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Papers

[Mental Capacity \(Amendment\) Bill: equality analysis](#) This paper examines the potential impact on protected groups of the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to replace current legislation with Liberty Protection Safeguards. The paper suggests that a large impact of the bill will be increasing the equality for those who fall under DoLS jurisdiction in the community and also suggests it will allow those with learning difficulties to access safeguards more quickly.

[Beyond Transforming Care: What needs to change?](#) This paper from the National Autistic society argues that the Transforming Care programme has failed people with autism. This report found that the number of reported autistic people in mental health hospitals is increasing argues that the NHS must prioritise several measures to tackle the issue of long term hospitalisation of autistic people by providing funded and accessible community services and ensuring mental health law reflects the needs of autistic people going forward.

Case Study

[Developing a complex health pathway for adults with learning disabilities](#) A case study describing action by Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust and Devon Partnership NHS Trust to set up a complex health pathway for adults with learning disabilities, this included the introduction of bespoke screening tools and improved case co-ordination by multi-professional teams.

Review

[Government review to improve the lives of autistic children](#) The UK government is conducting a review that aims to collect evidence from autistic children, their families and their carers on how to improve the support they get. The review will inform the new joint adults and children autism strategy to be published in autumn 2019. The review looks at areas such as joined up health, care and education services to address autistic children's needs holistically, developing diagnostic services to diagnose autism earlier, in line with clinical guidance, improving the transition between children and adult services so that no young people miss out, and ending inappropriate reliance on inpatient hospital care and improving understanding of autism and all its profiles, including recently identified forms such as pathological demand avoidance (PDA).

Project

[Charity launches accessible recipe videos for people with learning disabilities](#) As new project from the charity United Response has launched a youtube-based project called CookABILITY which aims to encourage people with learning disabilities, Down's syndrome, and autism to cook for themselves and eat healthy food. [Research shows](#) that disabled people are more likely to have poor diets and not exercise enough. In fact, over 80% of adults with learning disabilities fail to meet official minimum recommended levels for physical activity. The CookAbility project is designed to make accessible cooking videos created with the help of people with learning disabilities to encourage people to develop confidence and make healthier choices.

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