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Studies

[Virtual Consultations for People With Intellectual Disabilities in General Practice and Community Care: Mixed Methods Qualitative Study](#)

Virtual consultations (VCs) using video or telephone were embraced at speed in general practice (GP) and community care during the COVID-19 pandemic. People with intellectual disabilities, their families, and support workers (SWs), along with health care professionals (HCPs), had to adapt quickly to this change in provision, but little is known about how this new way of working was experienced.

[Ethical challenges of capacity assessment in neurodevelopmental and intellectual disabilities](#)

Individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders and intellectual disabilities face research exclusion due to complex consent processes. This article highlights how fluctuating capacity challenges binary assessment models.

[Bowel cancer care in individuals with an intellectual disability: a population-based cohort study of symptoms, diagnostic pathways, treatment and survival](#)

People with an intellectual disability (ID) are at increased risk of bowel cancer. However, evidence on their presenting symptoms, diagnostic pathways, treatments and survival remains limited.

[Maternal Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Infant Outcomes](#)

How do birth and infant outcomes differ between women with and women without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs)?

[Inclusive Research in Genomics and Disability: Findings from the “We Need to Talk” Project](#)

Advances in genomics are reshaping how disability is understood, raising complex ethical, legal, and social issues for people with disabilities. This makes it essential to understand how people with disabilities perceive genomics and how they can be included in co-design approaches to genomics research.

News

[Supporting People Leaving Long-Stay Hospitals and The Role of Peer Advocacy](#)

As we approach the 15th anniversary of the BBC Panorama investigation that exposed abuse at Winterbourne View, self-advocate Steven Chapman reflects on his work challenging institutionalisation and the role peer advocacy plays in supporting people to leave long-stay hospitals.

[Hope and Solidarity: 15 years On](#)

It is 15 years since the TV programme that showed the abuse and bad treatment of people with learning disabilities at Winterbourne View.

[15 years since Winterbourne View: The CBF's statement](#)

31st May 2026 marks 15 years since the Panorama documentary Undercover Care: The Abuse Exposed revealed the abuse of people with learning disabilities at Winterbourne View Hospital and shone a light on the wider practice of detaining people with learning disabilities and autistic people in hospitals.

[Children with SEND face safety risks in schools, new survey finds](#)

Almost two-thirds of school staff are concerned about keeping children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) safe at school because of a lack of capacity and resources, according to a new National Autistic Society (NAS) survey.

[The CBF's statement on SEND reform](#)

This week, the CBF submitted our response to the Government's consultation on SEND reform in England. We are grateful to the parents who completed our survey and spoke with us, providing detailed insight into their experiences and the barriers they faced in accessing support, which has helped to inform our response.

[MPs call for two-week response deadline from employers to disabled workers' requests for adjustments](#)

Work and Pensions Committee MPs have called for a two-week legal deadline for employers to respond to requests for reasonable adjustments from disabled workers in a report published today. The report added that rejections should be required to have written explanations.

[Fit note changes: Access to Work backlog needs addressing first](#)

The Business Disability Forum has said the Government must address the Access to Work backlog if new plans to overhaul the 'broken' fit note system are to succeed.

[People with learning disabilities help to develop Easy Read resources](#)

Macmillan Cancer support has adapted its PIF TICK certified information to help meet the needs of people with learning disabilities.

[SeeAbility achieves Guinness World Record to raise awareness of eye tests](#)

SeeAbility, a charity supporting people with learning disabilities, autism and sight loss, has achieved a Guinness World Record for the most participants featured in a live portrait installation within 48 hours. The aim was to highlight that tens of thousands of children with learning disabilities and autism are missing out on basic eye care.