

Policy Update and other useful information

What is it?

Local Government Association - The lives we want to lead - towards change, towards hope

.....this short publication sets out the main issues that we believe need to be addressed to ensure that people can live the lives they want to lead, and the kind of action we want to see from Government.

Download it here: <https://bit.ly/3bAPwQP>

Children and Young People

Consultation on Children and Young People's Social Prescribing

Interest in social prescribing for children and young people is increasing. In some areas it is already happening, while others have said that they would welcome guidance. In response, NHS England & Improvement have commissioned the following guidance, which is now open for consultation. Whether you are a commissioner, coordinator, provider, funder, researcher or have any other interest in children and young people's services and wellbeing, your opinion is welcomed.

Please click the link below to access the draft guidance and survey, as well as additional information. It will stay open until 5pm on 17th April. Most questions require tick-box answers only, and should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete, in total.

Click here to find out more: <https://bit.ly/39A0k0o>

Resources and other bulletins

Together Matters – Making a plan for emergencies

Information and templates to:

- make an emergency plan
- plan for the future

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- thinking ahead

Find out more and download information here: <https://bit.ly/2ykfJF4>

Learning Disability Today (LDT) - Autism support pets are more than companions - they're clinical tools to enrich lives

Supporters say animal-assisted intervention for autism bolsters social skills and provides unconditional companionship. But what does scientific research reveal about the value of spending time with a furry friend?

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3awss5w>

Living Life to the Fullest Co-Production Toolkit

Working in partnership with disabled children and young people labelled with life-limiting or life-threatening impairments (hereby LL/LTIs) and their allies, the Living Life to the Fullest project aimed to explore the lives, hopes, desires and contributions of disabled children and young people. Living Life to the Fullest was funded by the [Economic and Social Research Council](#).

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/2UrEQhO>

Webinars and training

Employment issues for people on Direct Payments via a personal budget or personal health budget during the Coronavirus Crisis

This webinar is about employment issues for people on Direct Payments via a personal budget or personal health budget.

Stephen Robson the senior solicitor for employment and discrimination from Disability Law Centre will join us to explore the employment related issues during Covid-19.

If you have any advance questions on employment please send these to julie.stansfield@in-control.org.uk who is collating questions and issues for this webinar.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3bvQGNs>

Blogs

Social care Future - Organising Marple, How a small North West town has come together

Zoe Porter lives in Marple in the North-West. When the virus hit she and another local woman immediately made links with other local people to start setting up a

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really impressive mutual aid response. Here she tells the story of getting it up and running and the challenges and successes.

Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3bz8s2q>

Listen to Joey - How the Most Vulnerable Can Show Us the Way in this Crisis

Stephen Unwin 27 March 2020

Stephen Unwin shares his experience of not being able to see his son Joey due to the COVID-19 outbreak and what he believes Joey can teach us in moments such as these. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3dGIig8>

Open Future Learning - How do you talk about COVID-19 to people with intellectual disabilities?

Coronavirus is changing people's lives dramatically. People can no longer take part in activities outside the house, meet with friends, go to work or clubs or anything else that involves groups of people. People can no longer visit elderly relatives, and people's families can no longer visit.

Read more here: <https://www.openfuturelearning.org/blog/>