

Welcome to July 2009 Update, bringing information and news for disabled parents and their supporters in Norfolk.

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e-Petition to recognise extra costs of raising children for disabled parents.

A website petition is asking the Prime Minister to make sure the financial and social care needs and rights of disabled parents are recognised in law.

It asks for social care and benefits to take account of the extra costs and needs of raising children as a disabled parent. You can add your name to the petition at

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Disabled-Parents>.



New DPPi report on Maternity services highlights poor information and choice for disabled parents-to-be.

A study of physically disabled parents' experiences of maternity services shows they face challenges in getting the right information and support.

There are negative attitudes from some health professionals, a lack of knowledge and information for both parents and professionals, and poor communication between disabled parents and professionals.

<http://www.dppi.org.uk/projects/epi090701.php> .



YoungMinds starts survey for disabled parents.

YoungMinds promotes the emotional well-being of children and young people up to the age of 25, and supports their parents.

They have started a survey to find out how disabled parents, and parents of disabled children, feel about the emotional wellbeing of their children, and what help they have been offered if things get tough.

<http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parents>, go to disability surveys.



A practical guide to Outcome-focused reviews.

A useful simple guide for service users, assessors and planners on new approaches to Adult care assessments and reviews. It was written by a group that included a disabled parent.

<http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/Personalisation/Topics/Latest/Resource/?cid=5625>.



A Bank with a difference - West Norfolk Community Bank.

Norfolk Credit Union has opened West Norfolk Community Bank to provide a community-run financial service to the King's Lynn area for simple saving and low cost small loans. There's also a Young Savers' Account for under 16s.

West Norfolk Community Bank opens at St Augustine's Centre, Columbia Way, King's Lynn on Fridays from 10 am to 12 midday.
Information on other community banks in Norfolk from Norfolk Credit Union Ltd on www.norfolkcu.co.uk.



New Ofsted report: Supporting young carers.

This survey looked at how well young carers were identified by councils and their partners. It also looked at the assessment and delivery of services for young carers and their families.

The survey visited councils, focus groups with young carers and met with providers of young carer support services.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk> search term Young Carers .



New addresses and phone numbers.

West Norfolk Disability information Service (WNDiS) has moved to
14 Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn, PE30 1JN, (near the Jobcentre). New

telephone number: 01553 782558 email: jt@wndis.org.uk website:
www.wndis.org.uk.

Norfolk County Council Customer Services phone number has changed to 0344 800 8014 (for Children's and Adult Social Services). For other Departments the number stays the same but the 0844 at the beginning is now 0344. This is because 03 numbers are either much cheaper or free, depending on the caller's phone provider.

We hope you find Update interesting and useful.

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