

# February 2019 Issue



Health care is in the forefront of the news nowadays with lots of health care leaders trying to develop positive future long-term plans for the NHS.

The NHS Health and care leaders have come together to develop a 10 year **Long Term Plan** to obtain the most value for patients out of every pound of 'taxpayers' investment. We have picked out the important factors to watch out for, relevant to learning disabilities.

Tackling preventable deaths and stopping over-medication and improving health checks are planned in primary care with the aim of reaching 75% of people aged 14+ with a learning disability annually. Hearing sight and dental checks will be given to young people in residential schools. Their aim is to trial autism-specific health checks, acknowledging that people with learning disabilities and autism will be supported fully. Funding for the learning disabilities 'Mortality' review programme, will continue with the aim of improving lives for people with learning disabilities nationally.

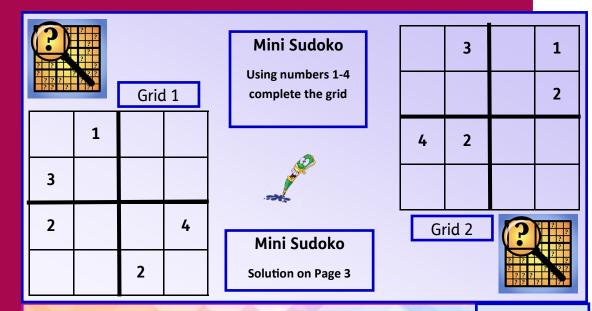
Improving the understanding of learning disabilities and autism within the NHS is to be addressed, with education and improved training about how to best support them, expecting all healthcare providers to make reasonable adjustments. A digital flag in a patient records will signify to staff that someone has a learning disability or Autism.

The plan aims to reduce waiting times for diagnostic assessment for children and young people suspected as being autistic. Their aim in the next three years is to see autism being included along mental health services to achieve timely assessments.

By 2023/24 children with the most complex needs will each have a designated keyworker to ensure they are best supported and will be extended to vulnerable children involved with social services and those in transition between services. The NHS plan to invest in community support reducing inpatient admissions, and improve the quality of inpatient care across the NHS and the independent sector.

The NHS organisations, Doctors, health professionals plan to work together with each other including local councils, to develop and implement their own strategies for the next five years. They will set out how they intended to take the ambitions that the NHS **Long Term Plan** details, by working together to turn them into local actions to improve services and health wellbeing of the communities they serve. This means that over the next few months, there will be an opportunity to help shape what the NHS **Long Term Plan** means for your area. To help with this, the NHS will work with local health watch groups to support NHS teams in obtaining the views of patients and making sure the public are heard. As soon as we find out when it affects NHS Norfolk, we will let you know in future editions. To find out more, information is available at <a href="https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk">www.longtermplan.nhs.uk</a>

# NEWS AND EVENTS





ourbreckland lottery %% Support local good causes win up to £25,000!

We now have our Breckland Lottery page up and running.

Support local causes and win prizes of up to £25.000.

50% of all tickets sold from our page go to us, plus 10% goes to other good causes in Breckland.

Tickets only cost £1 per week.

To start supporting, visit:-

www.ourbrecklandlottery.co.uk/support/mid-norfolk-mencap





It is so difficult to stress enough our gratitude with all the remarkable help we have received during 2018 from all our fundraising sponsors. We are so grateful to each and everyone of them who have taken the time and considered us to be worthy of their fundraising efforts.

We would like to say a Massive

THANK YOU THIS MONTH

TO

# Yaxham Waters

Mid Norfolk Mencap would personally like to thank
Yaxham Waters

for once again for organizing and hosting another fabulous Quiz Night' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

A wonderful donation of £357 was raised on the night and will go towards our Sensory and Well Being Room At Tavern Lane.

### AND

# **Breckland Council**

Breckland Council, who have been fundraising tirelessly throughout 2018 raising money for various charities, very kindly decided at the beginning of 2018, Mid Norfolk Mencap would be one of three charities to benefit from their fundraising activities.

Throughout the year, Breckland Council, have run many various raffles and cake stalls, with one fundraising event for example, being royally themed celebrating the Royal Wedding of Harry and Megan in May.

Breckland Council raised the spectacular total of £533.00 for us, which is gratefully received, and will be used for our Sensory and Wellbeing Room this year.

Notably, we would like to thank in particular Ruth Tudge from Breckland Council and Elaine Jordan, a Mid Norfolk Mencap Trustee and Breckland employee for their tireless efforts on our behalf.

