



Parent carer participation newsletter

It's been quite a week hasn't it? The brilliant campaign from Jo Whiley on securing a u-turn from government on prioritising many more adults with learning disabilities for covid-19 vaccines will be a relief for many of us. The NNPCF and local parent carer forums have been working hard to on this issue too. There is now a job for us all in making sure all young people with learning disabilities are on their GP register so they get offered the jab. Plus making sure all unpaid carers can get their jab too.

We thought it would be helpful to list all the vaccine and health-related news stories from Contact this week, which includes [Channel 4 News](#) last night where Contact's Head of Policy was able to talk about vaccines for clinically vulnerable children.

Vaccine news updates

[Contact calls for information about vaccines for high-risk children on Channel 4 News | Contact:](#)

[Contact produces template letter to help carers struggling to get the COVID vaccine](#)

[Adults on the learning disability register prioritised for Covid vaccine in England, Wales and Scotland](#)

For all the latest information: [COVID vaccination: Your Questions Answered page.](#)

Disabled children's health suffering in lockdown

A year out of school without essential therapy and delays to hospital checks has led to disabled children's health getting worse, a [new survey by the Disabled Children's Partnership \(DCP\)](#) has found.

New podcast on Annual Health Checks

In Contact's [latest podcast](#) we explain why it's so important parents take up the offer of a free annual health check. And we hear from mum Ayesha talk about her experience of getting a health check for her daughter.

Three new guides to help improve children's health

Contact, Seeability and NDCS have three new guides on the importance of [hearing](#), [eye](#) and [dental](#) checks for children's health. They have been co-produced with parent carers. The guides explain how the checks are done, how to access them and how to prepare and support your child.

Best wishes for the weekend

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on behalf of Contact and NNPCF

PS Have you had your first Covid-19 vaccine as a parent carer? [Celebrate getting the Covid vaccine with our new Facebook profile picture frame | Contact](#)