

Policy Update and other useful information

What is it?

Campaign

Learning Disability England (LDE) - No more reports – time for action together, sharing power and expertise

“This is people’s lives being wasted whilst we wait for change” – Jordan Smith LDE self advocate representative

People with Learning Disabilities are still not treated as equal citizens. Another report tells us that people with Learning Disabilities are still dying younger. And that some children and young people remain locked in Hospitals because there is nowhere else for them to go.

The Panorama programme on Wednesday 22nd May left us feeling angry that this can still happen to people in 2019.

At Learning Disability England we know people with learning disabilities and autistic people are equal citizens, with the same rights as anyone else.

<https://bit.ly/3156P8n>

HSJ - Independent inquiry into CQC whistleblower claims

The Care Quality Commission has announced a former civil servant will carry out an independent inquiry into a former inspector’s claims that reports of poor care at Whorlton Hall hospital were not acted on.

Following a BBC Panorama investigation last week, which exposed horrifying abuse of learning disabled patients at the Durham hospital, former CQC inspector Barry Stanley-Wilkinson claimed he had led an investigation of the hospital in 2015 and proposed it be rated “inadequate”.

<https://bit.ly/2MoIXcs>

Care Quality Commission (CQC) Interim report:

Review of restraint, prolonged seclusion and segregation for people with a mental health problem, a learning disability and or autism.

<https://bit.ly/2We7ZyO>

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LeDeR 2018 annual report indicates ongoing concerns over deaths

The University of Bristol analyses the findings from completed reviews of deaths and publishes these in its annual reports. This report details that policies relating to the care and support of people with learning disabilities still require strengthening. The report has 12 recommendations.

This is the third annual report of the LeDeR programme, which is the first national programme of its kind in the world. Between 1st July 2016 and 31st December 2018, 4,302 deaths were notified to the programme.

<https://bit.ly/2HDxb8s>

Supported Loving - Tizard Love Project Film

This video explores support for people with a learning disability to find loving relationships, it took place at the Tizard Centre, University of Kent 2018-2019. The research was funded by NIHR School for Social Care Research. In the video you will hear people with a learning disability talk about the importance of loving relationships and the kinds of support they want and need.

<https://vimeo.com/332887161>

United Response - Am I Your Problem?

Am I Your Problem? campaign aims to challenge the indifference, hidden discrimination and sometimes outright hostility faced by people with a learning disability or autism.

<https://bit.ly/2ELyt0n>

New VODG report highlights significant social and community impact of voluntary sector disability organisations

[Above and Beyond: How voluntary sector providers of disability support add value to communities](#), produced by VODG (Voluntary Organisations Disability Group) explores how innovative not-for-profit organisations consistently and proactively meet gaps in support, particularly as austerity undermines existing provision.

<https://bit.ly/2W9jofe>

Resources and other bulletins

Learning Disability Today - Families launch legal fight to end MHA detentions of people with a learning disability and autism

Families have launched a legal campaign to end the "national scandal" of people with autism and learning disabilities from being detained under the Mental Health Act.

The parents are concerned that the Mental Health Act is being used to detain people with autism and learning disabilities, often in mental health hospitals, also known as assessment and treatment units (ATUs), even where they do not have a mental illness.

<https://bit.ly/2JP6l0J>

Blogs

Learning Disability England (LDE)

Self-advocacy is part of the answer – Gary Bourlet

<https://bit.ly/2KTZjEo>

NDTI - People are not inherently vulnerable, the situations they are placed in make them vulnerable

Sanchita Hosali, Director of the British Institute of Human Rights talks about the importance of looking at hospital abuse through the lens of the Human Rights Act.

<https://bit.ly/2JR0Z55>