

SCIENCE NEWS IN NUMBERS

At least
548
people who visited a
US zipline destination
were taken ill with
gastrointestinal sickness.

Investigators have been working to determine the exact cause of a suspected ***E.coli* outbreak** at a zipline canopy tour in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The park has since closed a well, which investigators believe may have been contaminated with the ***E.coli* bacterium**. However, at the time of going to press, the cause had not been confirmed.



400

Norwegian heroin addicts will trial an experimental scheme in 2020 and be given **free heroin** in a bid to combat the country's high overdose rate.

It is unclear whether patients will be selected or how much of the drug will be prescribed. Norway has the highest rate of overdose mortality in Europe – **80 per million people in 2015.**

100,000
genomes

The **100,000 Genomes Project** has reached its goal of decoding **100,000 genomes** from NHS patients.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock made the announcement.

The **2013** project took **five years** to complete.

The **first human genome** to be fully sequenced was in **2003** – it took **10 years** and cost **£2bn.** Thanks to next-generation sequencing, it now takes less than **one day** and the cost is closer to **£700.**

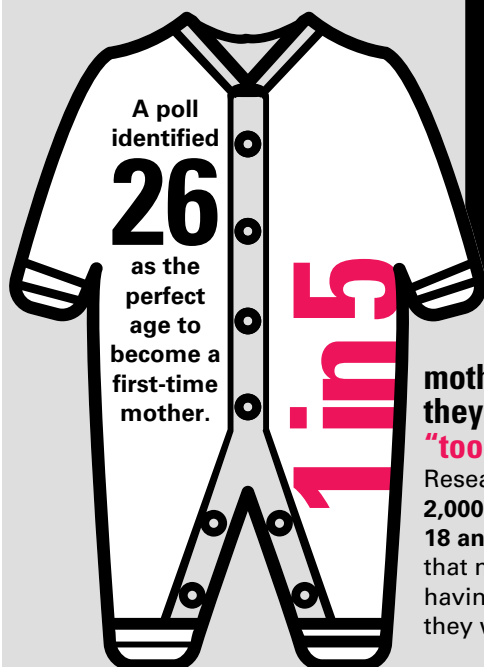
WINTER DEATHS

There were more than **5,000 extra deaths** last winter, after the flu vaccine failed to protect against some key strains.

It was the worst winter on record for more than 40 years. The figures come from a new report by the Office for National Statistics.

mothers believe they had a baby **"too late"** in life

Researchers surveying **2,000 mums** aged **18 and upwards** found that many regret not having a child when they were younger.



A poll identified

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as the perfect age to become a first-time mother.

51
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