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PCF NEWS AND INFORMATION

Information from our recent **What to Expect in Plans - Needs, Outcomes & Provisions** event will be available on our website shortly

SURVEYS, CONSULTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

In the last seven years, Torbay Council has made **budget cuts** of £69 million and further cuts of £9.6 million must be made for 2018/19 in order to produce a balanced budget. Have your say on the proposed cuts (which include cuts to youth grants) here: https://www.torbay.gov.uk/surveys/Budget201819/budget_survey_2018_19.htm

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The online consultation survey for the **0-19 Integrated Commissioning** is now live and will run until 2nd January 2018.

The consultation will help to shape the future services for families, children and young people in Torbay. Give your opinion here : <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-young-people-services>

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The Department for Education has recently published "Good intentions, good enough?", an independent report into the experiences and outcomes of children and young people in **residential special schools and colleges**.

In December 2016, ministers commissioned Dame Christine Lenehan to lead an independent review into these schools and colleges. Dame Christine, a social worker by background, asked Mark Geraghty, chief executive of the Seashell Trust, which runs an outstanding residential special school and college, to co-chair the review. You can read the report here : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/residential-special-schools-and-colleges-support-for-children>

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

MERU designs and makes life-changing adapted products for children and young people with disabilities. Some children have disabilities so complex that no available products meet their needs. The range of switch-adapted toys includes the irresistible talking Stuart Minion. See the full catalogue here : <http://meru.org.uk/product-category/switchadaptedtoys/>

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Due to a high demand for places on previous sessions, **IPSEA** will be running another Foundation SEND law training session for parents and carers in London on Friday 8 December 2017.

It will provide parents, carers and family members of children and young people with all types of special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) with an introduction to the law relating to the education and training of children and young people with SEND. You do not need any previous knowledge of SEND Law, but must be the parent, carer or family member of a child with SEND.

The cost of the day is £65 and will run between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

More information/book here : <http://ipsea-charity.org.uk/PWP-59GSY-PE360G-2V56DY-1/c.aspx>

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The **Preparing for Adulthood** programme believes that young people with SEND should have equal life chances as they move into adulthood.

This should include paid employment and higher education, housing options and independent living, good health, friends, relationships, community inclusion and choice and control over their lives and support. Their newly relaunched website is here :

<https://www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk/>

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