

Chapter 11: Adult social care

The Equality and Human Rights Commission contains extensive information on age and disability issues. Age UK campaigns actively for improved outcomes for older people. Its policy pages provide information about dignity in care, equality and human rights, adult safeguarding and Covid-19 and ageing.—www.ageuk.org.uk. You can obtain Age UK's 2020 Parliamentary briefing on the reform of social care here: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/reports-and-publications/reports-and-briefings/care-in-crisis/parliamentary-briefing-social-care-reform-july-2020.pdf>

Other charities connected with adult social care run useful and informative websites. Mencap, for instance, is the leading campaign organization for learning disability—www.mencap.org.uk.

For something more academic, although with up-to-the-minute commentary on legal and policy developments on community care, we recommend the Small Places blog, authored by Lucy Series, a research assistant at Cardiff Law School, who has a background working in mental health: thesmallplaces.wordpress.com. She has some updates relating to coronavirus.

For those of you who enjoy the legal approach, here are two pieces on the public sector equality duty written by a practising barrister and a judge, respectively:

T. Dyke, 'Judicial review in an age of austerity' (2011) *JR* 16 (3): 202

Mr Justice Sales, 'The public sector equality duty' (2011) *JR* 16 (1): 1.

A more academic and critical approach is taken in the following article:

S. Fredman, 'The public sector equality duty' (2011) *Industrial Law Journal* 40 (4): 405.

One particular article which focuses on the law and dignity is L. Clements, 'Disability, dignity and the *cri de coeur*' (2011) 6 *EHRLR* 675. This suggests that the judges treat the dignity of the prisoner with far greater respect than the dignity of the recipient of adult social care.

Finally, BBC Radio 4 has produced a number of programmes which cover the care crisis in the UK: www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/you-and-yours/care-in-the-uk-2010. They are well worth listening to.

Resources on Covid-19 relevant to social care provision are available from the SCIE website <https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/>