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PPF NEWS AND INFORMATION

A date for your diary - the next PPF conference will be held on **Thursday 23rd March, 10.00 to 14.00hrs**. The theme is: **The Benefit System and Transition to Adult Services**. Invitations will be sent out after half term, or you will be able to book your place on the PPF website - <http://www.torbayppf.org.uk>

SURVEYS AND CONSULTATIONS

Consultation on Work, Health and Disability

The Department of Health (DH) is seeking views on what it will take to transform employment prospects for disabled people and people with long-term health conditions. DH is consulting in order to understand why disabled people and people with health conditions might be unable to get a job or keep one, and to recognise the wide range of conditions and circumstances they face. Please see the [Consultations section](#)* for details of how to respond.

Closing date: 17 Feb 2017

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

WESC are holding their 2017 Annual International Visual Impairment Conference on Thursday 4th May. The theme this year is **Transition**, and the conference is open to professionals and parent/carers. Speakers confirmed so far are : Peter White (In touch BBC Radio 4), Professor Graeme Douglas (University of Birmingham), André Imich (SEN & Disability Professional Adviser from the Department for Education) and Claire Dorer (Chief Executive, NASS).

For more information visit the website - [WESC International Conference](#)*

PlayTorbay's half term programme is now out; they offer support to children and young people with specific needs, to enable them to enjoy all the activities offered - [PlayTorbay Feb half term](#)*

The latest **NCVO Update** is now available to read - [NCVO Update](#)*

Scope's latest newsletter covers **Challenging Behaviour and Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. Read a really interesting blog by a behavioural specialist - [Challenging Behaviour](#)*

PARENTS' EXPERIENCE

"What is the most distressing thing about your child's condition?"

"He has never called me 'DaDa'"

"I can cope with the hard work and worry associated with his disability; what keeps me awake at nights is the paperwork for PIP, Child Tax Credits ... it's endless ... even getting a parking badge is a nightmare"

"Another day off work for yet another assessment, why can't the professionals talk to each other??"

If you have had an experience (good or bad) that you would like to share with other parent/carers, please e-mail it to info@torbayppf.org.uk