



## 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](mailto:info@familycarers.org.uk).

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### **1. Care Quality Commission**

The CQC publishes 19 more reports from its review of services for people with learning disabilities.

The programme is looking at whether people experience safe and appropriate care, treatment and support and whether they are protected from abuse. A national report into the findings of the programme will be published later this year.

These 19 inspections covered locations that provided a range of services including assessment and treatment, rehabilitation and longer term care.

The reports are on CQC's website. <http://www.cqc.org.uk/LDRReports5>

### **2. WELD blog**

Internet based groups for older carers of people with learning disabilities can improve social support - Read the post [here](#).

### **3. Transition, child to adult services, parents of teens & young adults – Facebook Group**

'Frustrated at not being able to find information, I set up a Facebook page to find mutual support from other parents going through the Transition process, as I couldn't find anywhere on the internet already providing a platform of support for parents like me. I started it when my son was 15 years old. He will be 18 in April 2012. My son has a rare chromosome disorder resulting in severe and profound learning difficulties and epilepsy. He is also non-verbal. We live in West Sussex.

I would also like to encourage parents that have been through transition from child to adult services and come out through the other side. Any tips, points, words of wisdom would be gratefully received.

Marion Mitchell'

Transition child to adult services, parents of teens & young adults

<http://on.fb.me/nk9QG3>

### **4. The Small Places - blogspot**

Please click on the link below to read the blog on carers' assessments.

<http://thesmallplaces.blogspot.co.uk/2012/03/mark-neary-what-price-carers.html>

### **5. HealthWatch**

Please click on the link below to read the briefing on HealthWatch.

[http://www.nalm2010.org.uk/uploads/6/6/0/6/6606397/healthwatch\\_briefing-feb27\\_2012-marmd\\_2.pdf](http://www.nalm2010.org.uk/uploads/6/6/0/6/6606397/healthwatch_briefing-feb27_2012-marmd_2.pdf)

London

### **6. E-Diversity 2012**

A free employability event 26th April 2012 in Greenwich.

'We wanted to make you aware of a forthcoming employability event to showcase a new specialist community interest service that we founded and which I hope may be of interest to you.

Ours is an alternative approach with the objective of helping people with disabilities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds progress into employment.

We use accessible new media technology to empower our participants to compete for jobs on a more equal footing.

This follows on from extensive work we previously did with 250 LLDD students across 10 London boroughs back in 2010. However things have progressed a fair bit since then! You can register for the event online at

[www.clearonmedia.com/ediversity2012](http://www.clearonmedia.com/ediversity2012)

The conference will be held at Ravensbourne, Penrose Way, Greenwich Peninsula, SE10 0EW.

Click here for a map and directions [www.clearonmedia.com/ediversity2012/map.html](http://www.clearonmedia.com/ediversity2012/map.html)

There's also loads more info on our website [www.clearonmedia.com](http://www.clearonmedia.com), if you are interested in finding out more about us.'

South West

**7. CORNWALL CycleAbility and Cornwall Sports Partnership  
All Ability and Inclusive Cycling Conference and Bike Ride  
(27th AND 28th April)**

Please click on the link below to read more about this event

[www.cycleability.org.uk/pages/conference.htm](http://www.cycleability.org.uk/pages/conference.htm)

The different types of bikes

<http://www.choiceforum.org/docs/npd.pdf>

All Ability and All Inclusive Cycling Poster

<http://www.choiceforum.org/docs/aaa.pdf>

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