

Quarterly Political Summary

WELFARE AND BENEFITS

Summer budget 2015 summary

A useful summary of the key changes announced in George Osborne's summer budget, including benefits, education and health. [Read more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**

What does the summer budget mean for families with disabled children?

Another look at the budget but this time focussing on the impact the Chancellor's plans will have on the families of disabled children. [Read more.](#) **Contact a Family**

ILF closure confusion

Many councils have still not been told how much money they will be given to make up for the shortfall following the closure of the Independent Living Fund. [Read more.](#) **Disability News Service**

EDUCATION

Minister announces extension of individual statement transfer times

The length of time allowed for transferring from statements to EHC plans has been increased by four weeks from September 2015. [Find out more.](#) **Council for Disabled Children**

Long-term autism outcomes improved by early intervention

A US study has found that early intervention can lead to a greater reduction in symptoms in later years. [Read more.](#) **SEN Magazine**

Anti-bullying call for evidence

The Making Ourselves Heard Network is looking for people who work in local authorities and are aware of anti-bullying practice for children and young people with SEND. [Find out more.](#) **Council for Disabled Children**

DISABILITY

Hemiplegia on the BBC Ouch podcast

Kris Halpin, who was recently featured in our members' magazine, appeared on BBC Ouch to talk about hemiplegia and protest songs. [Read more.](#) **BBC Ouch blog**

Levelling the Playing Field: the childcare campaign for disabled children

Every Disabled Child Matters, Contact a Family and Family and Childcare Trust are leading the Levelling the Playing Field campaign to call for equal access to childcare for disabled children. [Find out more.](#) **Every Disabled Child Matters.**

New campaign promotes Active Summer Fun to disabled people

A new campaign created by the English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS) and National Disability Sport Organisations (NDSOs) is encouraging more disabled people to play out over summer. [Read more.](#) **English Federation of Disability Sport**

HEALTH

Participants wanted for new research study into parent health

Dr Geraldine Barrett, Senior Lecturer in Health Studies, is undertaking a study aiming to investigate the physical health of parents, asking questions about anxiety, stress, mood and caring responsibilities. [Participate here.](#) **Brunel University**

An overview of paediatric stroke for healthcare providers

The **International Alliance for Pediatric Stroke (IAPS)** and the University of North Carolina Comprehensive Stroke Center have produced a free guide to help healthcare providers understand more about the types of stroke affecting children, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options. [Find out more.](#) **IAPS**

RESOURCES

New HemiHelp secondary schools resource

Our new education pack will help education professionals better support the education of secondary school students with hemiplegia, just in time for the new school year. [Read more.](#) **HemiHelp**

Legal resource will prevent families from missing out on early years education

A new guide aims to help parents understand what they are entitled to under the government's new access to free early years education, and to help when things don't work as they should. [Read more.](#) **Contact a Family**