

**Question for written answer E-009427/2011  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to multidisciplinary care for adult spina bifida and hydrocephalus sufferers

Article 35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states the following:

'Everyone has the right of access to preventive health care and the right to benefit from medical treatment under the conditions established by national laws and practices. A high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities.'

Does the Commission have any plans to implement health policy initiatives that will increase access to multidisciplinary care services for adult spina bifida and hydrocephalus sufferers across the Member States?

Does the Commission intend to implement further measures that will safeguard the rights of people suffering from spina bifida and hydrocephalus as regards access to multidisciplinary care during the transition from childhood to adult life?

Are there any measures in place to encourage research into the pre-natal and post-natal treatment and prevention of spina bifida and hydrocephalus?