

# Specialist Care Newsletter

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I am delighted to welcome you to the second edition of Christie + Co's newsletter, dedicated specifically to cover issues relating to the specialist learning disability and mental health care sector.

I received some excellent feedback following the first edition and hope that you find this months issue informative and beneficial to you.

There continues to be vast uncertainty from operators, in particular, and professional advisors about the whole future of specialist care in the UK.

Personally, I believe that this was best summed up at the recent Laing + Buisson Supported Living Conference in London by one of the speakers, who stated that whilst they do not believe that the right balance has yet been achieved in terms of accommodation (registered homes vs. supported living), it is widely felt that there will continue to be a combination of both in the future.

What then does this mean for providers in the short term?

We are certainly seeing an increase in demand from larger operators and private equity firms for Supported Living businesses, as they seek to take advantage of the growth in provision that will most certainly occur within this area.

However, we have also recently marketed a group of registered homes catering for young adults with challenging behaviours and, high acuity levels.

This has produced significant interest across the board and I think illustrates that there is, indeed, a bright future for registered specialist homes - albeit for ones that have adapted to the challenges of the personalisation agenda and the choice that will give to service users and commissioners.

Once again, I hope you enjoy the content and find it helpful to you.

Any feedback and, of course, articles would be greatly appreciated to improve the relevance of any content for future issues.

Best wishes

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## Beyond Disability

Giving disabled adults structured support in the community can give them the chance to live independently.

A report on Middlesbrough and Enfield's approach to social care:

[Click here to view beyond disability article](#)

## Home Care vs Nursing Home Care – Who Decides?

An interesting view from the United States on this highly relevant topic:

[Click here to view who decides article](#)

## Most Carers Hit Breaking Point

A recent poll has found that three out of four carers are being driven to breaking point, as a result of the pressures of caring.

Further details can be found at:

[Click here to read breaking point article](#)

## System Failing Autistic Adults

A report by The National Audit Office has recently stated that thousands of people with autism in England are failing to get the diagnosis and specialist help they need

[Click here to read The National Audit Office report](#)

## The Office for Disability Issues appoints new Director

Tim Cooper has been appointed new Director at the Office for Disability Issues

[Click here to read about the new Director](#)

## Susan Boyle – Advances the Learning Disability Cause

The much talked about contestant from Britain's Got Talent has provoked considerable debate.

This is the view of Ciara Evans, who has learning disabilities and is a spokesperson for Mencap, a leading UK charity for people with learning disabilities.

[Click here to read about Susan Boyle](#)

## Scie Chief Named as Social Care Personality of the Year

Social Care Institute for Excellence chief executive Julie Jones was awarded the social care personality of the year award at this year's national home care awards.

[Click here to read more about the social care personality of the year](#)

## New Service for Adults with Learning Disability

A new free service for adults with learning disabilities has been launched by the Western Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland.

The aim is to support people with a learning disability to make decisions which affect their lives and to provide independent information about the options available.

[Click here to read about the new service](#)

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## King's Fund to Review 2006 Wanless Report on Funding Care

Think-tank to update landmark report in light of personalisation agenda.

The King's Fund is to carry out a review of its 2006 report by Derek Wanless into the funding of older people's social care.

The review, due out this autumn, will form part of the fund's analysis of the Department of Health's forthcoming green paper on the future funding of adult social care, due this month.

[Read more about the Wanless Report review](#)

## Adass Rejects Using Reverse Auctions for Care Contracts

Directors' leader Jenny Owen warns online auctions may seriously undermine care quality.

[Read more about Jenny Owen's concerns](#)

## CQC Seeks Feedback on Guidance for Registration of All Health and Adult Care Services

Closing Date: 24 August 2009

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) launched on 1st June a consultation on guidance outlining what health and social care service will need to do to meet new legally enforceable registration standards.

From April 2010 the regulator will begin to put in place the first ever registration system covering all health and adult social care services in England, whether they are public or private.

For all consultation documents, visit: [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)



## CONFERENCES + SEMINARS

### Pavillion OLM

Personalisation and Learning Disabilities

How do organisations meet the challenge?

A programme for the seminar with further information is available by [clicking here](#).

### Community Care Conferences

New approaches to Mental Health Care: Best Practice in supporting recovery.

Venue; Central London

Date: 18 June 2009

For further details [click here](#).

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## LEGAL MATTERS

Care sector specialist solicitors Browne Jacobson provide advice and comment on the new Independent Safeguarding Authority and how the new registration scheme will dramatically affect recruitment in the care sector.

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### A selection of specialist care homes:

#### North Wales

- + Group of homes
- + Total registration 29
- + Mental health/learning disabilities
- + Younger adults
- + Average fees £1,969 per week
- + Asking price- £4.5m

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## Cambridgeshire/Lincolnshire

- + Specialist Care Homes
- + Mental health/learning disabilities
- + Younger adults
- + Run under management
- + Fee income £2,171,067 2007/08
- + Asking Price - £3.95m

[Click here for further details.](#)

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