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New research and development manager **7:21**  
Reflections of a PPG member **6:28**  
Research – a necessary evil or an opportunity

to engage in some academic detective work? (Fraser, Fiona) **12:22**  
Support worker committee role vacant **1:19**  
Supporting members in Scotland **2:19**  
Times are changing (Cusack, Louise and Worledge, Jan) **9:21**  
UKOTRF grants **11:19**  
Use BAOT networks, new student representative urges (Bilen, Ashley) **12:20**  
What's the deal with the new Welsh regional committee? **11:19**  
Why not join the social care network? **12:22**  
Working together to support student members **1:19**

## Obituaries

Rona McErlain **12:21**

## Professional networking

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### Acquired brain injury

Acquired brain injury plan published in Northern Ireland **8:7**

### Activity

Activity cited as crucial part of mental wellbeing **11:12**

### Adaptations

£165 million for home adaptations **5:8**  
End of extra handyperson funding could cause more work for OTs **10:6**

### Ageing

Strategy for collaborative ageing research in the UK **11:10**

### Allied health professions

Spread good news stories to safeguard your future role, minister tells AHPF

### Animation therapy

Could your service users benefit from animation as a therapeutic activity? **11:11**

### Art and crafts

Autumn inspires service user art **1:10**

### Assessment tools

Approving assessments for use in ECRs **7:7**  
License fees for assessment tools **10:10**

### Assistive technology

Assistive technology for people with Parkinson's – does it work? **1:6**  
Assistive technology foundation highlights barriers to inclusive design **1:10**  
Assistive technology product accreditation scheme being considered **6:6**  
New buyers' guides on assistive technology released **6:8**  
Pioneering robotic arm research team includes OTs **1:8**

### Autism

... while Scotland considers getting an autism strategy **3:11**  
Autism services in Wales gets £1.7 million... **3:11**  
England's autism bill enters consultation as Scotland's progresses through Parliament **7:7**

### Awards

Advanced Healthcare Awards open submissions process for 2011 **11:12**  
First UK OT stroke consultant wins prestigious award **7:12**  
Healthcare expert awarded honorary degree **8:9**  
HQIP Clinical Audit Award won by Berkshire's stroke treatment service **6:11**  
OT win at NHS Wales awards **8:8**

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### Brain injury

OT has 'led the way' for people with severe brain injuries, Lords debate hears **11:9**

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### Cancer

National Cancer Action Team launches cancer rehabilitation pathways **3:11**

### Carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide death alert for OTs **7:10**

### Care Quality Commission

Invest in people's independence to save future costs, warn two major studies **3:8**

### Career development

New career development frameworks being developed in Wales **7:11**

### Children's services

CAMHS failing children with autism and mental health problems, says NAS report **6:6**  
New Scottish government guidance for OTs working with children with additional needs **11:11**  
Parents of disabled children not getting support for children's emotional and mental problems **3:7**

### Choose and Book

Are GPs identifying OT services through Choose and Book? **1:10**  
Choose and Book in England **7:11**  
OTs 'slow' to utilise NHS England – Choose and Book listing **12:9**

### Commissioning

GPS given budget control in radical NHS shake up (Samuels, Tracey) **8:11**  
GPs unready to take on mental health role **9:7**  
Work with other AHPs on GP consortia or become 'irritants', warns chief health professions officer **10:6**

### Communication technology

New videos showcase occupational therapy **4:8**

### Community equipment services

First of community equipment scheme sites starts work **3:10**  
Invest in people's independence to save future costs, warn two major studies **3:8**

### Comprehensive spending review

Spending review: NHS budgets 'protected' **11:12**  
The comprehensive spending review – how

will it affect you? **12:12**

## COT

COT films added to Social Care TV **12:8**

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### Dementia

Better support after diagnosis pledges in Scotland's dementia strategy (Mickel, Andrew) **7:9**  
COT pledges practical progress in the dementia declaration **11:8**  
COT president elected chairman of the all-party parliamentary group on dementia **8:8**  
Government's dementia plan in jeopardy, says NAO **1:7**  
New kitemarking scheme for telecare **8:10**  
Northern Ireland's dementia strategy enters consultation **7:9**  
Number of people with dementia estimated up to 820,000 **3:11**  
Third of PCTs have no plan on how to implement England's dementia strategy **8:6**  
Welsh Assembly Government criticised for failing to publish dementia plan **4:9**

