

# The Partnership

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*For everyone who works for children and families in Torbay*

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# Welcome

## Foreword



After my first two weeks in Torbay I have met many people from Children's Services, Schools, Torbay Council and Partners. My first day set the scene within the splendour of the ballroom of Oldway Mansion.

The Conference on the '21st Century School' highlighted the value of agencies working in partnership with schools and the room was full of people committed to this way of working. Wherever I have been since I have been consistently impressed with a similar commitment.

There are many challenges ahead to translate this into the practical reality of integrated working. To achieve this and invest in the improvement of outcomes for all children we need to develop a real respect for each others contributions, openly share information, pool budgets, jointly commission services and invest in the development of relationships and partnerships between individuals and agencies.

My role as Head of Transformation will be to lead these developments, working alongside you all to put in place new structures, processes and systems and a new culture, creating a 'Family' of services to support families, children and young people throughout Torbay.

I have been working in Children's Services for the past 30 years, with experience in the Voluntary Service, Local Authorities and as an Advisor for DCSF. For the past 10 years I have held a range of posts focussing on change within Children's Services and in my most recent role achieved Beacon status in alleviating the causes and breaking the cycle of child poverty, an issue underlying many of the problems facing children today. However this experience will only be useful if we can develop those effective partnerships and I look forward to working with you all to achieve this.

**Richard Williams,**  
**Head of Transformation,**  
**Children Services**

# Latest News

## Inclusion Development Programme (IDP)

Available at <http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk>

The National Strategies are taking forward the commitment made in Removing Barriers to Achievement by providing a four-year programme of continuing professional development (CPD). This is designed to increase the confidence and expertise of mainstream practitioners in meeting high incidence of SEN in mainstream settings and schools.

The IDP supports quality first teaching in the classroom (Wave 1) rather than individual specialist support.

The aim of the programme is to support schools and Early Years settings through web-based materials, including: teaching and learning resources, training materials, guidance on effective classroom strategies, models of good practice for multi-disciplinary teams and information about sources of more specialist advice.

The IDP toolkit currently covers support in the classroom for pupils with Dyslexia and Speech, Language and Communication Needs including identification of pupils with difficulties in these areas, the barriers they experience in learning due to their difficulties and how teaching and learning can be adapted in the classroom to overcome those barriers.

### **New for 2009: Supporting pupils on the autism spectrum**

The ASD content is divided into eight key areas:

What is the autism spectrum? Social and emotional understanding, Communication and language, Flexibility of thought and behaviour, Sensory perception and responses, Know the pupil, Curriculum priorities and inclusive practice and Sources of support.

### **Coming Soon in 2010 - Behaviour, Social and Emotional Difficulties**

(To compliment SEAL and the Behaviour and Attendance audit.)

It is designed for inexperienced teachers and those who are having problems with individuals in class. Training will take an hour and is built round 4 main modules discussing case studies which focus on individual pupils in class. A direct link to the resources is through Merlin on the South West Grid for Learning at: <http://gotoourplace.com/torbayidp>

## DCSF - National Programme for Specialist Leaders of Behaviour and Attendance

### CONGRATULATIONS

2008-2009 participants have all passed the 2008-2009 courses.

The 11 successful participants were from the following settings; Oldway Primary, Torbay Learning and Standards, All Saints Babbacombe, Children's Disabilities Nursing team, Torbay School, Upton St James, Eden Park and Brixham College.

The National Programme for Specialist Leaders in Behaviour and Attendance is an active learning programme, developed by the DCSF for all professionals working in the field.

The course is designed to provide participants with a rich learning experience, but it also equips them to work effectively with colleagues to influence working practices. This in turn leads to improved strategies for work with children and young people. Participants attended study days and cluster twilights throughout last year and produced portfolios containing reflective logs and work based activities.

### Free Maps

Free maps for 11 year-olds scheme offers every Year 7 pupil a free OS Explorer Map. All your school has to do is place their order on our website.

