

Studies

[Annual health checks lower risk of death](#)

Health checks for people with learning disabilities reduce risk of death, study finds. A [study](#), published in BMJ Open, therefore set out to discover whether having a health check could lead to better survival and lower rates of mortality.

[Autistic mothers need better breastfeeding support](#)

Accessibility measures should be urgently introduced into infant feeding services to support autistic women to meet their breastfeeding goals, according to new research.

[Older adults and psychotropic medication](#)

Study published in [Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities](#) looked at why psychotropic medication is frequently administered to people with intellectual disability with mental health and/or behavioural problems, instead of other non-pharmacological interventions.

Resources

[Once for Wales Positive Behaviour Support – new family resource available to empower families](#)

The resources have been designed to upskill and empower families who support individuals with a learning disability throughout their life span. The pack includes a range of downloadable fact sheets, videos sharing family perspectives, and a webinar.

[2022 local elections: voting resources](#)

Resources for people with a Learning Disability on how to vote in the local elections.

[New advocacy resource – supporting organisations](#)

The CBF have been feeding into the NHSE review of advocacy for people with learning disabilities and/or who are autistic, who are or have been inpatients in mental health services.

As part of this work the NHSE funded the CBF to put together a resource listing organisations that support family carers in their role advocating for their relatives.

Statistics

[Disability pay gaps in the UK](#)

In 2021, disabled employees with autism had the largest pay gap to non-disabled people with no long-lasting health conditions, with their median pay being 33.5% less. Those with severe or specific learning difficulties (29.7% less), epilepsy (25.4% less), or mental illness or other nervous disorders (22.1%), also had a large pay gap to non-disabled employees with no long-lasting health conditions. [Dataset](#)

Report

[New report reveals extent of crisis facing social care](#)

One of the most significant challenges facing the learning disability care sector is a lack of staff, with [the report](#) revealing that at any one time, 16% of workforce positions were vacant.

Campaign

['Disability Passport' to improve access to leisure centres](#)

A new campaign has been launched to boost awareness and registration of the 'Access Card', which translates disabilities or impairments into symbols, highlighting the reasonable adjustments individuals may need.

Consultation

[SEND review: right support, right place, right time](#)

The government is seeking views on their green paper about the changes we want to make to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision (AP) system in England. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 1 July 2022.

Legislation

[Down Syndrome Bill set to become law](#)

The Down Syndrome Bill is set to become law after clearing its final parliamentary hurdle, passing its Third Reading in the House of Lords.

News

[SEND parents and their right to mediation](#)

Parents and young people could be receiving inaccurate information about their right to mediation when bringing an appeal to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) Tribunal, according to IPSEA.

[Calls for a new law to better protect autistic young people](#)

The mother of an autistic girl who died in an inpatient facility earlier this year is campaigning for a new law that would ensure better care and protection for young people with autism and/or mental health problems.

[Learning disability training rolled out to NHS Wales staff](#)

The training is designed to improve knowledge and raise awareness of the issues that people with a learning disability face when accessing healthcare services.

[Autistic people are six times more likely to attempt suicide – poor mental health support may be to blame](#)

One person dies by suicide every 40 seconds. Some of those most at risk include people experiencing mental health difficulties (such as depression) and vulnerable groups who experience discrimination (such as LGBTQ+ people).

[Teenager in NHS hospital subjected to brutal restraint](#)

A deprivation of liberty case involving a vulnerable 14-year old with autism and a learning disability has been called "shocking" by a judge.