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PPF NEWS AND INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who came to our **"Transition to Adulthood"** event last month. More than 50 people attended, and overall the feedback was very good ("A lot of info . . .", "Very informative", "Best vegetarian buffet" !)

There was, however, some criticism, mainly about the quality/legibility of the hand-outs and slides, which we will be addressing when we plan our next event

If you attended the event, but weren't able to complete the feedback form, there is still time for you to let us have your views. **Feedback forms** are available from any of the addresses above, and we would really appreciate hearing what you felt about the day

And the videos of the event are now available to view [Torbay Local Offer](#) and [The Benefit System](#)

SURVEYS AND CONSULTATIONS

The Department for Education is seeking views on revisions it is proposing to make to the statutory guidance on the **exclusion of pupils**. You can take part in the consultation via Contact a Family's Website - [CAF*](#)

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

Carers Week will take place from 12th - 18th June. The theme this year is Building Carer Friendly Communities; communities which support carers to look after their loved ones, while recognising that they are individuals with needs of their own.

You can find details of the events at [Carers Week 2017*](#), but don't apply for 'Come fly with us' if you are under 5'2" !

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The Council For Disabled Children's spring digest is available to read here [CDC Spring Digest](#). It includes a guest blog "The Importance of Empowering Parents", by Anna Walker, founding partner of the Expert Parent Programme

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PARENTS' EXPERIENCE

"I was dismissed as a pushy and neurotic mother when I suggested to doctors that Christopher may have complications as a baby. But by the age of three, Christopher still didn't have any speech and eventually an education psychologist got involved. We were soon given a diagnosis of Autism"

We all know that SALT stands for Speech and Language Therapy, but what do CASTLE, AAC and KISS stand for?

Answers:

Changing Agendas on Sleep, Treatment and Learning in Childhood Epilepsy

Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Keep it Simple, Stupid

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

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