As well as a free OS Explorer Map, pupils are also being given the chance to win an all expenses paid day out with the Field Studies Council in Exmoor National Park. The 12 winners that can correctly complete the answers to five questions will have the chance to put their map-reading skills into practice and enjoy the many activities planned for the day.

To take advantage of the scheme, teachers must place their order by 30 November 2009 on the Ordnance Survey free maps website.

Further support for teachers is also available on Ordnance Survey's MapZone website which offers a range of educational games. There is also the online explore portal, which allows users to plot, share and search for routes on Ordnance Survey mapping.

For more information call the free maps helpline on 0845 337 3133 or email [freemapenquiries@ordnancesurvey.co.uk](mailto:freemapenquiries@ordnancesurvey.co.uk)

<http://freemaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/freemapsfor11yearolds>

## Torbay Leadership Academy Launch

**19th November**

**9am - 1pm at the Imperial Hotel**

We hope you can join us for this inspirational morning. You will find out about the Torbay Leadership Academy and the vision for the future.

Key speakers

Henry V

Presented by Ben Walden, Contender Charlie

*Welcome to Contender Charlie,*

*We aim to use the power of storytelling and mythology to enhance and inspire creative learning. For millennia, cultures have passed wisdom teachings from generation to generation through the power and imagination of story. Our goal is to maintain that tradition. We believe it protects a vital resource, namely the power language and its essential role in the communication of our thoughts and feelings.*

*BEN WALDEN - Artistic Director*

Ben is an actor and presenter who has played a number of leading roles on television and for the Donmar and Almeida theatre companies as well as at Shakespeare's Globe. "Contender Charlie" is the group he has formed to take this, and other theatre techniques, into education. Courses are now being run at Headteacher conferences and staff and student events all over Britain.

### Marketplace

Please book online at [www.torbaycpd.co.uk](http://www.torbaycpd.co.uk) (If you are not registered as user of CPD online please ring Jan or Alex on 01803 208217)

### Torbay Leadership Academy - A Local and Regional Initiative

The Torbay Leadership Academy (TLA) is a Local Authority / Torbay Schools' partnership initiative to bring together leadership development activity under one umbrella. Head Teachers and aspirant leaders at all stages of their careers will be able to access information on a range of local, national and international leadership development opportunities including: local opportunities in partner schools: training commissioned by Torbay LA; programmes provided by national organisations e.g. NCSL, TDA, GTC and the British Council; accredited courses run by Universities.

### Extended Services Disadvantage Subsidy Fund

By 2010, all schools are expected to provide access to a 'core offer' of extended services – including a range of activities out of school hours. As schools typically charge for extended services activities on a cost recovery basis, this fund will help schools provide a comprehensive range of exciting, high-quality extended services, and ensure these are accessible to all children and young people, focusing on those disadvantaged by economic circumstances and children in care.

#### **How will it help children and young people?**

Research shows that high quality out-of-hours activities can help improve well-being and raise standards of achievement. The subsidy is part of the government's drive to narrow the gap in attainment and well-being. The Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) has been working with 18 local authorities on a two-year pathfinder project to explore how the subsidy can best be managed by local authorities and schools so that funding reaches those most in need. The pathfinder explored the most effective approaches to identifying and consulting with children and young people who are disadvantaged by their economic circumstances and to commissioning appropriate and effective extended services activities based on their interests and needs.

#### **What does this mean for Torbay?**

Torbay has been given £94,000 to pilot this fund in six schools in the Torquay West Cluster. From April 2010 the fund will be £500,000 and access to this fund will be rolled out to all Torbay schools. This fund will give economically disadvantaged the opportunity to access activities based in and around Torbay that they may not have been able to access in the past.

