



St Thomas Training Newsletter - November 2018

We hope you find lots to interest you in this newsletter.

We are always pleased to hear from you – please feel free to comment on any item here, or ask questions, by replying directly to this email, or by using Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter (links at the bottom of the page).

You are also very welcome to forward this newsletter on to any colleagues who might find it interesting.

Autism campaigns and features

Many shops and businesses responded positively last month to the National Autistic Society's campaign to "[Make shopping autism friendly](#)", by holding "autism hours". "Loose Women" even got in on the act by holding the first ever [autism-friendly live TV show](#).

Forensic mental health training

We can now provide forensic mental health training at your venue.

Forensic mental health services are provided for individuals with a mental disorder (including neurodevelopmental disorders) who pose risks to others. Forensic services are effective in reducing serious reoffending in individuals from secure inpatient services through to community supervision, and place a dual emphasis on promoting and enabling

individual recovery and independence, while also ensuring the protection of the public.

The training explores an understanding of what may constitute mental disorder, as well as the complex legal framework which is in place to manage mentally disordered offenders

“Brilliant day! I felt I really got to grips with the legal structure which supports treatment of mentally ill offenders” [Social worker, local authority, south Wales].

[Click here](#) for more details, or just give us a call.

Time to Change on Youtube

There are loads of interesting, informative and thought-provoking video clips on various aspects of mental health on [Time to Change’s Youtube channel](#). Why not check them out now?

St Thomas Training free app

Just a reminder that we have an app which you can download from [the iTunes Store](#) (Apple devices) or the [Google Play Store](#) (Android devices). It gives you access to our Law & Policy Database, as well as information and downloadable resources relating to the Mental Capacity Act, DoLS, the Mental Health Act and Safeguarding Adults. Why not give it a go today? It’s completely free to download and free to use.

“Embrace Diversity” campaign from Skills for Care

You may be aware that Skills for Care ran a campaign entitled “Embrace Diversity” during October. They define diversity simply as “understanding that each individual is unique and recognising our own

individual differences.” Although the campaign is over, there are still some very useful and interesting resources on [their website here](#).

Assistive technology and adult social care

Do you have a voice-controlled personal assistant such as an Amazon Echo device? If so you might be interested to read how a [couple of local authorities](#) are looking into how it might be used to help people lead more independent lives.

Replacing the DoLS with the Liberty Protection Safeguards

The [Mental Capacity \(Amendment\) Bill](#) continues its passage through Parliament, with the ultimate aim of abolishing the current Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and replacing them with a new system, provisionally called the Liberty Protection Safeguards. We think the Bill is still on course to be passed in Spring 2019, in order to be implemented in Spring 2020. We have therefore arranged a series of Briefing Sessions, in various locations across England and Wales, with Tim Spencer-Lane of the Law Commission. [Click here](#) for details. We will only start taking bookings for these sessions once the Bill has been passed.

We have also arranged for Tim Spencer-Lane to train up our team of Associate Trainers as soon as the Bill is passed. In that way we will be able to offer in-house training on the new system from late Spring 2019 onwards – contact us now if you are interested in discussing this.

CQC State of Care Report for 2017/18

The Care Quality Commission has just published its annual State of Care report, which suggests that most people receive at least a “good” standard of care, but also acknowledges that too many people still receive care that

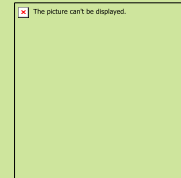
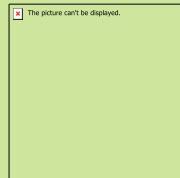
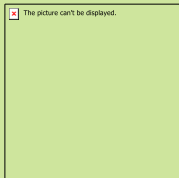
is “not good enough”. You can read the full report if you wish, or a summary, by [clicking here](#). There is also an easy-read version, an audio version, and an interactive map where you can learn about the state of care in your own local area.

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