

Policy Update and other useful information

What is it?

Evaluation of Building the Right Support: findings to date

Building the Right Support is a national plan to provide better support to people with a learning disability or autism.

It says what services and supports are needed to help people whose behaviour challenges services or who have mental health problems.

This is because too many people are living in hospitals and assessment and treatment centres. Many have been living in such places for a very long time. Often they are a long way from their home, family and friends.

NHS England has asked four organisations to do research to find out about Building the Right Support:

- The Strategy Unit
- ICF
- University of Birmingham
- BILD

The research will find out what is working, what is not working and what can be done better. It ends in summer 2019.

The reports in this link <http://bit.ly/2TcSrXn> contain findings from the research done so far.

The NHS Long Term Plan – easy read

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

Home care Insight – Delayed Social Care Green Paper to be published by April

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

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NHS England - Local NHS allocated £570 billion to fund the NHS Long Term Plan

Local health services are being allocated £570 billion to fund NHS services and implement the new long term plan.

Every area in England will receive a cash increase of at least 17% over the next five years, including a minimum rise of 4.4% next year.

Some £1 billion a year will be distributed according to the greatest need, with a redeveloped fairer funding formula channelling extra money to places with the highest rates of early death and unmet health needs.

<http://bit.ly/2CzBH5m>

SCIE - Paying people who receive benefits – Co-production and participation

Published January 2019.

This At a glance briefing looks at benefit changes that can make it easier for people who use services and carers to get involved in paid co-production/participation in health and social care. The benefit rates quoted are correct at time of publication (January 2019). Permitted Work rates are now revised in April to put them in line with the rates for the new National Living Wage. <http://bit.ly/2DrLz2w>

Children and Young People

ALLFIE - The Alliance for Inclusive Education

News & Briefings - Here you'll find news items: blogs, member and parliamentary briefings and consultation responses, as well their magazine, Inclusion Now. <https://www.allfie.org.uk/news/>

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British Film Institute - Disabled Britain on Film

This diverse and fascinating collection looks at representations of disabled people on screen over the past ten decades. It offers a glimpse into the lives and experiences of people often hidden from screen history, and a chance to see how contemporary disabled artists and filmmakers are insisting that their own images and voices must be seen and heard. <http://bit.ly/2Hq7wTR>

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SCIE - Safeguarding adults: sharing information

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This guide is part of a range of products to support implementation of the adult safeguarding aspects of the Care Act 2014. Sharing the right information, at the right time, with the right people, is fundamental to good practice in safeguarding adults but has been highlighted as a difficult area of practice.

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

Learning Disability England - Helping to make self-advocacy stronger

Learning Disability England are starting their work on this by

- Helping to find and share evidence on what difference self advocacy makes
- Connecting self advocates and sharing information on what self advocacy groups there are

More information here: <http://bit.ly/2FGyV22>

Guardian - 'You can't rehabilitate someone into society when they're locked away'

Despite government pledges to halve the use of inpatient units, many people with a learning disability are being denied life in the community.

<http://bit.ly/2WbR6Sc>

Person-Centred Care Toolkit

The Person-Centred Care Toolkit has been developed with NHS England to support GPs and primary care teams deliver person-centred care.

<http://bit.ly/2RJhWm6>

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A toolkit - What makes a good self advocacy project (easy read)

This toolkit will help you:

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- plan and design a project
- run a project
- show if the project has done everything you wanted

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

Blogs

LIBERTY - to protect vulnerable people, the Government must fix the Mental Capacity Amendment Bill

Mental health and capacity issues affect all of us, whether directly or through people we care about. It is critical that the law protects our rights, while ensuring people who need it get the best possible care.

<http://bit.ly/2R5HfJS>

Learning Disability Today (LDT) Why the "high/low-functioning" labels are harmful to autistic people

"The use of functioning labels to describe an autistic's ability to function has been used for many years and are still used today. Functioning labels are predominantly used by non-autistic people to describe an autistic's ability to function in society, typically labelling them as either "high-functioning" or "low-functioning".

<http://bit.ly/2R4hrhp>

NHS England - Personalised care: talking about the elephant in the room

A Consultant in Paediatric Neurodisability at Great North Children's Hospital discusses Personalised Care, based on her own family's experiences as well as those as a healthcare professional:

<http://bit.ly/2Hr52on>

Nesta - Making it Real – something wonderful this way comes?

In her opening words at Think Local Act Personal's launch of Making it Real, Halima Khan, Executive Director – Health, People & Impact at Nesta, spoke about people powered health as the key route to supporting people to shape their own future. Halima urged us to think less about shifting power – this can create a battlefield – and to think more about sharing it. On the basis that [sharing power](#) can open up new solutions.

Read more <http://bit.ly/2AWDHoe>

Getting involved

Disability Rights UK - How are you finding the waiting times for an appointment with your GP?

Disability Rights UK have been asked by the regulator for the NHS and care services in England – The Care Quality Commission (CQC) – to find out more from their readers about a disabled persons experience accessing health services.

The 'Tell Us About Your Care' survey is being used to help the CQC plan for the future with disabled people in mind. The survey can be completed by clicking on this link <http://bit.ly/2HrzSgm> . If you would prefer to call they can complete it for you, please ring; 0330 995 0400 and choose Option 1 and quote; 'CQC'.