#### **What is happening at the moment?**

A meeting has taken place with pilot schools and to develop the process of how the 'target group' can access this fund. We will contact providers of activities for 5 to 16 year olds to ask them to sign up to the scheme so we have a wide range of provision and will be looking at how to roll out the funding in April 2010 and giving this fund a 'brand' and/or 'logo'. If you would like further information about this Subsidy Fund contact Jo Penhaligon on 01803 208221 or email Joanne.penhaligon@torbay.gov.uk.

### Targeted Mental Health in Schools

Torbay TaMHS is a new project within the Torbay Council currently in its developmental phase. TaMHS will be working with a specific cohort of 8 schools within the locality working and with schools to improve the mental health and well-being of young people and families, in partnership with other key agencies. A monthly e.bulletin going to all stakeholders was sent out to Children's Services staff last week. Further newsletters will be available on Torbay Council's website in the near future with links provided via this publication.

For more information, please contact Fiona Shaw, Educational Psychology Assistant-TaMHS on email at Fiona.shaw@torbay.gov.uk or telephone 01803 208956

## Aiming High for Disabled Children - Update

Torbay met the DCSF/DOH Readiness Criteria in April 2009 and have been awarded additional Aiming High for Disabled Children programme funding for 2009/2010. Some projects currently underway include:

The new Parent Participation Forum, hosted by The Children's Society. There are currently approx. 30 members, with a core group meeting regularly who are always keen to recruit new parents/carers.

The new Children and Young People's Forum has also been established, and is proving very popular for young people with disabilities. For information about either of these, contact The Children's Society on 01803 668080.

A new grant fund called PARTICIP8 has been launched to enable young people with disabilities to access services by removing barriers. To date it has been used to provide support staff, equipment and minor adaptations. For information contact Julia Cox on 402837/email [infoahdc@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:infoahdc@torbay.gov.uk).

Capital Funding from the Aiming High programme has been used to enable Mayfield School to complete their new Playground project, to improve Warren Barn and to build a Changing Places toilet facility, new kitchen and raised flower beds at Occombe Farm. If you would like more information about these or other exciting capital projects coming up or would like to apply for Capital Funding, contact Julia Cox on 01803 402837 or email [infoahdc@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:infoahdc@torbay.gov.uk).

A new Inclusion Worker is being recruited to the Integrated Joint Agency Children's Disability Service shortly. The Inclusion service will be offering disability awareness training and bespoke training packages for any staff groups in Torbay. Contact Sue Thompson on 01803 402757 for information.

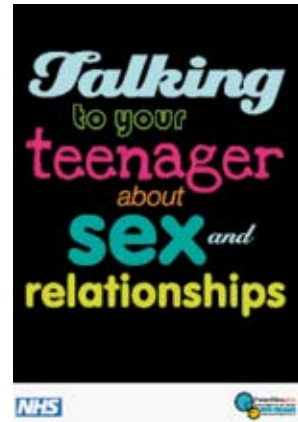
A new Aiming High for Disabled Children Information and Communications Project Worker is also currently being recruited, so there will be more Aiming High news and more up to date, accurate and accessible information for Torbay children, parents, carers, professionals and providers.

Torbay Council and Torbay Care Trust are hosting a joint event on 15th and 16th January 2010 to encourage providers of all services in Torbay to come and share information and ideas with children and young people with disabilities and their families.

**For more information contact Julia Cox, Short Breaks Transformation Officer Tel: 01803 402837**

### Talking to your teenager about sex and relationships

Reducing teenage conceptions is a priority for Torbay Council, Torbay Care Trust and partner organisations and we have a target to reduce the 1998 conception rate for young women under 18 by 50% by 2010. Unfortunately Torbay has seen an increase in the rate, rather than a decrease, and although many initiatives have been implemented, it is recognised that these can take some time to influence the rates. When people think about teenage pregnancy they often just think of young people who want to get pregnant, but the rates also include live births, still births and abortions. Research shows that the vast majority of teenage conceptions are unplanned and most young parents wish they had waited. Torbay figures for 2007 show 56% of teenage conceptions led to abortion.



