

# August 2018

## Policy Update and other useful information

### What is it?

#### **A survey about the Learning Disability SAF (Self Assessment Framework)**

The Learning Disability Self Assessment Framework (SAF) was a way for people with learning disabilities, families and staff from health and social care to get together and talk. It showed how well areas were doing in supporting people and providing services.

The SAF used to show how areas were doing across the country. A report was provided each year of all those areas which had carried out their SAF. In 2016 a group of people came together to talk about a new SAF. This did not happen as there was lots of services changes going on.

Although there isn't national support for the SAF, some areas still use it each year. They find it a helpful way to check progress and create plans for the next year.

NTDI have been asked by Public Health England and NHS England to find out if people think it is still needed.

This survey is for people with learning disabilities, their families, carers or friends <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SAFpeople>

For an easy read version, you can email [office@ndti.org.uk](mailto:office@ndti.org.uk) or call 01225 789135 and they will send one.

NTDi will be summarising people's views after that time, to share with NHS England, Public Health England and the Department of Health and Social Care to inform the decision about what happens next with the SAF. They will also share publicly what they find.

#### **Local Government Association (LGA) launches own green paper as adult social care reaches breaking point**

The lives we want to lead - The LGA green paper for adult social care and wellbeing.

Increased spend on adult social care – which now accounts for nearly 40 per cent of total council budgets - is threatening the future of other vital council services, such as parks, leisure centres and libraries, which help to keep people well and from needing care and support and hospital treatment.

The LGA eight-week consultation sets out options for how the system could be improved and the radical measures that need to be considered given the

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scale of this funding crisis. Possible solutions to paying for adult social care in the long-term are outlined in the consultation.

<http://www.futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk/>

### **Charter to change the lives of people with disabilities**

The 'Charter for Change' is the official legacy document of the Global Disability Summit on 24 July in London. This will ensure global consensus to address a long-neglected issue and support the rights of persons with disabilities around the world.

Alongside the Government of Kenya and the International Disability Alliance, we are calling on all organisations and governments to sign up to the Charter. To do so, please email 'yes' to [GDSCcommitments@DFID.gov.uk](mailto:GDSCcommitments@DFID.gov.uk)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/725336/Global-Disability-Summit-charter-easy-read2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/725336/Global-Disability-Summit-charter-easy-read2.pdf)

### **National guidance for NHS Trusts engaging with bereaved families**

NHS England has worked with families, carers, professionals and a range of other stakeholders to develop new guidance for NHS trusts on [how to engage with families and carers whose loved one has died](#).

The purpose of this guidance is to provide advice to NHS trusts and foundation trusts (and services commissioned by NHS specialised commissioning) regarding expected practice on how to engage, and work effectively with families following a death.

This national guidance has been published in response to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) report: '[Learning, candour and accountability: A review of the way NHS trusts review and investigate the deaths of patients in England](#)'.

### **GOV.UK - Social prescribing schemes across England to receive £4.5 million**

The government will invest nearly £4.5 million in programmes to refer patients to local voluntary and community services such as walking clubs, gardening or arts activities.

The practice, known as 'social prescribing', aims to improve patients' quality of life, health and wellbeing by recognising that health is affected by a range of social, economic and environmental factors.

The schemes include a focus on:

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- reaching out to people who may be socially isolated, for example because of mental health problems or learning difficulties
- providing support for those impacted by health inequalities, such as transgender people or people from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds
- helping people with particularly complex needs who regularly access health services

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-prescribing-schemes-across-england-to-receive-45-million?utm\\_campaign=733252\\_DHSC%20monthly%20-%20July&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Department%20of%20Health&utm\\_i=3ZQO,FPS4,26E275,1O77F,1](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-prescribing-schemes-across-england-to-receive-45-million?utm_campaign=733252_DHSC%20monthly%20-%20July&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Department%20of%20Health&utm_i=3ZQO,FPS4,26E275,1O77F,1)

## GOV.UK Guidance Universal Credit and You

Universal Credit is being introduced in stages across Great Britain by postcode area. Whether people can claim it and the way people manage their claim depends on where they live and their personal circumstances.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-and-you/universal-credit-and-you-a>

This guide explains:

- Universal Credit full service and live service
- responsibilities while claiming Universal Credit
- sanctions people could face if they don't meet their responsibilities
- how, when and where Universal Credit is paid
- how people can be better off in work
- help to become self-employed
- help with childcare costs
- help with housing costs

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/728907/uc-and-you-v5.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728907/uc-and-you-v5.pdf)

## Inclusive Transport Strategy

The government's plans to make our transport system more inclusive and better for disabled people. This is an Easy Read guide to the Inclusive Transport Strategy: Achieving Equal Access for Disabled People by the Department for Transport

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[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/730645/easy-ready-inclusive-transport-strategy.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/730645/easy-ready-inclusive-transport-strategy.pdf)

### **Working together to safeguard children**

Statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The 2018 version replaces the 2015 version. The transitional guidance helps explain how to move to the new arrangements.

The statutory framework sets out the legislation relevant to safeguarding and it should be read alongside the statutory guidance.

Statutory guidance is issued by law; you must follow it unless there's a good reason not to.

[https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/GUIDE\\_Young\\_Persons\\_Guide\\_to\\_Keeping\\_Children\\_Safe.pdf](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/GUIDE_Young_Persons_Guide_to_Keeping_Children_Safe.pdf)

### **VCSE Health & Wellbeing Alliance**

#### **Concept of health inclusion - Friends, Families & Travellers**

Want to improve your engagement with Inclusion Health groups?

Who are "Inclusion Health" groups?

A number of groups in the UK experience poor health outcomes across a range of indicators including self-reported health, life expectancy and morbidity. The reasons vary by group, but include the effects of stigmatisation and discrimination, the impact of chaotic lifestyles and low health aspirations, the complex nature of health systems and the effects of the wider social determinants of health.

The groups experiencing the worst health inequalities include:

- Gypsies and Travellers,
- homeless people,
- vulnerable migrants,
- sex workers,
- people in contact with the criminal justice system,
- people with learning disabilities and more.

<https://www.inclusion-health.org/concept-health-inclusion/>

## Resources

### **United Responses Training Resource and Information Pack – Disability Hate Crime**

New figures from West Yorkshire Police show disability hate crimes and incidences recorded from April 2017 to January 2018 have increased by 71 percent to 915 – up from 535 the previous 12 months.

This training resource is aimed at helping support workers and people to recognise the signs of a hate crime and know how to take action.

<https://www.unitedresponse.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=f11330f3-5cb4-4429-b6e8-d14654930595>

**Beyond Words** provides books and training to support people who find pictures easier to understand than words. Whether supporting somebody with a learning disability or communication difficulty, our products empower people through pictures.

<https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/>

## Petition

### **Prevent avoidable deaths by making autism/learning disability training mandatory**

My son Oliver was only 18 when he died in hospital on 11 Nov 2016. I believe his death could have been prevented if his doctors and nurses had received mandatory training. He had autism and a mild learning disability, and they weren't trained to understand how to make reasonable adjustments for him.

#### **More details**

1 in 4 healthcare professionals has never had training on learning disability or autism. This is unacceptable. Two thirds want more training, and 1 in 3 think a lack of government leadership is contributing to the problem of avoidable deaths. The Government must ensure all healthcare professionals get mandatory training to address the huge health inequalities facing people with autism and a learning disability.

For more information search for: LeDeR report 2018; CIPOLD 2013; Treat me well 2018.

Sign petition here:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/221033/signatures/new>