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Norfolk Learning
Disability Services
Southern Locality Group Meeting

7th February 2019

10.30am-1.00pm

The Annexe, Watton Sports Centre 118 Dereham Road Watton, IP25 6HA Norfolk Learning
Disability Services
Northern Locality Group

February 26th 2019

Meeting: 2—5pm

Note: Change of meeting venue- Now at Youngs Park, Woodgate Way, Aylsham NR11 6UJ



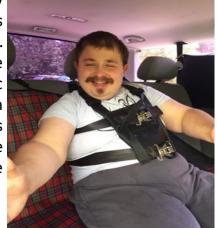
# **Community Support News**

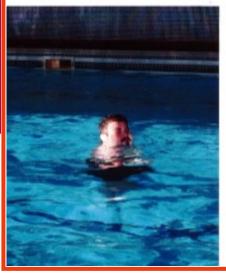
This month we are taking a dip into Adams week of daily activities. Adam is a young man in his 20's and is supported by Mid Norfolk Mencap in the community, Monday to Friday each week.

Adam in particular delights in the sport of swimming, and

looks forward to this activity with his carers and feels totally at home in the water.

Adam has a fondness for good food, and spending time sightseeing whilst out in his van. Adam also loves music and in particular Fireman Sam, which he listens to when being driven to various venues. Adam particularly enjoys visiting High Lodge in Thetford, also Thetford park, where they have some wonderful swings and Norwich Park where Adam enjoys a walk around, especially in the summer.





Adam has a very good relationship with the community staff and appears to look forward to spending time with them. Adam will often drop in to the Tavern Lane office, for a cup of hot chocolate, (another favourite of his), and will at times spend time relaxing with a sensory session whilst there with lights and soothing music.

Adam has a closeness with his grandparents and enjoys making regular trips down to London to visit them, where he relishes their home cooked meals.



# THE NORTH LOCALITY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT A MODERN, EASILY ACCESSIBLE VENUE IN AYLSHAM!

THESE MEETINGS ARE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN ORGANISATRI-ONS PROVIDING SERVICES, COMMISSIONERS AND OPERATIONAL TEAMS. MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO CARERS, PAR-ENTS AND ALL ORGANISATIONS IN NORTH NORFOLK DELIVERING SOCIAL CARE, SUPPORT, HEALTH, LEISURE ACTIV-ITIES, EVENTS AND HOUSING TO ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES.

ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO CARERS, PARENTS, RELATIVES, SERVICE USERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY VOL-UNTARY OR THIRD SECTOR, INDEPENDENT, PRIVATE OR STATUTORY AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS.

If you would like to attend



PLEASE contact admin.ldnorth@nhc.nhsuk

With your name, e mail address and organisation

THIS MEETING WILL INCLUDE A HEALTHY EATING COOKERY DEMONSTRATION FROM THE JOY OF FOOD



### **Family Voice Conference 2019**

A conference will be taking place on Saturday March 16th 2019 10.am –3.30pm at the John Innes Conference Centre, Norwich, NR4 7UH, organised by The 'Family Voice', Norfolk' Organisation.



These are a collective of parents and carers of children, who are working to improve services for parents and carers of children 0 – 25 years with special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities. This is a wonderful event for all Norfolk parent carers and families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability. There will be guest speakers, workshops, the chance to book a slot to speak to professionals (subject to availability), information stalls, support groups, in fact everything in all matters of SEND.

It is entirely free to attend, there are free and extensive on-site parking facilities, lunch is provided and the opportunity to find out lots about services, that are SEND-related. The support is great. Come along and participate in the informative workshops and browse more than 30 information stands which are an important part of the conference.



## **Saturday Clubs- February**



Swaffham - 2nd February— Chinese New Year Foods and Crafts

Dereham - 16th February—Valentines Day Crafts and Cookies

Saturday Clubs run from 10.00am to 4.00pm and are £8 per session. They are held at Sacred Heart School in Swaffham and at the Mid Norfolk Mencap Office on Tavern Lane,

Dereham









We are planning to run fundraising activities throughout the year, raising money for our services and desperately need your donations for the tombola sections in particular.

If you think you can help with a donation as a prize, please could these be brought into the office at Tavern lane Monday to Fridays, between the hours of 9—4pm.

Many, Many thanks for your help.





The next Family Carers meeting is on

Wednesday 20th February



Please join us between 10.30am—12.30pm at Dereham Memorial Hall, we welcome new faces! We ask for a £2 donation to cover the cost of refreshments and room hire.

Please note that all meeting dates for 2019 can be found on our website: www.midnorfolkmencap.org



If you would like any details on anything seen in this leaflet. Please contact Mid Norfolk Mencap, 1a Tavern Lane, Dereham Norfolk, NR19 1PX.

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# **Stepping Out Club**

4th February — Visit to Strikes

11th February — No Meeting

18th February— Unusual Quiz

25th February— Music Night

Meeting held at Church House Church Street, Dereham 7.30—9.00pm

£1 Entry Fee



### **Gateway Club**

6th February— Albanian Washing Machine Company

13th February— Valentines Disco

20th February— Half Term Closure

27th February— Music Club

Dereham Community Hub Independence Matters, Rash's Green, Dereham 7.00—9.00pm

£1 Entry Fee