Sexual Health advice to young people should always be in the context of helping them to resist pressure to have unwanted sex, to have the confidence to say 'no', and to delay first sex until they feel ready and confident to make safe and responsible choices. Parents are young people's preferred source of information and advice and openness in the home is associated with later age of first sex and better contraceptive use.

The leaflet 'talking to your teenager about sex and relationships' is available for parents/carers. If you would like some of these leaflets, please contact Sindy.gunton@torbay.gov.uk or telephone 01803 208965. For information on any aspect of the Torbay teenage pregnancy strategy, please contact Kim Flemming (Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Manager) on 01803 208903.

### Little Book of Goodness

You will hopefully have heard about the School Food Trust's new Little Book of Goodness which has been distributed to all primary schools in Torbay. The guide aims to help parents understand the benefits of choosing school meals. It will also compliment the authorities objectives of ensuring parents make healthy meal choices and that children are healthy, happy and reaching their full potential. Each primary school should have received enough copies for one booklet for each reception year child but should you require more, or if there are any issues with delivery or you have any further questions regarding the booklet please email the Trust a [the.lbg@sft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:the.lbg@sft.gsi.gov.uk)

Many thanks

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# What's coming up

## Partnership Meetings

### November 2009

Group/Partnership Meeting	Nov '09
Headteacher Briefings for Leading on Maths and English	5th
Healthy Schools Partnership Group	26th
Schools Forum	12th
TAPS - All Primary Heads	25th
TAPS - Committee	10th
Termly Meeting with Chairs of Governing Bodies	12th
Torbay Governors' Association Executive Committee	17th
14-19 Executive Group	17th
Joint Executive Team (formerly Business Management) *	3rd & 16th
Children Services ICT Strategy Board	9th
ContactPoint Project Team	9th
Every Child Matters Forum (formerly Extended Managers Forum)	11th
Children's Trust Commissioning Board	4th
Misper Forum	6th
Participation Task Group	2nd

### December 2009

Group/Partnership Meeting	Dec '09
Budget and Resources Group (BAR)	10th
Torbay 14 - 19 Strategy Group	2nd
Joint Executive Team (formley Business Management) *	1st & 15th
Children Services ICT Strategy Board	21st
ContactPoint Project Team	7th
Every Child Matters Forum (formerly Extended Managers Forum)	17th
Torbay Safeguarding Children's Board	2nd
Corporate Parenting Group	4th
Children's Services Capital Programme Monitoring Meeting	2nd
Children's Trust Delivery Board	16th
Misper Forum	11th
Schools Property Strategy and Advisory Group (PSAG)	8th
Teenage Pregnancy Partnership Board	1st
Torbay Play Partnership	14th

# What's coming up

Community Partnership	Date	Venue	Time
Tormohun	Tuesday 1st December	Churston Room, Torquay Town Hall	7-9pm
Goodrington, Roselands and Hookhills Community Partnership	Tuesday 1st December	TBC	7-9pm
Paignton	Wednesday 2nd December	TBC	6-8pm
Brixham	Monday 7th December	Rugby Club	7-9pm
Churston, Galmpton & Broadsands	Wed 9th December	Churston Ferrers Grammer School, School Hall	7-9pm
<b>Steering Group</b>			
Wellswood & Torwood	Tuesday 1st December	St Matthias Church	6-8pm
Blatchcombe	Thursday 3rd December	Foxhole Shops	7-9pm
Ellacombe	Tuesday 8th	Hut	6.30pm

For more details about community groups please contact Lorrie Layne, Community Engagement Coordinator - Early Intervention 0777 1806870, email [lorrie.layne@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:lorrie.layne@torbay.gov.uk)

For details about community partnership meetings contact Tracey Cabache by email at [tracey.cabache@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.cabache@torbay.gov.uk)

## November 2009

Torbay Adoption service will received an Ofsted Inspection. There will be an all-staff event for Torbay Council children's services staff on November 11th at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay.

