



Welcome to the November edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. There may be another month to go, but we love Christmas here at Words Worth Reading Ltd, that's why we will be getting into the festive spirit and taking part in the SMA Support UK Christmas Jumper Day on the 5th December. Meanwhile, in the WWRL office this month, we have begun working towards Information Governance Toolkit submissions for our healthcare clients.

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### Queen Mary University of London uses Google Glass to teach medical students

Queen Mary University of London has become the first university in the UK to teach its medical students using Google Glass.

Google Glass is a type of wearable technology with an optical head-mounted display (OHMD). It was developed by Google to display information in a smartphone-like hands-free format.

QMUL's medical school intends to use the technology for surgical teaching, allowing students to watch operations live from their mobile devices and laptops.

Students will also be able to interact with the surgeons while they are operating, making it possible for them to ask questions in real-time.

Other universities are also following suit, using digital methods of teaching.

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### New Government proposals to test the language skills of healthcare professionals from the EU

Health Departments from across the UK want to amend legislation to protect patients from risk associated with the poor English language skills of a minority of health care professionals.

The Department of Health is working on plans that would allow councils to check language proficiency before nurses and other health care professionals from the EU can be registered to work here in the UK.

The law currently allows language checks on overseas non-European applicants and on doctors from the Europe.

Proposed changes will allow the Nursing and Midwifery Council, General Dental Council, General Pharmaceutical Council and Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland to put in place systems for language controls on European applicants and for taking fitness to practice action where there are concerns about the English language skills of professionals who are already practicing. The changes will apply to nurses, midwives, dentists, dental care professionals, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

The consultation runs until 15 December 2014. You can find out more about the proposed controls by [clicking here](#).

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## Spotted on Twitter



**Booktrust** @Booktrust

The #StoriesTour celebration is finishing. @LizziePoulton thanks @Irfan\_Master @prisonadvice @Fattyowl @ElgivaField & everyone else involved.



**PulseToday** @pulsetoday

.@Jeremy\_Hunt: 'I took my children to A&E rather than wait for a GP'  
<http://bit.ly/1yXZXVt>



**Penguin Books UK**

@PenguinUKBooks

Huge congratulations to @ninastibbe and @ottolenghi for their wins at the @natbookawards. Well-done Penguins!

## Charity of the Month



**BBC  
Children in Need**

It is November, which means our charity of the month has to be BBC Children in Need.

This year, the charity has raised £32,620, 469 which will be used to make a difference to the lives of children all across the UK.

## Healthcare professionals are advised to be honest if mistakes are made



After inquiries at major hospitals, such as the one at Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust, healthcare workers are being encouraged to be honest and apologise for mistakes.

However, Sir Robert Francis, the chair of the Mid Staffs inquiry, believes nurses and doctors will be afraid they will be disciplined if mistakes are reported.

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the General Medical Council (GMC), which urges nurses and midwives to be open and honest when mistakes are made, have drafted guidance on the topic. Healthcare professionals should be praised for coming forward, not threatened with disciplinary action.

The guidance calls for staff to tell patients and offer appropriate remedy when things have gone wrong. It also says that employers should support their staff by creating an open and honest workplace where people learn from mistakes to protect future patients.

This guidance follows the Mid Staffordshire scandal and a review in to whistleblowing in the NHS, which is due to be completed by the end of November.

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## Kindle Unlimited begins operation in the UK

Amazon's Kindle Unlimited has begun operating in the UK after it's launch in the US earlier this year.

The book borrowing service allows readers access to an unlimited number of ebooks and audio books for a monthly fee of £7.99.

Access to the library means you can keep up to 10 books on your Kindle at a time and there are no late fees!

While for authors who have signed up to the library will receive a payment each time their ebook is borrowed, but only if they read more than 10% of the book.

## In other news...

- CQC Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care, Andrea Sutcliffe, marked the launch of the new 'tell us about your care' partnership with The Silver Line helpline on BBC Breakfast this morning. Find out more by [clicking here](#).
- Student Demonstrators: Four arrests were made after thousands of students marched through central London calling for free higher education earlier this month.
- Intelligent monitoring reports published this month set out the analysis that will guide CQC inspections of trusts that provide mental health services under a new approach. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Things that we like this month



### Christmas Jumper Crazy

Everyone is getting in on the Christmas Jumper Craze! Whether you want something cheap and cheerful from Primark or more up market from the likes of M&S, the choice of Christmas jumpers on the High Street this year is astonishing!



### Books make the perfect stocking filler

If you are looking for the perfect stocking filler, choose a book.

Here are just a few recommended by [lovereadings.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings.co.uk)

<http://www.lovereadings.co.uk/genre/xms/Books-for-Christmas.html>



### The Winter Warmer Writing Competition

Win a place on a Listowel Writers' Week Festival workshop in Selfpublishing.ie's short fiction competition.

Find out more about the competition at [http://www.selfpublishing.ie/winter-warmer-writing-](http://www.selfpublishing.ie/winter-warmer-writing-competition)

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