

Legislation

[Draft Mental Health Bill 2022](#)

The government is publishing a draft Mental Health Bill for pre-legislative scrutiny, to modernise the Mental Health Act for the 21st century.

[Changes to the law and guidance about making your own decisions \(easy read\)](#)

The government is making changes to the rules about making your own decisions. We are updating the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice and considering a new system of safeguards – the Liberty Protection Safeguards. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 14 July 2022.

[Schools Bill](#)

The Government's [Schools Bill](#) for England and Wales is currently being scrutinised by Parliament. What does it mean for autistic children and their families?

[All CQC-registered providers to ensure their staff receive training on interacting with people with a learning disability and autistic people](#)

From 1 July 2022, all health and social care providers registered with CQC must ensure that their staff receive training in how to interact appropriately with people who have a learning disability and autistic people, at a level appropriate to their role. This new legal requirement is introduced by the Health and Care Act 2022.

Study

[Importance of 'meaningful moments'](#)

Meaningful moments of interaction between support staff and people with profound learning disabilities were explored in a recent study that found that they contributed to greater job satisfaction and motivation.

Guidance

[New guidance on reducing the use of restraint in schools](#)

Education providers should ensure that restraint is only used as a last resort, to prevent harm, with the minimum necessary force, and for the minimum necessary time, according to new draft guidance from the Scottish government.

Statistics

[Number of autistic people in mental health hospitals: latest data](#)

The latest monthly [Assuring Transformation NHS Digital data](#) shows that in May 2022:

- In total 2,010 autistic people and people with learning disabilities are in inpatient mental health hospitals in England
- 1,210 (61%) of these people are autistic
- Around 185 of these are autistic people under 18.

Case Study

[Trauma-Informed Care on CAMHS ID Unit. Case Study of a Child with Neurodevelopmental Disorder and Self-Injurious Behaviour](#)

Systemic and a person-centred approach is used for this child with concerning presentation and history of neurodevelopmental disorder and childhood trauma.

Resources

[New online safety resources for young people with SEND](#)

A UK-based charity has created new resources to safeguard and empower young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) when they are online. Childnet's new project, Thrive Online, is designed to help educators, parents and carers to support young people aged 11 and over to use the internet in a safe and meaningful way. The free resources cover important topics such as digital wellbeing, healthy online relationships and online pornography.

[RCP says learning disability healthcare is suboptimal](#)

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has launched a new acute care toolkit to help address the suboptimal care provision for people who have a learning disability.

Surveys

[The Big Learning Disability Survey](#)

Mencap's Big Learning Disability Survey closes at the end of July. They are asking questions on topics that people with a learning disability have said are important to them.

[Survey to name the top priorities for new learning disability commissioner in Scotland](#)

National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism are collecting the views of autistic people, families and professionals on a new independently appointed Commissioner to promote and protect the rights of people with a learning disability and/or autism. The survey aims to collect views which will be compiled into a report to influence politicians and the Scottish Government, as to the commissioner's role and responsibilities.

News

[Bill of Rights and people with a learning disability](#)

Learning Disability England and its representative body members have expressed concerns that the new Bill of Rights will remove some legal protection from people with a learning disability.

Blog

[All of us who work in and with services can play a part](#)

Learning Disability Week can remind us that people with a learning disability use all NHS services. We might typically think of people using speech and language services, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social care or mental health, GP or specialist hospital services, but colleagues across the NHS, from dentistry to screening services and cardiology, need to consider their role in caring for patients with a learning disability.