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## JUNE 2017

### PPF NEWS AND INFORMATION

A reminder that the 2017 **Annual General Meeting** of the PPF is being held on 27th June 2017 at 11 Castle Road, Torquay TQ1 3BB from 1.30 pm until no later than 2.45 pm. It is open to all members of Torbay PPF

Here is the agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introduction by the Chair
2. Report of the 2016/17 achievements by the Chair
3. Financial end of year summary report by the Treasurer
4. Election of Secretary for 2017 (three year term)
5. Discussion/vote on proposed name change
6. Any other business
7. Close

If you have any questions, feedback or comments in relation to any of the above agenda items, and to confirm your attendance, please either e-mail [info@torbayppf.org.uk](mailto:info@torbayppf.org.uk) or phone 07773929777. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can cast your vote using the link on our website and Facebook , or by phone

### SURVEYS, CONSULTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

#### **The National CAMHS Conference – Children and Young People's Mental Health: Taking Early Action. 6th July 2017: Royal National Hotel, London**

Join CAMHS at this year's event to hear practical advice and guidance that will help you to improve access and outcomes, reduce inequality and implement The Five Forward View principles across Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). [Register here](#)

The DfE launched a consultation on 30th March 2017, asking for views on the recommendations of the independent **Rochford Review**. The recommendations focus on the future of statutory assessment arrangements for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2. All those with an interest in primary education are encouraged to engage with these consultation exercises and to share their opinions and insights. The consultation is open until 22 June 2017 and can be found here <https://consult.education.gov.uk/assessment-policy-and-development/rochford-review/>  
If you have any questions please contact [Rochford.Review@education.gov.uk](mailto:Rochford.Review@education.gov.uk).

## OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

**ASRUS** is a local social and support group, offering a friendly environment where children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are able to socialise with their peers and siblings. They are accompanied by their parents and carers. There are lots of different activities available, arts, crafts, cooking, snooker, football and outdoor activities like bush craft skills. It is a relaxed atmosphere and social events are organised where everyone is welcome to participate. There is peer support for all families or carers affected by ASD, even if a diagnosis has not been confirmed. SENDIASS provide advice and guidance with opportunities to parents so that they can find out where to get help such as information about assessment, diagnosis, Education, Health Care Plans, group support, as well as medical and educational information and advice. They meet every Wednesday during term-time at YMCA, South Devon, Dartmouth Road, Paignton. There is a nominal charge of £2.50 per child and 50p per adult per session.

For more information, contact : PlayTorbay, 01803 850157, E-mail [admin@playtorbay.org.uk](mailto:admin@playtorbay.org.uk)\*

Website [playtorbay.org.uk/asrus-torbay/](http://playtorbay.org.uk/asrus-torbay/) \*

## PARENTS' EXPERIENCE

*"We have found the charity **Cerebra** a great support to our family. Google it! It's free to join and they are very friendly and supportive. We regularly borrow books from their free postal lending library. They have books on most neurological conditions, as well as books to use with disabled children and general books on disability related matters. It's easy to use the postal lending library. They also run a sleep service which gives advice on sleep and they have an adapted holiday home (we've not used these so can't comment). Another service they offer which we have used is their legal advice service, which is run through a law school. This has helped us with transport and respite appeals, both of which were ultimately successful. They know their stuff!*

*Additionally, there is an Educational Psychologist called Hannah Norman in Torbay who goes above and beyond her job description and really seems to care about the children she assesses. It's easy to complain about the battles families of children with disabilities encounter, but there are people and charities on the journey who do their best to help"*

A Paignton Family

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](mailto:info@torbayppf.org.uk)