



Welcome to the October edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. Autumn has well and truly arrived and this month the Words Worth Reading Ltd team have been working with writers to get their words out of their imagination and onto the page. With the new University year well and truly in full swing, we have been helping students with their essays and dissertations to ensure they get the best results they can.

A paralysed man walks again after pioneering surgery

This month has seen a remarkable step in medicine and surgery after a paralysed man has been able to walk again after surgery that involved transplanting cells from his nasal cavity into his spinal cord. The findings from this trial procedure have become public this month.

Darek Fidyka, who was paralysed from the chest down in a knife attack in 2010, can now walk using a frame.

The nasal cells are some of the few cells in the human body that can regenerate. It was some of these cells that were put into the damaged area of the man's back to repair his severed spinal cord.

The treatment has been a first for science. It was carried out by surgeons in Poland in collaboration with scientists in London. The next step is to replicate the results in other patients, to see if this can become a standard treatment for those with paralysis in the future.

Source: BBC News



University leavers should be encouraged to stay and work locally after graduation

A report by the RSA think-tank says graduates should be given advice on jobs and housing and should be offered incentives to stay in the local area after they graduate from university.

The research assesses how higher education can play a larger role in stimulating local economies.

It says universities, which receive public money, have a responsibility to encourage local growth.

Currently relatively low numbers of graduates stay in the local area after degree. Many graduates either went back overseas or to other parts of the country.

The report suggests it would be sensible to consider ways to help or encourage graduates to stay in the areas where they can help cities prosper.

The research calls for more help for employers to "handcuff" graduates over a range of industries and sectors to help them stay in an area for a set number of years.

You can read [the report](#) here.



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OxfamInternational @Oxfam #Tanzania's new constitution could provide women with equal rights to own and use land <http://ow.ly/D3Mqw> #landrights

Charity of the Month



Children's cancer charities offer financial awards to families of children with cancer.

The Family Fund gives grants to lower income families with severely disabled children for things that make life easier and more enjoyable. The Fund helps to meet the additional needs of caring for a severely disabled child such as holidays, washing machines, computers and hospital visiting costs.

The CQC and Access to Patient's Records



The CQC's work helps to keep people safe and helps care improve. As part of that, the [Care Quality Commission](#) has to look at records for a number of reasons. For example, they check that the provider is complying with the regulations regarding record keeping, care planning, consent, cooperating with other providers, and management of medicines. They also have to report on how providers handle patient information.

The CQC reports that media stories this month [10th October] about their inspectors looking at care records as part of inspections have sensationalised and misrepresented an important part of the inspection process. "The Daily Mail was entirely wrong to describe this aspect of our work, which help us protect patients from poor care, as 'snooping'."

Parliament asks the CQC to do this important work. Inspectors handle many types of sensitive personal information every day and abide by a code of practice, just like GPs. To assess record keeping and care planning, it is appropriate that this happens.

The CQC have confirmed that their staff receives training on the code of practice when they join the organisation. The role-specific Inspector training contains additional confidentiality training.

Inspectors already check medical records in hospitals and care plans in care homes. This work helps the CQC to assess the quality of care for those who use services and the inspection process reflects that, and is in their best interests.

Source: www.cqc.org.uk

Birmingham Student Union is to use Breathalysers

Students who enter the union nightclub in Birmingham could be subject to a breathalyser test as part of a new initiative to reduce violent crime.

The Guild of Students, along with other shops and pubs in the area, has signed up to the West Midlands Police scheme following successful trials elsewhere in the country.

An eight-week trial period in other areas saw a 32 per cent reduction in violent crime and a 66 per cent drop in the number of police calls related to people being drunk and disorderly.

Source: www.independent.co.uk

In other news...

We have pulled together two important documents from the Care Quality Commission that are relevant to our healthcare clients.

These guides are designed to help providers of health and adult social care to comply with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2010 and the Care Quality Commission (Registration) Regulations 2009.

The first is the CQC's 'Guidance to Compliance'. [It is available from their website by clicking here.](#)

The second is guidance about the CQC's Regulated Activities. [It is available from their website by clicking here.](#)

Things that we like this month



The Chocolate Festival

This month, National Chocolate Week ran from 13th-19th October.

We love chocolate here at WWRL; the next chocolate festival takes place in December. [Just click here to find out more.](#)



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