

## **Winterbourne View Safeguarding Adult Issues**

Workers at a hospital near Bristol where alleged abuse was filmed had raised earlier concerns about staff behaviour, the BBC has learned.

BBC Panorama secretly filmed patients at Winterbourne View being pinned down, slapped and taunted at the hospital. South Gloucestershire Council said that 19 concerns had been raised within five years, seventeen referrals were made regarding safeguarding adult matters, 15 alerts were in relation to members of staff and their behaviours.

The BBC website has videos, news and information about the issues affecting those residing at Winterbourne View. As a result of the issues raised on Panorama the resource has now been closed. The website can be found at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-14316588>

## **BASW Survey Result**

A deeply worrying 81% of Social Workers have come across abuse in an adult residential care home, with 55% having experienced extreme abuse, a survey by the British Association of Social Work (BASW) revealed. Of the Social Workers interviewed most of whom work with older people, people with Mental Health issues and people with physical disabilities, more than 70% think that residential care is not fit for purpose and 80% think that the Care Quality Commission arrangements are far from adequate.

Ruth Cartwright, BASW, England Manager, said, "These alarming statistics paint a picture of Society which does not set much store in maintaining the dignity of its most vulnerable members."

<http://www.basw.co.uk/media/shocking-state-of-care-for-vulnerable-adults-revealed/>

## **Whistle Blowing – Nurses Concerns**

Nurses who raised concerns in relation to safeguarding adults, complained to the Nursing Times that they are terrorised by managers and prosecuted by colleagues. A new website – [www.nhsconcern.org.uk](http://www.nhsconcern.org.uk) allows nurses and others to raise concerns anonymously. 'This will help, but we need assurances that concerns will be acted on. After all, there is little point in speaking out unless someone will listen.'

<http://www.nursingtimes.net/nursing-practice/clinical-specialisms/educators/whistleblowers-will-face-bullying-from-every-side/5033312.article?MsgId=144079whistleblowing-arrangements.doc>

## **Stafford Hospital Public**

Rather than focussing solely on the Stafford Hospital the public enquirey looked at issues affecting the care of patients receiving National Health Services. The enquiry explores funding staff responses and the safety of patients.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/?s=stafford+hospital+public+enquiry>

## **Three People Found Guilty of Murdering Gemma Hayter, a 27 year old Woman who had a Learning Disability**

The 27 year old woman was found dead in a place known as the old station in Rugby. The BBC have produced reports and video footage with regard to the taunting and abuse suffered by Gemma Hayter leading to her death. Reflective of some of the issues in the Steven Hoskin Serious Case Review in Cornwall Community Care Magazine have also produced an article on the issues affecting Gemma and Steven.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-14328758>

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/blogs/adult-care-blog/2011/08/questions-for-adult-safeguarding-agencies-in-murder-of-gemma-hayter.html>

## **Right to Die**

The Court of Protection were asked to consider the withdrawal of life sustaining treatment, including nutrition and hydration from a woman, which will inevitably lead to her death. Judgement awaited.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/nurses-speak-out-against-family-in-righttodie-case-2325923.html>

<http://www.annaraccoon.com/politics/judgment-day/>

### **Hillingdon Council held a man who has Autism (Steven Neary) unlawfully**

A 92 yr old man alleged that his son was being kept in a care home against his will. Hillingdon Council undertook a Mental Capacity Assessment and determined on SN and determined that he lacked capacity to make decisions with regard to his place of residence. A Best Interests Decision and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard was put into place to maintain SN in care. SN's father contested the decision.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-13498461>

[http://www.mentalhealthlaw.co.uk/Re Steven Neary; LB Hillingdon v Steven Neary \(2011\) EWHC 1377 \(COP\)](http://www.mentalhealthlaw.co.uk/Re_Steven_Neary;_LB_Hillingdon_v_Steven_Neary_(2011)_EWHC_1377_(COP))

### **Carers and Safeguarding Adults**

Working together to improve safeguarding outcomes for carers.

<http://www.adass.org.uk/images/stories/Policy%20Networks/Carers/Carers%20and%20Safeguarding%20document%20June%202011.pdf>

## **Law Commission Adult Social Care**

The reform of adult social care proposed by the Law Commission seeks to unify the current variety of legislative frameworks affecting adult service provision into one modern statute. Proposing a simple and cohesive framework the Law Commission also propose a legislative framework for safeguarding adults making this a statutory requirement rather than a professional one.

[http://www.justice.gov.uk/lawcommission/docs/lc326\\_adult\\_social\\_care.pdf](http://www.justice.gov.uk/lawcommission/docs/lc326_adult_social_care.pdf)

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