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1. Adults with disabilities at much higher risk of violence

Adults with disabilities are at much greater risk of violence than adults without disabilities, according to a new meta-analysis published in The Lancet.

Disabled adults are 1.5 times more likely to be a victim of violence than those without a disability, while those with mental health conditions are at nearly four times the risk of experiencing violence. The study found that the prevalence of any recent violence (physical, sexual, or intimate partner) was high in both adults with mental health conditions (24.3%) and in those with intellectual impairments (6.1%). This is the first study to confirm the magnitude of this risk and the relationship with different types of disability. About 15% of adults worldwide have a disability and this is predicted to rise because of the impact of an aging population and a global increase in chronic diseases.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(11\)61851-5/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(11)61851-5/fulltext)

2. The Learning Disability Coalition Survey

The Learning Disability Coalition wants to hear from people with learning disabilities and advocacy groups about their hopes and ideas for the next ten years.

You can download some easy read questions here:

<http://www.learningdisabilitycoalition.org.uk/download/focus%20group%20question.doc>

3. Down's Syndrome Association Awareness Week 2012

The Down's Syndrome Association are asking you to think and talk about work opportunities for people with Down's syndrome. The main point of the week will be to raise awareness of the idea that people with Down's syndrome, want and need opportunities to grow and develop as adults and for the vast majority that will involve work opportunities.

To find out more got to:

<http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/campaigns/awareness-week.html>

Please also take a look at the new website:

www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

4. Parents and Carers Together

Parents and Carers Together is a new, private Facebook group for parents and carers of people with learning disabilities, autism, Aspergers, ADHD - in fact any additional support need.

It has been set up by two parents who wanted to create an environment where they could talk about their problems, have a rant and a rave, and share some top tips, away from public view.

You can find the group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/parentsandcarerstogether/>

All parents and carers are welcome!

5. Find Me Good Care – a new website

SCIE is developing a new website to help people to make choices about care. They have published a holding page for Find Me Good Care which will be launched later this summer. The site will provide information about care and support for all adults, including regulated and unregulated services. It will help providers of all sizes to promote their services and support councils to provide cost-effective information to local residents. The site will include: a comparable directory of services; an interactive guide to choosing and paying for care; and a feedback mechanism that will be moderated carefully to ensure that individuals and organisations are treated fairly.

For further information <http://www.findmegoodcare.co.uk/>

6. Applications to the Court of Protection in relation to tenancy agreements

The Association of Public Authority Deputies (APAD), and other court users have asked the court to issue guidance about applications in relation to signing or terminating tenancy agreements on behalf of adults who lack the mental capacity to understand or sign the agreement themselves.

This guidance has been drawn up with the approval of the senior judge of the Court of Protection, and sets out the circumstances when it may be necessary to make an application, and puts in place streamlined procedures for receiving applications relating to more than one person, thereby simplifying some parts of the court procedure.

<http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=8433>

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