

Reports

[The Hesley Group Report](#)

“We need the right support at the right time from the right people, close to home”

Kate Chate – Rep and Family member.

Toolkits

[Because We All Care campaign: stakeholder toolkit](#)

Focus on people who have a learning disability and autistic people. We want more people with a learning disability and autistic people to share care experiences with us. You can use the materials in this toolkit to help you support our campaign.

News

[Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel publish Phase 2 report into Hesley Group settings](#)

Today (20th April 2023) the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel published the second of two reports about residential care settings run by the Hesley Group in the Doncaster area. These reports focus on the experiences of 108 children and young adults with learning disabilities and complex needs between 1st January 2018 and March 21st 2021.

[Nearly 200,000 predicted to be waiting for an autism assessment by end of 2024](#)

More than 190,000 people could be waiting for an autism assessment by the end of next year, according to a new report from CHS Healthcare, Autism and ADHD: The damaging waits for assessment.

[What next for Liberty Protection Safeguards?](#)

With the announcement of a further delay to the implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards, or LPS, I want to reflect (as a previous MCA DoLS lead and continued social justice and Human Rights advocate) on where this may leave people and health and social care authorities, currently experiencing and managing significant 'backlogs' for Deprivation of their Liberty authorisations.

[Learning Disability session added to All Our Health](#)

The All Our Health elearning programme has been updated with a session on learning disabilities.

[Assaults, neglect and a Taser revealed in 'deeply shocking' BBC care home investigation](#)

A company which ran children's homes where residents were systemically abused also failed to prevent adults being harmed, BBC News has learned. An investigation found 99 cases of abuse at a Doncaster home for vulnerable adults in 2010. One worker even ordered a Taser to use there.

[Launching our new strategy](#)

We're delighted to launch our ambitious new strategy, setting out our commitment to create a society that works for autistic people. The three-year [Vision to Reality](#) strategy outlines the beliefs, ambitions and priorities that will guide our charity's work in the future.

[Learning-disabled and autistic people are being neglected and tortured. How much longer?](#)

Across the UK, revelations of institutional abuse keep mounting up, yet people are still being denied basic respect.

[‘They tried to wipe it out’: the problem with talking about Asperger’s](#)

The diagnostic terms for autism were overhauled 10 years ago. Experts, campaigners and autistic people reflect on these changes.

[U.S. study charts changing prevalence of profound and non-profound autism](#)

More than a quarter of autistic 8-year-olds in the United States have profound autism, according to a study published today in Public Health Reports. Although the overall prevalence of profound autism in this age group increased from 2002 to 2016, the prevalence of non-profound autism did so at a sharper rate, the findings show.

[A questionable study linked epidurals to autism. Then what?](#)

The spread of misinformation — and the way fear can burn through a landscape — was forefront in Tor-Arne Hegvik’s mind when, in October 2020, he opened up his web browser and found a new autism paper in JAMA Pediatrics. Hegvik is a gynecologist and researcher at the University of Bergen in Norway, and the study, co-led by biostatistician Anny Xiang of Kaiser Permanente Southern California (KPSC), made what appeared to be an improbable claim: The epidural analgesia given during labor is associated with increased chances of having a child with autism.

[Weaponized heterogeneity only harms the most vulnerable autistic people](#)

Autistic people as a group are heterogeneous, with a wide range of presentations, challenges and support needs. That heterogeneity is commonly weaponized against more able autistic people, often by autism researchers or parents who wish to highlight the needs of their autistic children who have higher support needs. This tactic, however, can backfire and increase harm to the most vulnerable autistic people because it separates this group from the insights gained from autistic scholarship. Focusing on aspects of autistic experience that we all share may be more fruitful and lead more quickly to our shared goal of improved outcomes for all autistic people.