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Quarterly Political Summary

WELFARE AND BENEFITS

Timetable for remaining areas in PIP rollout announced

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has announced the roll out of PIP to the rest of Britain. [Read more.](#) **Contact a Family**

New Care Act 2014 implemented at the start of April

The act reforms focus in particular on person-centred practice and outcomes for people over the age of 18, which it is hoped will put people in control of their own care. [Read more.](#) **Preparing for Adulthood**

Extra support with childcare costs for disabled children

A campaigning coalition of charities has supported a Parliamentary Inquiry into the childcare costs for disabled children. The amount of support some families can receive has doubled. [Read more.](#)

Every Disabled Child Matters

EDUCATION

New £5 million fund to support internships for young people with SEND

Local authorities will be able to use the money to help people with the most severe forms of SEND make the difficult transition from school to work. [Read more.](#) **Nasen**

Changing from SEN to EHC: legal questions answered

The switch from SEN statements to EHC plans, to be completed by 2018, means that local authorities will have to treat all new SEN assessment requests as EHC needs assessments. [Find out what this may mean for you.](#) **SEN Magazine**

Join a Young People's Advisory Group

The Council for Disabled Children wants to hear from disabled young people or young people with special educational needs aged 13 – 23 living in England who would like to join their advisory board, helping to influence the Council and shape their policies. [Find out more.](#) **Council for Disabled Children**

DISABILITY

Disability Rights UK and Sport England launch new initiative

The Get Yourself Active project aims to improve access to sport and physical activity among disabled people, with a pilot scheme to be launched in parts of England soon. [Read more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**

Right from the start: what we want from the new government

A group of charities has produced a report to ensure that policy making across the government recognises the needs of disabled children, young people and their families. [Find out more.](#) **Every Disabled Child Matters**

The government defers changes to DSA

The government has postponed the proposed changes to the Disabled Students' Allowance until the consultation is completed in 2016-17. [Read more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**

HEALTH

New report into the state of neurological services

The Neurological Alliance has published a report detailing the result of a quality of commissioning audit and neurological patient experience survey. [Find out more.](#) **Neurological Alliance**

Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce report published

The Department of Health's report shows that the Taskforce has made progress but not every child or young person gets the help they need when and where they need it. [Find out more.](#) **Council for Disabled Children**

Top ten JLA childhood neurodisability research priorities

A partnership set up to identify and prioritise questions about the effectiveness of interventions for children and young people with neurodisability from patient, family and clinical perspectives has published its findings. HemiHelp members took part in this initiative last year. [Read more.](#) **British Academy of Childhood Disability**

RESOURCES

New HemiHelp information resource

Our new booklet aims to give guidance and support to parents of teenagers coming up to and going through the transition stage of life. [Read more.](#) **HemiHelp**

New edition of the Disability Rights Handbook

The 40th edition of the Disability Rights Handbook is available for pre-order. It provides clearly written, in-depth, information on the entire benefits and independent living system, but you do have to pay for it. You can also sign up for updates throughout the year. [Find out more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**