

Bulletin



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Welcome to this week's Bulletin from the National Family Carer Network. You are receiving this because you are members of our organisation. If you no longer wish to subscribe please contact info@familycarers.org.uk.

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1. DH review - Winterbourne View Interim Report letter

On the same day that the CQC published their national summary report of their focused inspection programme of hospitals and care homes for people with learning disabilities, the Department of Health published an interim report of the review into the events at Winterbourne View hospital. The Minister for Care Services, Paul Burstow, set up the review to establish the facts and bring forward actions to improve care and outcomes of people with learning disabilities or autism.

This letter highlights action to be taken forward by NHS bodies and local authorities as set out in that report.

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/winterbourne-interim-report-letter/>

2. Safeguarding publications for family carers

Printed copies of the NFCN safeguarding materials funded by Hft – ‘Top Tips’ and ‘The Essential Guide’ (weighing 94g combined) are now available. If you would like a set please send an A4 self-addressed envelope with £0.90 worth of stamps on it to:

Safeguarding resources
Hft’s Family Carer Support Service
5-6 Brook Office Park
Folly Brook Road
Emersons Green
Bristol
BS16 7FL

If you would like more than 1 set, please send the correct postage for the total weight of requested packs.

Alternatively [download](#) for free from our website.

3. Supported Internships

A new government programme aimed at supporting young people with special needs into paid employment will be trialled from this autumn.

Supported internships are being trialled at 15 colleges around England for young people aged between 16 and 25 years who have complex learning difficulties or disabilities. If successful, it will be available for all colleges to take part from September 2013.

The supported internships trial, backed by £3 million from the Department for Education, will provide a structured learning programme at an employer that is tailored to the individual needs of the young person. It will equip them with the skills they need for the job, backed by expert job coaches to support interns and employers, and give them a chance to study for relevant qualifications.

Visit the news page on the Department for Education website for the full news story

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a00210774/supported-internships>

North West

4. Partners in Policymaking

Take a few minutes to watch this and pass link onto families and people with learning disabilities.

Video stream Partners in Policymaking: Altogether Better

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9rbdbuCrgI>

<http://www.in-control.org.uk> Overview to PIP suite of leadership training courses for disabled adults, parents and carers of disabled children, professionals and other service providers working in education, health and leisure.

5. Impact of healthchecks research by University of Manchester

Annual health checks were introduced as a „reasonable adjustment“ to care in 2008 following recommendations by the Disability Rights Commission as a way of addressing the health needs of people with learning disability. General Practices are incentivised by a Directed Enhanced Service (DES) to offer a comprehensive health check including a physical examination, behaviour and mental health assessment for adults with learning disability. This study evaluates the impact of the health check on patients, practitioners and health services by exploring the views of health professionals, people with learning disability and carers, as well as by analysing clinical data recorded in General Practice clinical systems.'

[Download healthchecks research](#)

5.

WDC Karaoke Disco

For people with learning disabilities



Thursday July 26th

From 7pm to 10pm
The Fairway Tavern,
Old Hens Lane,
Welwyn, AL7 2ED

Come along to a great night of
entertainment provided by YOU.

Tickets £8 in advance

£10 on the door

Support staff free

Licensed bar

Ages 18 and above

Glow sticks for all participants

WDC Karaoke Disco is operated by We Do Care. We Do Care are able to offer transport and or support staff for this event at additional cost. Please call Carolyn on 07763 120438 or Jacqui on 07922 804039 to discuss.

We Do Care also offer one on one support to adults and children with learning disabilities, as well as friendship groups for young people aged 16 to 25 during the day and at weekends. Please visit our web site for more information.

www.wedocare.co.uk

Contact Carolyn on 07763 120438 or Jacqui on 07922 804039 for further information

South East

6. Learning disability gala screening of Mamma Mia in Oxford

On Saturday 21st July, Yellow Submarine Respite will be showing a private screening of Mamma Mia at a cinema in Oxford. It's a community celebration event. Children & adults with learning disabilities, families & carers, professionals and members of other charities (including groups from other local learning disability organisations) are all invited!

This will be a fantastic day with red carpets, flashing photographers' bulbs, ABBA related fancy dress (optional, but a prize for the best outfit), singing along during the film and lunch and Mamma Mia karaoke afterwards. This event is taking place at the Phoenix Cinema in Oxford ([map](#)) with the doors opening at 10-45. There's no entrance charge to the cinema but donations on the day would be welcome. If you would like to attend you must apply for a ticket(s) at http://www.yellowsubmarine.org.uk/news_mammamia.php or by calling the Yellow Submarine office on 01865 249662

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