### Disaster response

Survivors of Haiti earthquake helped by OT **4:8**

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### Education

New education framework for children's OTs in Scotland **11:8**  
OT-Euromasters engages a UK president **1:11**

### Electronic care records

Patient access to electronic care records **10:9**  
Review of summary care records **10:10**

### End of life care

Invest in community services to help people die at home, says think tank **12:7**  
More joint working needed for social care to work in end of life care, says expert **10:7**

### Equipment provision

New approach to wheelchair services won't end the postcode lottery, says COT representative **5:6**  
New equipment website launched **11:6**

### Evidence

COT contributes evidence to support NHS quality **1:11**

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### Falls

OT research on falls prevention published in BMJ **6:7**

## Fit notes

Fit notes to replace sick notes from April 2010 (Samuels, Tracey) **3:6**

## G

### Guidance documents

The management of pain in patients with cancer **1:8**

Choose and Book guidance for England **1:8**

## H

### Health Professions Council

HPC launches consultation on removing

doctor's health reference to work **1:7**

HPC launches online renewal service **6:10**

Psychotherapists and counsellors set for statutory regulation? **1:7**

### Higher education

The crisis in education **1:8**

### Housing

Council makes savings through property recycling scheme **2:6**

### Human resources

WFOT data helps develop the profession **9:9**

## I

### Inclusive design

RCA calls for social innovation papers **5:8**

### Individual budgets

Nine out of 10 disabled young adults have 'never heard of individual budgets' (Mickel, Andrew) **37**

### Information technology

Blogging and social networking **10:10**

Electronic care record system finally in place for one acute NHS trust (Austin, Chris) **7:10**

Informatics reference manual for OTs **3:12**

OT services 'lack quality data' **1:6**

Treatment time data collection underway in pilot areas **3:12**

## L

### Leadership

AHP leadership challenges launched **4:7**

Occupational therapist triumphs in leadership challenge **10:8**

OTs urged to help recognise and reward excellence in leadership **5:11**

### Learning disabilities

Basic lack of sex education is leaving young people with learning disabilities vulnerable and confused, says report **8:6**

Learning disability campaign attempts to improve healthcare provision (Mickel, Andrew) **7:8**

## Long-term conditions

New long-term conditions website launches in Scotland **11:8**

## M

### Manifestoes

Parties put out their election stalls on health and social care (Mickel, Andrew) **3:6**

### Mental capacity

New tool to assess mental capacity assessment performance **4:7**

### Mental health

Cardiff Bay wins power to legislate on early access to mental health services **4:8**

First major study of mental health of UK armed forces in Iraq **12:12**

Government commissions unit to support social inclusion **1:11**

New vision for mental health is a 'promising start' **1:6**

Professionals fail to comply with Mental Capacity Act **8:8**

Realising the potential of Scotland's mental health AHPs **9:8**

Sainsbury Centre guide looks to make recovery central to mental health services **6:11**

## O

### OBEs

Five time Paralympian and former OT honoured with OBE **10:10**

## P

### Palliative care

Community-based care to be encouraged in new palliative care funding review **8:9**

### Personalisation

Four in 10 councils miss key personalisation milestone, says survey **9:9**

### Politics

All parties signed up to COT manifesto **6:7**

Andrew Lansley heads new team at the Department of Health **6:8**

Conservative: Stephen O'Brien, Shadow Health Minister **9:11**

Labour: Phil Hope, Minister of State for Care Services **9:10**

Liberal Democrats: Baroness Barker, health spokesperson **9:10**

Major parties set out ambitions to win your vote **4:9**

New ministerial duties allocated amid flurry of policy announcements **7:6**

### Preceptorship

Preceptorship framework revised to cover AHPs **6:11**

## Professional standards

COT reviews professional standards **1:7**

## Public health

Councils' new public health responsibilities could boost OT health promotion role **9:8**

