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Welcome to the May edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. We have been working hard with clients to submit the 2015/16 round of NHS tenders now starting to be released by commissioning bodies. Our writing team have also been busy this month, helping to ghost write a number of books.

Nurse Competency Checks Falling Behind in England

Concerns have been raised by leading members of the Nursing and Midwifery Council that the introduction of a major new system of nurse competency checks risks being staggered across the UK, because England is falling behind other UK countries in it's preparation.

At this month's NMC council meeting council member Stephen Thornton said he was "alarmed" that there was now a high risk the four countries would not be ready to implement revalidation at the same time.

NMC chief executive and registrar Jackie Smith has acknowledged the challenge of revalidation in England is a challenge due to its size and complexity.

The NMC council will be updated in July on each country's progress towards being able to introduce the new system of checks. A final decision will be taken in October on whether to implement the checks.

The NMC would not automatically delay revalidation for all countries if some were ready before others. It was originally due to come into effect at the end of December. However, last month the NMC changed information on its website to reveal that the first people to revalidate would now be in April.



Report condemns treatment of patients at Ablett Unit in North Wales

Patients were kept "like animals in a zoo" at a mental health unit in Wales, families have said.

An investigation into the Ablett psychiatric unit in Rhyl, North Wales has found a series of alarming allegations to be true. These included:

- Patients being sworn at by staff
- Patients left unsupervised for hours at a time
- Patients nursed on the floor in corridors and rooms
- Patients being left in urine-soaked beds
- One patient left lying in their own excrement
- Furniture used to restrain patients



The unit [was closed down in 2013](#) after "serious concerns" were raised by medical staff and families. North Wales Police launched an investigation and several members of staff were also suspended.

The Health Board also ordered an external independent review, which has now been published. Executive Medical Director Dr Matthew Makin said the failures were down to a lack of robust checks in place and poor communication with the families.

Spotted on Twitter



The Script Lab @TheScriptLab

Ready to pitch? Here's your chance

<http://tsl.cm/1FuxpY0>

#Screenwriting #TSL5 @ThePitchFest



The Economist @TheEconomist

What the London Underground

reveals about working in the capital

<http://econ.st/1dn35Wc>



Book Trust @Booktrust

From Albania to Australia, we've got all represented countries covered on our #Eurovision2015 adult booklist...

<http://bit.ly/1Hz5WFm>



NHS Manchester CCGs

@ManchesterCCGs

Knit and natter from

@macmillancancer and

@PennineAcuteNHS

Charity of the Month

Dementia UK

Dementia UK provides Admiral Nurses - specialist dementia nurses who give expert, practical and emotional care and support for family carers, as well as the person with dementia.

We have chosen Dementia UK as our Charity of the Month as part of Dementia Awareness Week that took place during May.

A summer of literature: Book festivals taking place in June



Let the summer of book and literacy festivals begin.

Below is a list of the festivals taking place across the country in June. It should be a great summer for literature!

[Althorp Literary Festival](#) - 11-13 June 2015

[BeaconLit - The Beacon Villages festival of books and writing](#) - 27 June 2015

[Belfast Book Festival](#) - 8-14 June 2015

[Borders Book Festival](#) - June 12 -15, 2015

[Bridlington Poetry Festival](#) - 12 - 21 June 2015

[Broadstairs Dickens Festival](#) -Saturday 13th to Friday 19th June 2015

[Chalke Valley History Festival](#) -June 22- 28, 2015

[Charles Causley Festival](#) - 12 – 14 June 2015

[Chichester Festival](#) - mid June/ mid Jul

[Crossing the Tees: Middlesbrough and Stockton Book Festival](#) (formerly Middlesbrough Literary Festival)

[Dalkey Book Festival](#) - 11-24 June 2015

[Eastbourne Book Fest](#) - September 19 -20, 2015

[Felixstowe Book Festival](#) - 27 & 28 June 2015

[Flamstead Book Festival](#) - 5th and 6th of June 2015

[Hay Festival Kells](#) - 25-28 June 2015

[Hebden Bridge Festival](#) - 26 June- July 6, 2015

[Immrama Lismore Festival of Travel Writing](#) -June 11- 14, 2015

[Leicester Book Festival](#) - June - 5th to early July 2015

[London Short Story Festival](#) - 18 - 21 June 2015

[Manchester Childrens Book Festival](#) - 26th June - July 5, 2015

[Prestwich Book Festival](#) - 2015 TBC

[Proms at St Jude's Music and Literary Festival](#) (Hampstead, London)- Literary weekend 20-21 June 2015

[Stoke Literary Festival](#) - 12-13 June, 2015

[Stoke Newington Literary Festival](#) - June 5-7 2015

[Tiverton Literary Festival](#) - 3rd-6th June, 2015

[Winchester Writers' Conference Festival and Book Fair](#) - 19-21 June 2015

In other news...

- The Hay Festival takes place this month, from 21st-31st May. [Click here](#) for information on this year's festival.
- Northamptonshire Trust appoints a specialist dementia nurse, one of the first in the country. [Read more here.](#)
- NHS trust inspections for October 2015 announced by [CQC](#)
- Camilla Cavendish appointed Head of the Policy Unit at 10 Downing Street this month. [Read the story here.](#)

Things that we like this month



Yummy Stuff

If you love cookies, you will love Cutter and Squidge's twist on the yummy snack, Biskies!

<http://www.cutterandsquidge.com>



Looking for something new?

Try Lifehack's 30 new things to do today.

<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/30-new-things-today.html>



London Wonderground at the Southbank

Catch some of the hottest acts on the alternative scene. The event takes place throughout the summer.

<http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/29422469-london-wonderground-at-southbank-centre>

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