

Quarterly Political Summary

WELFARE AND BENEFITS

PIP stats show broken system

The Personal Independence Payment statistics issued on 5th June show that the disability benefit system in the UK has broken down. [Read more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**

Bedroom tax disappointment for families with disabled children

Disappointment with the decision by the High Court that the bedroom tax does not discriminate against disabled children. [Read more.](#) **Contact a Family**

Cuts to grant funding for disabled students can put their studies at risk

Proposed cuts to the Disabled Students' Allowances in 2015 may lead to higher drop-out rates, lower grades and students struggling without support. [Read more.](#) **The Guardian**

EDUCATION

On 1st June 2014 the Department for Education published the SEND code of practice

This is the statutory guidance for organisations who work with and support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The new Code still needs to be approved by Parliament before it comes into force on 1 September 2014. The current SEN code of practice remains in force until 1 September 2014. [Read more.](#) **IPSEA**

A new guide on SEND reforms (England)

A group of charities produce a new guide for parents and carers about the reforms and what they will mean for them. [Download the guide.](#) **NNPCF, NPPN, Contact a Family and CDC**

IPSEA responds to the revised draft SEN Code of Practice (England)

Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA) submitted a response to the revised draft of the SEN Code of Practice which the Government published in April. [Read more.](#) **IPSEA**

New government funding made available to Parent Partnership Services (England)

To support the implementation of the special educational needs (SEN) reforms and in particular Independent Support, Government funding has been made available to Parent Partnership Services. [Read more.](#) **Council for Disabled Children (CDC)**

Moving towards a new special needs system in England

Parents get the impression that they can no longer request a statutory assessment for a statement or that their local authority are no longer issuing statements. This is not the case. [Find out what to do if you have experienced this.](#) **Contact a Family**

Scottish disabled student access report

This report provides an analysis of responses to the Scottish Government's consultation on draft guidance on the Disability Strategies and Pupils' Educational Records (Scotland) Act 2002. [Read more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**

DISABILITY

New report reveals the true impact of neurological conditions

The Neurological Alliance has published a new report and accompanying factsheet revealing the economic and societal impact of neurological conditions and setting out the steps needed to address the major gaps in neurological data and intelligence. [Read more.](#) **The Neurological Alliance**

End the Awkward campaign is launched

Scope's new campaign uses humour to get people thinking differently about disability. [Read more.](#) **Scope**

Beyond Seizures Exhibition Art & Science Exhibition by people with epilepsy, neuroscientists, and artists

London Brain Project will kick off during Brain Awareness Week (www.dana.org/BAW) with an exhibition of pieces from a unique collaboration between people with epilepsy, neuroscientists, and artists. [Read more.](#) **UCL Institute of Child Health**

Children's Awards 2014

Cerebra announces the launch of their 2014 Children's Awards, recognising the amazing achievements of children with neurological conditions. [Read more.](#) **Cerebra**

HEALTH

The Care Act 2014 receives Royal Assent

There are many policy changes approaching that will affect the lives of young people with SEN, disabled young people and their families, and will impact on the range and quality of support available to them as they prepare for adulthood. [Here is a factsheet with the key elements.](#)

Preparing for Adulthood

RESOURCES

HealthTalkOnline

Healthtalkonline.org provides free, reliable information about health issues, by sharing people's real-life experiences. You can watch people sharing their stories about cancer, autism, motor-neurone disease, pregnancy, drugs, depression and much more. [Read more.](#) **HealthTalkOnline**

Does your grandchild have additional needs?

Contact a Family has produced an updated version of the information guide for grandparents. [Read more.](#) **Contact a Family**