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## SEPTEMBER 2017

### PCF NEWS AND INFORMATION

The Steering Group is now working on the next Event - details to follow shortly

### SURVEYS, CONSULTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

**IPSEA (Independent Parental Special Education Advice)** are running their final Foundation SEND law training session of 2018 for parents and carers in London on Thursday 30 November.

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.

For more information or to book please click here - [Training shop](#)

**WESC Foundation** Exeter are holding an Open Day on 17th October, 10am-2pm.

Are you exploring pre and post 16 options for a young person or adult (up to 25 years old) who is visually impaired (VI)? Do you want to find out how WESC Foundation can support VI learners in mainstream schools, colleges and universities? WESC Foundation is holding an open day aimed at parents, carers, commissioners, teachers and SEN professionals to find out all about WESC services including: • the school and college • outreach services • social enterprises • research & development • assessments (including the Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI) Range assessment) • a tour of the campus • lunch For more information or to reserve your place please call Katy Gaulton on 01392 454235 or email [kgaulton@wescfoundation.ac.uk](mailto:kgaulton@wescfoundation.ac.uk) by Monday 9 October 2017 or visit <https://www.wescfoundation.ac.uk/>

A **Families in Focus Day** is being held in Plymouth on Oct 14, 2017 in association with **Moorvision**.

If you have a child with a visual impairment this is a fantastic opportunity for you to come along and have some fun with your children whilst being able to gather lots of useful information about all of the services available to support your child in their education, health and social care. Please note, you do not need to live in Plymouth to attend this

**Plymouth Sensory Solutions** is working together with Moorvision and RNIB (previously Actionnaires) to offer this fantastic day on Sat 14th Oct 2017 from 10 am - 3 pm at Improving Lives Plymouth at 156 Mannamead Road, Plymouth PL3 5QL.

Families will also be offered:

- Free lunch
- Art and Craft activities
- A Magician and Circus Skills Entertainer

Please let Moorvision (01752 892058, [info@moorvision.org](mailto:info@moorvision.org)) know if you are interested in coming along by the end of September, how many of you there will be and if you have any dietary needs.

## OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

The **Disabled Children's Partnership** has launched "**The Secret Life of Us**" Campaign to open the eyes of the public and improve understanding of the challenges faced by families on a day-to-day basis.

Right now, 43% of people say they don't know anyone with a disability, despite 1 in 5 people being disabled, and 97% of parents with a child with a disability say the public do not understand the challenges they face every day. More information here <https://disabledchildrenspartnership.org.uk/>

A reminder that the next **SENDIASS Coffee Morning** (with Creche) is being held on 20 September - at 11 Castle Road, TQ13BB Ashley Harris , Disability Development Officer, Devon FA will be there

For Further information contact: SENDIASS Torbay - [info@sendiasstorbay.org.uk](mailto:info@sendiasstorbay.org.uk)  
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**Contact a Family** have changed their name because "When we undertook the brand review one of the barriers that families identified was our old name. Parents told us that it made them think we were something that we weren't or that they had to do something they didn't want to do. So, we decided to shorten our name to Contact. Unlike 'Contact a Family', 'Contact' doesn't attempt to describe any or all areas of our work, but it's at the heart of everything we do: whether that's putting families in contact with each other or in contact with us." The new logo is

**contact** For families  
with disabled children

Find out more at <https://www.cafamily.org.uk/>

## PARENTS' EXPERIENCE

When a colleague asked me to stop referring to "Down's Children", and use the term "Children with Down's Syndrome" instead, I was a little taken aback. Political correctness gone mad, I felt. When I thought about it, though, I realised that the most important thing is that children with a disability are children first and foremost - their disability should not define them. Now I cringe when I hear expressions like "disabled child" or "visually impaired children"

Penny, Paignton

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)

## A message from Cassie Brennan, Young Devon

### Torbay CAMHS Family Forum & Have Your Say

Hello I'm Cassie Brennan

I help facilitate the Torbay CAMHS Participation Groups. I make sure the groups are listened to and that any questions are answered. I am always happy to speak with you on the phone if you would like any further information regarding the participation groups.

#### My contact details are

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### The Torbay CAMHS Family Forum & Have Your Say

The Participation Groups get involved, develop various activities, consultations, events and also have opportunities to:

- Attend accredited training courses
- Interview new staff at CAMHS
- Train staff at CAMHS
- Give CAMHS suggestions as to how they can improve services for young people and their families.

#### Who we are?

**Torbay CAMHS Family Forum** - is for parents and family members of children and young people who have experienced the mental health system who try to improve and shape mental health services for young people in Torbay. Many of the members are people who have been through similar experiences we also find that the group offers information and support that can help parents and families going through, sometimes, tough times.

#### Interested ?

Please follow this link to find out more and join the group

**Torbay CAMHS Family Forum** - [www.facebook.com/groups/1894624430751542](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1894624430751542)

**Have Your Say** - are a group of young people aged 11 – 21 who try to improve mental health services for young people in Torbay. Our weekly sessions are really informal, with small numbers of young people. We think we're a really friendly bunch and always look forward to new people coming along to our group. During our sessions we have lots of conversations, meet with CAMHS staff, take part in activities and work to improve services. We receive training as part of our group session, which we gain AQA's for.

#### When and where do HYS meet?

Every Tuesday 5pm – 7pm , Unit 7, Torquay Harbour, TQ1 2BG

#### Interested and to want get involved?

- Check us out on [www.facebook.com/groups/445145118941980](https://www.facebook.com/groups/445145118941980)
- Contact Cassie on 07525 225558 /[cassie.brennan@youngdevon.org](mailto:cassie.brennan@youngdevon.org)
- Ask a member of the CAMHS Staff Team to refer you to Have Your Say.

*If you have found this article interesting and if you want to find out more please get in touch.*

*Thank you*

*Cassie*