

Quarterly Political Summary

WELFARE AND BENEFITS

Disabled Students Allowance cuts postponed

Changes to Disabled Students Allowance, intended to encourage universities to take greater responsibility over the additional non-medical costs incurred by disabled students, will be postponed until 2016/17. [Read more.](#) **Welfare News Service**

PIP implementation nothing short of a fiasco say MPs

Public Accounts Committee publishes their latest report on Personal Independence Payment implementation. [Read more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**

More on PIP: second official statistics are released - [Read more.](#) **Disability Rights UK**

MPs vote in support of bedroom tax exemptions

On Friday 5th September MPs voted in support of a bill to partly overturn bedroom tax. [Read more.](#)
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EDUCATION

Support for parents on the new SEN and disability system

A new guide aimed at explaining the new SEND Code of Practice to parents has been published by the Department for Education. [Read more.](#) **The Department for Education**

SEN and disability reforms – transitional arrangements

The Department for Education has launched the final guidance on transition to the new 0-25 special educational needs and disability system introduced by Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014. [Read more.](#) **The Department for Education.**

A summary on SEN reforms

HemiHelp has released a summary on the new SEN and disability Code of Practice. [Read more.](#)
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DISABILITY

Disability research and reports

Trailblazers campaigners gather hard evidence about what needs to change in society for young disabled people to be fully empowered and achieve equality in service. You can read reports on relationships and dating, live music, public transport and much more [at this link.](#) **Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.**

Supported Internships

Supported Internships are personalised study programmes funded by the Government. They are designed to better enable young people with severe learning difficulties and/or disabilities to achieve sustainable paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for the workplace.

[Read more.](#) **Preparing for Adulthood**

Free employment courses

'Inspiring Employment' is a free course that aims to provide disabled people with many resources on disability and employment. It's a project ran by Martyn Sibley, lifelong wheelchair user, disability blogger and world traveler. [Read more.](#) **Inspiring Employment**

HEALTH

NICE guideline on cerebral palsy

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence is developing a clinical practice guideline on cerebral palsy for use in the NHS in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. As a registered stakeholder HemiHelp will let you know of any opportunities to input your comments about the development of this guideline. [To follow the progress click here.](#) **NICE**

Towards a real impact on prenatal brain damage

Cerebra's work on prenatal brain damage aims to identify brain injury indicators in perinatal life (the first weeks of life) that would allow defining measures for early intervention. [Read more.](#) **Cerebra**

New platform to share experiences of social care in Scotland

People using adult social care services in Scotland will have the opportunity to share and compare their experiences when a new website, Care Opinion, launches this autumn. [Read more.](#) **The Scottish Government**

Autistic brain 'overloaded with connections'

US research suggests that people with an autistic spectrum disorder have an excessive amount of neural connections inside their brain. [Read more.](#) **NHS Choices**

RESOURCES

Video to show what parenting programmes are like

This video was made by parents for parents to show them what the programmes feel like and answer some common questions that parents have. [Read more.](#) **Centre for Mental Health**

EHC Outcomes Pyramid

The Education Health and Care outcomes pyramid has been developed by CDC as a tool to help professionals and parents identify outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs. [Read more.](#) **Council for Disabled Children**