

Quarterly Political Summary

WELFARE AND BENEFITS

December 2012

Changes to SEN Law

The Government has published the draft proposals to reform provision for children and young people with special educational needs. [Click here to download the draft](#). **Department of Education**

IPSEA has scrutinised the Government's draft provisions to change legislation on SEN

The Independent Parental Special Education Advice charity (IPSEA) has prepared a set of documents for parents and advisers - as well as the House of Commons Education Select Committee in their scrutiny of the draft SEN legislation. [Click here to find out more](#) **IPSEA**

Charities warn Government that families with disabled children are at breaking point

Leading disability charities have come together as the Government prepares for the biggest shake up of support for disabled children or those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) for 30 years. [Click here to find out more](#). **Scope**

Contact a Family has updated their guide for parents of disabled children "Disabled children's services in England"

The guide explains your right to get the support you need from your local authority for both you and your child, like short breaks, day or night time care and the ways you can access them. The way local authorities work is changing at the moment and this guide explains some of the changes you can expect to see. [Click here to download the guide](#). **Contact a Family**

Minister for Disabled People, Esther McVey, announced changes to improve the Access to Work scheme

Disabled entrepreneurs and small businesses will benefit from more support to pay for specialised equipment and other costs faced by disabled people in work under changes to the Government's disability employment programme announced on 19th November. [Click here to find out more](#).

Department for Work and Pensions

You can read **Disability Rights UK's** response to Esther McVey's statement [here](#)

DISABILITY

Have the Paralympics changed attitudes to disability?

Sixty days after the Paralympics, Scope's Media Team is asking disabled people if they think the Games have had an impact on people's attitudes to disability. [You can take part in the survey here.](#) **Scope**

Back Britain's charities

HemiHelp is backing a campaign by the National Council of Voluntary Organisations and Charities Aid Foundation, responding to a report released in November that shows a big drop in income to charity. [Find out what you can do to support this campaign.](#) **NCVO and CAF**

HEALTH

NHS Outcomes Framework 2013 to 2014

The NHS Outcomes Framework 2013 to 2014 sets out the outcomes and corresponding indicators that will be used to hold the NHS Commissioning Board to account for improvements in health outcomes. The latest version of the framework contains measures to help the health and care system to focus on measuring outcomes. [Click here to find out more.](#) **Department of Health**

RESOURCES

New Blue Badge website with a Blue Badge mapping service

The PIE Guide have re-launched the blue badge website to include the free online Blue Badge Mapping Service, originally commissioned by Directgov. Visitors to the new site can select points of interest they wish to display from a menu containing, for example, blue badge parking bays. [Click here to visit the website.](#) **The PIE Guide.**

Transition support programme that supports young people into adulthood

Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) is a 2 year programme funded by the Department for Education as part of the delivery support for 'Support and aspiration: a new approach to special educational needs and disability' green paper. This programme aims to support young people into adulthood with paid employment, good health, independent living and community inclusion. [Click here to visit Preparing for Adulthood's website.](#) **NDTi, CDC and HAS.**