## Q

### QIPP

New resource pack to help with QIPP **8:9**

## R

### Reablement

Councils making 'illegal' charges for reablement care **10:11**

Reablement services receive £70 million boost **11:7**

### Readers' views

'African model of OT' (Ndaa, Peter) **8:12**

'Battling back to health' (Dunthorne Lisa and Brannigan, Anne) **8:12**

Will people choose an equipment system? (Heap, Susan and Ruston, Catherine) **12:11**

### Readmissions

Hospital readmission rates on the rise, according to the opposition party **5:11**

Hospitals to be financially penalised for patient readmission within 30 days (Samuels, Tracey) **7:6**

### Recruitment

Northern Ireland healthcare budget crisis hitting workforce, claims MLA **5:6**

Union forces withdrawal of unpaid 'volunteer OT' job **5:7**

### Rehabilitation

New code of practice released for rehabilitation services **6:6**

### Research and development

Extension of the proportionate review pilot **11:9**

Launch of the 'researcher development statement' **10:8**

Looking outside the box of our own research **12:8**

New research opportunities with the NIHR HTA programme **8:10**

NRES ethical approval update **7:10**

Strategy for collaborative ageing research in the UK **11:10**

UKOTRF advisory group update **12:9**

### Royal visits

COT patron opens Glasgow's new School of Health **5:10**

COT patron says OTs are 'key' to successful health outcomes **9:10**

COT patron visits the Scottish Borders to celebrate vocational rehabilitation **11:10**

Princess Anne meets Teeside University students **12:10**

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### Sight

Sight loss study reveals OTs are 'ill-equipped'  
1:7

### Social care

£2.1 billion a 'fig leaf' increase in adult social care funding, says Unison rep 12:6

COT boss advises on formation of new national college of social work 3:8

COT chief executive meets with DH minister to discuss adult social care reform 11:6

Equipment amnesty in Norfolk to save cash 3:10

Government announces independent adult social care commission (Samuels, Tracey) 9:10

Incentives should be considered to attract OTs to Scottish social work services, says report 7:8

Invest in people's independence to save future costs, warn two major studies 3:8

More preventative action tops the government's adult social care vision 12:11

Scotland debates the future of older people's care, but free care will stay 5:7

Social care record guarantee 1:7

Transforming social services in Wales 1:10

### Social enterprise

Fierce debate over what NHS social enterprises will mean for OTs and patients (Mickel, Andrew) 9:6

### Speech and language

Communication disability network launches new centre 6:8

### Sport

Bristol charity develops sports wheelchair 9:8

### Stroke

Not enough OTs working in Welsh stroke care, claims College submission to Assembly inquiry 6:10

Stroke patients benefit from new neuro-rehab therapy programme 9:9

### Sustainability

Can you make healthcare greener? 9:11

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### Telecare

£4 million invested in Scottish telecare 5:8

DH publishes important telecare briefing 8:10

Telecare in Scotland 7:11

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### Unison

Unison loses court battle for white paper judicial review 11:7

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### Vetting and Barring Scheme

Independent OTs may need to register with Vetting and Barring Scheme 3:10

Vetting and Barring Scheme on hold pending a review 7:7

### Visual impairment

Poverty – not sight loss – explains low quality of life for visually impaired people, says new research 10:8

### Vocational rehabilitation

COT patron visits the Scottish Borders to celebrate vocational rehabilitation 11:10

COT representatives meet DWP about possible DLA claimant assessments 10:6

More help needed to get adults with autism into work, says England's new strategy 4:6

New framework to support disabled people into employment in Scotland 4:6

New scheme to support people with learning disabilities in work 4:9

New Worklife website launched 11:6

OT 'reduces rheumatoid arthritis work disability' 1:8

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### Waiting lists

Mandatory collection of OT referral to treatment times in NHS England is nearly here 5:10

### White paper

Fears over productivity gains getting lost in the bonfire of the quangos (Mickel, Andrew) 9:7

Government plans to 'liberate' the NHS, but will research be all at sea? (Sainty, Mandy) 9:11

GPS given budget control in radical NHS shake up (Samuels, Tracey) 8:11

Health white paper – what OTs need to know 8:6

Health white paper responses welcome its release, but question its implementation 11:9

Lansley plans to 'liberate' the NHS with white paper (Samuels, Tracey) 8:6

More joint commissioning needed, COT says in health white paper consultation 12:7

Unison loses court battle for white paper judicial review 11:7