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Policy Update and other useful information

What is it?

LGA and ADASS - Ordinary residence guide Determining local authority responsibilities under the Care Act and the Mental Health Act

This guide has been created to support the ambitions of the Transforming Care programme to improve services and support for children, young people and adults with a learning disability, autism or both a learning disability and autism who may display behaviour that challenges, and significantly reduce the number of people in inpatient settings <http://bit.ly/2MSdUkn>

GOV.UK Increased funding announced for disabled people with the greatest barriers to work

Increased funding to support businesses that provide extra employment support for disabled people with the greatest barriers to work.

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Esther McVey, has announced increased funding to support businesses that provide extra employment support for disabled people with the greatest barriers to work.

When the Work Choice employment programme ends in March 2019, ongoing support will be offered to individuals working in “supported businesses” through specially designed new elements of the government’s Access to Work scheme.

For 2 years from April 2019, supported businesses will receive increased funding of £5,000 a year from Access to Work for each individual in a Work Choice Protected Place.

More information here <http://bit.ly/2xDZcrq>

NHS England - £450k announced to help patients have their say on health services

A windfall of £450,000 to support practical and innovative ways to help patients improve health services has been announced.

The Building Health Partnerships programme has been awarded the money from NHS England and the National Lottery – through the Big Lottery Fund.

The funding will provide tailored support for co-production to 10 areas, helping to more easily involve patients and carers in designing the services they use.

What is it?

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2018/09/patients-say/>

Children and Young People

Contact a Family - Parent carer forum handbook

A how-to guide for people setting up or running a parent carer forum

https://contact.org.uk/parent_carer_forum_handbook.pdf

Contact for families with disabled children

Learning and events for parent carer forums in England

SAVE THE DATE - 8TH NATIONAL CONTACT AND NNPCF PARENT CARER PARTICIPATION CONFERENCE

Taking place on Wednesday 21st November and Thursday 22nd November 2018. See the our [News for forums page](#) and the [full booking information and FAQs](#) for further information.

National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF) Young Peoples Mental Health Green Paper – Government Response

The Department of Health and Social Care has published the government's response to the consultation which NNPCF contributed to.

They received over 2,700 responses to the consultation. This has helped them to develop the approach to how the department will transform children and young people's mental health provision.

Those aged 16-25 years were concerned that:

- those out of education should still be able to access mental health support;
- design of services should be based around the specific and distinct needs of young people;
- mental health education should be incorporated into the curriculum; and the effectiveness and outcomes of interventions and counselling services should be measured.

NNPCF contribution can be read here <http://bit.ly/2Pu8DRu>

Resources and other bulletins

The Rightfullives Exhibition - HUMAN RIGHTS, LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM A COMMUNITY OF PERSPECTIVES

It's an exhibition that explores the theme of Human Rights and people with autism and/or learning disabilities. The idea for the exhibition came about through a conversation about how the legal framework of the Human Rights Act seems to barely touch the lives of people with learning disabilities.

<http://www.rightfullives.net/>

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Case Summary

Avoidable death of woman after delayed diagnosis and poor management of sepsis <http://bit.ly/2QPZB2F>

Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) Programme – Learning into action bulletin

Infection (Sepsis) - Four key areas being worked on nationwide

There is a lot of clinical work going on nationally to raise the profile of sepsis. In July, the NHS England sepsis programme helped to run a national workshop for health and social care professionals. The learning disability focus was on the better prevention, detection and treatment of sepsis.

<http://bit.ly/2QJmDbw>

Care Quality Commission (CQC) Helping patients stay safe in mental health hospitals

Easy read version of the report 'Sexual safety on mental health wards' (September 2018)

<http://bit.ly/2O346bJ>

NDTi - People with a learning disability and the flu injection

Winter's coming and therefore it's timely to remind healthcare professionals and social care workers that people with learning disabilities are identified by Public Health England as a high-risk group for inclusion in the seasonal influenza vaccination programme. Anyone working with people with learning disabilities, including family carers and paid supporters, can also access a free 'flu jab.

https://www.ndti.org.uk/uploads/files/Flu_Injection_resource.pdf

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School for Policy Studies, The hospital provision of reasonable adjustments for people with learning disabilities: Findings from Freedom of Information requests

The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on service providers to make “reasonable adjustments” for disabled people. The aim of this study was to explore key aspects relating to the provision of reasonable adjustments for people with learning disabilities in hospitals.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/bld.12244>

Disability Rights UK Tell Us About Your Care partnership

Disability Rights UK is working with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) as part of the ‘Tell Us About Your Care’ partnership together with a number of national charities, including Mind, The National Autistic Society, Patients Association and the Relatives & Residents Association.

Disability Rights UK will be gathering feedback from disabled people who contact us about their experiences of using health and social care services. The CQC website can be accessed [here](#), and in the meantime you can also [provide direct feedback to the CQC](#) on your experience of using any of the services they regulate.

Equality Act animation: As part of our Right to Participate project, funded by the Legal Education Foundation, Disability Rights UK has created a short animation about the Equality Act <http://righttoparticipate.org>.

Webinars and training

Contact webinar [Engaging with Health - how Contact can help Parent Carer Forums](#)

Taking place on Thursday 27 September at 12:00 midday.

An overview of how Contact's Strategic Health Lead can support your engagement with health. Including:

- Where to find information if you find 'health' confusing.
- What are the important things to know when engaging with health.
- How to understand all the health organisations - who's who?
- Some of the ways Contact engages with health nationally - and how this helps you.
- What to do if you need support.

Blogs

NHS England - The importance of 'reasonably adjusted' care

The lead nurse for learning disabilities at Barts Health NHS Trust in London explains how 'learning into action' work is improving care for people with a learning disability, autism or both in an urgent or emergency situation, and is one of the key ways to making services accessible, keeping people safe and getting the best possible outcomes:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/blog/the-importance-of-reasonably-adjusted-care/>

The WE CAN Game - a free download to explore gifts and capacities with your team/organisation

Cormac Russell has invented a captivating 'game' that can flip negativity into an exploration of possibility - quickly - with groups of all sizes. It is quite remarkable. And it can be played with everyone! All sizes, shapes, ages, abilities. Basically people work in small groups of about 10 ideally. There could be many groups playing simultaneously in a room.

Using a deck of 100 CAPACITY CARDS - people discover the wide range of skills and capacities they have in their 'team' - and there are ALWAYS hidden talents and possibilities that emerge.

The game can be played in as little as 30 minutes as a warmup, and as long as you choose. It is excellent as an early meeting starter as it puts everyone in a 'capacity' frame of mind.

Find out more here <http://bit.ly/2MQD0jn>