

Hi, and welcome to the April edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. With the public sector industries releasing their vacancies for the new financial year we have seen the number of job seeker submissions to our office soar, so it's time to crack open those chocolate eggs and look forward to a successful start to the new financial year!

UCAS

UCAS application system debate

UCAS have decided to scrap plans for a post-qualification application (PQA) system, but the debate won't go away.

The Schwartz Report recommended a move to PQA in 2004, which involves students applying for university places with their actual grades. It has been argued that PQA would lead to a widening participation of people applying for university places and a greater fairness in places offered.

Sir Peter Lampl, chairman of the Sutton Trust, said: "Moving to a system where pupils apply to university with their actual grades is essential for improving social mobility." However, at the inaugural seminar of the Bridge Group, an association promoting social mobility through HE, members acknowledged that "whatever system is in place, the university application process will continue to pose challenges for disadvantaged students and those from non-traditional backgrounds".

To read the full story visit the Words Worth Reading [Blog](#).

CQC launch 'Tell us about your care' pilot project



The Care Quality Commission (CQC) have begun pilot projects with the Relatives and Residents Association (R&RA) and the Patients Association (PA).

The aim of these pilots – known as 'Tell us about your care' - is to assess how feedback received from people who use services, their families and carers, via these organisations can inform the CQC's regulatory work. The CQC also plan to report back to the

organisations on any action they have taken as a result of people's feedback.

The CQC have provided training to R&RA and PA staff to support them to recognise concerns raised by callers to their helplines which relate to the government standards they regulate against.

The CQC hope to learn from the pilots, which will run for six months, to help improve the way they gather and use information from people who use services, their families and carers about their experiences of care.

For advice and support on your CQC registration visit our [website](#) and explore our comprehensive [Health Services](#)

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@Bridgewater_NHS

Breathing in secondhand smoke can increase the risk of cancer and other health problems, especially for children <http://smokefree.nhs.uk>



bookcareers.com

@bookcareers

Great that @SkillsetSSC have published new occupational standards for publishing - employers use these so do read! <http://bit.ly/HRoLa2>



Nuffield Trust

@NuffieldTrust

New blog: Dr Judith Smith on the introduction of the #healthtact & the implications for #nhs managers #nhsreforms <http://ow.ly/a5Yb2>



Carers UK @CarersUK

Help us fight to end the #carecrisis for older and disabled people, their families and #carers <http://bit.ly/yxc1Tz>

Practices can start registering for online CQC accounts from July

From July, GP practices will be able to set up online accounts to start the process of registering to the Care Quality Commission, the regulator has announced.

This comes from a [guidance document](#) sent by the CQC to all GP practices in England called 'An overview of registration with CQC', setting out details of the registration process.

However, the amount practices will pay to register will not be revealed until after a consultation later this year.

Practices will receive letters from July inviting them to set up an online registration account, which will ask for basic registration details.

They will then be asked to pick a 28-day window between September and December 2012 to submit their registration applications.

Professor David Haslam, GP registration adviser to the CQC, said: "We are confident that the majority of practices and providers of primary care are of good quality and are already doing everything that needs to be done to be compliant with the essential standards of quality and safety."

However, adapters of the registration process warn practices to start compiling necessary information now.

We can advise you on all aspects of your CQC registration, visit our [website](#) to get more information on our support packages and downloadable documents.

Open call for new books

An interesting one from Writers Online...

New Writing North has put out an open call for submission for new books by writers based in the north-east, Yorkshire and Humberside

Following three successful years in the north-east, this year's Read Regional campaign has been extended to include writers from Yorkshire and Humberside. The project will select a number of new books and promote them widely across northern libraries, bookshops and festivals.

Submissions are welcomed of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Books may only be submitted by writers currently living and working in the north-east, Yorkshire and Humberside.

Books must be submitted by post. The deadline is 30 April. Details are on the website: www.readregional.com



In other news...

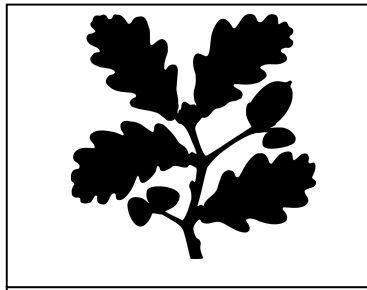
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Things that we like this month



Homemade with natural ingredients!

<http://www.katescakes.com/index.htm>



Easter days out from the National Trust.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/>



For homemade Easter gifts.

<http://www.lakeland.co.uk/2/Easter-Homemade-Easter-Gifts/c01c03.r16.1>

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