

Welcome to the July edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. Here in the WWRL office we have been working hard with our healthcare clients helping them to complete mid-year IG audits. It is deadline season for students so we have been working with many post-graduates to help them get the most out of their essay and dissertation writing. Despite the busy month, our Managing Director Sam has done a fantastic job raising money for SMA Support UK. This month she took part in a 13km run in aid of the charity, which is very close to our hearts.

First Children's Survey From the CQC

Almost 19,000 children and young people who stayed in hospital overnight or were seen as a day patient took part in the [first children and young person's survey](#) by the CQC.



The results were published at the beginning of the month. The majority of children and young people said they were happy with the care received, thought staff did everything possible to control their pain and they understood the information given to them by staff.

However, children with physical or learning disabilities, or mental health needs reported poorer experiences of care than those without.

Nationally, the results from the 137 acute NHS trusts, which took part in the survey shows:

- Almost nine out of ten of all eight to fifteen year olds said that they felt safe on the ward at all times
- 91% of parents or carers said they felt that their child was always safe
- 80% of all eight to fifteen year olds told us that staff did everything they could to help control their pain
- Almost three quarters of children and young people who have had surgery or a procedure received explanations about what had happened in a way that was easy for them to understand.

Responses were not as positive in areas that involved children with mental health conditions, learning or physical disabilities, compared to the children and parents or carers of children without these conditions. The results show:

- Less than half of parents and carers of children with a physical disability, mental health needs or a learning disability felt that staff definitely knew how to care for their child's individual needs. This compares to 72% of parents and carers of children without these conditions.
- Almost two thirds of parents and carers of children with a physical disability, and 68% of those with children with mental health needs or a learning disability, said the ward had appropriate equipment or adaptations suitable for their child, compared with 81% of parents and carers whose children did not have these needs.

You can read the full report when you [click here](#).

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CQC @CareQualityComm

Have you used East Kent NHS in the last year? We'd love to hear about your experience

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/east-kent-hospitals-university-nhs-foundation-trust-please-share-your-experience ...](http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/east-kent-hospitals-university-nhs-foundation-trust-please-share-your-experience...)



The Guardian @guardian

Who you calling a dwarf? Pluto flyby reopens debate about its 'planet' status

<http://trib.al/X8753cr>



Electric Literature @ElectricLit

After Harper Lee's Watchman Publishers Announce Flurry of Discovered Sequels

[#2Pride2Prejudice](http://electricliterature.com/after-harper-lees-watchman-publishers-announce-flurry-of-discovered-sequels/...)



Alzheimer's Society @alzheimerssoc

Many people worry that they are at risk of developing dementia. What are the risk factors & how can you reduce them?

<http://ow.ly/PAPCB>

Charity of the Month



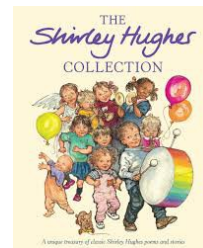
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Support UK

Help for today • Hope for tomorrow
(formerly The Jennifer Trust)

In other news...

- Emerging writers of children's media will win the chance to present work to TV and film industry professionals. Three winning projects will be showcased at a BAFTA event in September. Submissions must be in by 27th July. Find out more on the [BAFTA website here](#).
- A national survey out this month shows that people's attitudes towards mental health are improving remarkably, with more people than ever saying that they would not be put off from living, working or having a relationship with someone who has experience of a problem. Read the full results of the survey here, [The National Attitudes to Mental Illness survey by Time to Change](#).

Shirley Hughes wins Booktrust's first Lifetime Achievement Award



This month saw Shirley Hughes win Booktrust's first Lifetime Achievement Award. The prize celebrates the body of work of an author or illustrator who has made a great contribution to children's literature.

Many of us are familiar with Hughes' work, among the most celebrated works are the Alfie series of books and Dogger, which in 2007 was voted the public's favourite winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal of all times.

Shirley's first book, Lucy & Tom at the Seaside, was published in 1960. She published her first children's novel, Hero on a Bicycle, three years ago.

'Being chosen for the Booktrust Lifetime Achievement Award is a tremendous honour which I appreciate more than I can say,' said Shirley. 'I have derived so much fulfilment from my long career, first as an illustrator of other artists' stories and then creating my own.'

Award judge and Book Trust President, Michael Morpurgo, said: 'Many millions of our children have come to love reading through the wonderful books of Shirley Hughes. She is also a national treasure to parents, because many millions of them too have grown up with Shirley Hughes, and are now passing on their affection for her stories, her characters and her illustration, to their own children. Book Trust's first Lifetime Achievement Award could not be more richly deserved.'

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