has delivered an impassioned defence of the BOA's lifetime Olympic ban for drug cheats just 24 hours before the organisation's executive board is set to decide whether to continue with its zero tolerance rule.

[Daily Telegraph](#)

#### **4. Phone therapy and exercise can ease chronic pain** **Reuters**

Researchers from Britain's universities of Aberdeen and Manchester who conducted the study also found that exercise improved pain and disability and helped people manage their symptoms, but there was no extra benefit for those who got both CBT and exercise treatment.

[Reuters](#)

## **Health and Lifestyle**

### **1. Obesity advisory group disbanded by government Guardian**

The government has disbanded its expert advisory group on obesity, most of whose members were critical of health secretary Andrew Lansley's decision to fight the epidemic through close collaboration with the food and drinks industries. Many members of the group have argued in meetings that "responsibility deals" with the likes of McDonald's and PepsiCo on labelling and fat and sugar reduction will not turn the obesity epidemic around, but their advice has been largely ignored. Some have been openly critical of government policy.

[Guardian](#)

### **2. Mother loses 20 STONE and 12 dress sizes after GP tells her she could be dead in two years**

A woman who lost almost 20st after being told by her doctor that she could be dead within two years has dropped 12 dress sizes to be named Slimming World's Woman of the Year. Carole Wright, 54, weighed almost 30st and was virtually housebound, unable to perform simple tasks such as putting on her shoes or loading the washing machine.

[Daily Mail](#)