

# 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. Art Spider**

Have a look this website which has information on art, music, dance and drama activities for people with a learning disability. The information is accessed by region in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

[http://www.artspider.org.uk/whats\\_on/choose\\_region](http://www.artspider.org.uk/whats_on/choose_region)

## **2. Care Quality Commission**

Please click on the links below to read the CQC's State of Care Report 2010/11.

[State of Care Report 2010/11](#)

[State of Care Report 2010/11 - Summary](#)

[State of Care Report 2010/11 – Easy to read](#)

[State of Care Report 2010/11 – Summary – large print](#)

[State of Care Report 2010/11 – Audio version](#)

### **3. IMPORTANT CALL TO ACTION TO EVERYONE WHO CARES ABOUT DISABLED PEOPLE!**

Pat Onions has submitted an e-petition to the government website. Pat is blind and Pat is also a carer. Pat is calling on the Government to stop and review the cuts to benefits and services for disabled people which are falling disproportionately on disabled people, their carers and families.

**Are you able to support this petition? Pat needs 100,000 signatures to generate a debate in Parliament!**

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/20968>

So please ask friends, family and any organisations you belong to, to sign and get others to sign too.

Organisations on board so far that have agreed to help raise awareness of Pat's Petition are : [RNIB](#), [RADAR](#), [Disability Alliance](#), [CarerWatch](#), [The Broken of Britain](#), [CarersUK](#), [DPAC](#), [Benefits and Work](#), [Pain Concern](#), [Inclusion Scotland](#), [Sue Marsh – Diary of a Benefit Scrounger](#), [Carers Forum uk](#), [University and College Union](#), [The Afiya Trust](#)

### **4. Learning Disability Coalition**

As members of the Learning Disability Coalition, the NFCN are helping them to collect case studies. If you have a case study that you'd be happy for them to use, and illustrates any of the following, please let us know:

- Pooled budgets
- Effective personalisation
- Innovative commissioning
- Support that has made a big difference to people with mild or moderate needs (particularly something that shows the relationship between benefits and social care)
- Employment support

If you have any examples please forward them to [info@familycarers.org.uk](mailto:info@familycarers.org.uk).

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