To submit an item email: [csequiries@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:csequiries@torbay.gov.uk)

## Communications Team

Torbay Council's Communications Team provides a corporate service to promote council initiatives and handle media enquiries. We can help you plan your campaigns, produce promotional materials and manage public relations. We ask that our colleagues keep us informed about anything happening that may generate media stories. Contact Helena Davison, communications officer, 01803 207 048 or email [helena.davison@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:helena.davison@torbay.gov.uk)

This is a monthly publication but we are happy to promote events and courses in advance.

## What's coming soon...

Torbay Care Trust's rebranding of Sexual Health Services

Update on Independent Safeguarding Authority

# Contact details

Service	Telephone Number/Website
<b>Torbay Children's Services</b> (Education)	01803 208228
<b>Children's Services</b> (children at risk)	01803 208100
<b>Torbay Care Trust</b>	01803 210500
<b>Police</b>	08452 777444
<b>South Devon Healthcare Foundation Trust</b>	01803 614567
<b>Torbay Voluntary Services</b>	01803 212638
<b>Probation Services</b>	01803 213535
<b>Youth Offending Service</b>	01803 201655
<b>Safer Communities</b>	01803 84127 <a href="http://www.safercommunitiestorbay.org.uk">www.safercommunitiestorbay.org.uk</a>
<b>Connexions</b> - Information, advice & guidance	08009755111 <a href="http://www.connexions-cd.org.uk">www.connexions-cd.org.uk</a>
<b>Brixham Cluster Team</b>	01803 208102
<b>Paignton Cluster Team</b>	01803 208102
<b>Torquay East Cluster</b>	01803 208103
<b>Torquay West Cluster</b>	01803 208104
<b>Job Centre Plus</b>	01803 356000
<b>For an Easier Life</b>	<a href="http://www.foraneasierlife.co.uk/riviera_life.html">www.foraneasierlife.co.uk/riviera_life.html</a>
<b>Family Information Service</b>	fisenquiries@torbay.gov.uk. <a href="http://Torbay.fsd.org.uk">http://Torbay.fsd.org.uk</a> 08003285974
<b>Childline</b> Free helpline to talk about problems	0800 1111 <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a>
<b>NHS Direct</b> National helpline for health advice	0845 4647 <a href="http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk">www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Frank</b> National helpline for drug and alcohol advice	0800776600 <a href="http://www.talktofrank.com">www.talktofrank.com</a>
<b>Know The Code</b> Alcohol and drug issues:	<a href="http://www.safercommunitiestorbay.org.uk/KnowTheCode.html">www.safercommunitiestorbay.org.uk/ KnowTheCode.html</a>
<b>MyBay</b> Positive Activities for Torbay young people	<a href="http://www.my-bay.org.uk">www.my-bay.org.uk</a>
Devon Community Directory	<a href="http://www.devonline.gov.uk/community">www.devonline.gov.uk/community</a>
<b>Phab:</b> National charity dedicated to the integration of people with physical disabilities in the community.	020 8667 9443 email: <a href="mailto:info@phab.org.uk">info@phab.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.phab.org.uk">www.phab.org.uk</a>
<b>R-Nite</b> Leisure activities for people aged 11 – 19	<a href="http://www.my-bay.org.uk">www.my-bay.org.uk</a> - click on Events
<b>C Card Scheme</b> Free condoms and advice	<a href="http://www.my-bay.org.uk">www.my-bay.org.uk</a>
<b>Torbay Youth Services</b> Services, Youth Opportunity Fund, Volunteering and Youth News	01803 208221 <a href="http://www.my-bay.org.uk/getinvolved.htm">www.my-bay.org.uk/getinvolved.htm</a> <a href="http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/education/iyss/youthservice.htm">www.torbay.gov.uk/index/education/iyss/ youthservice.htm</a>
Torbay Youth Parliament	<a href="http://www.torbay.gov.uk/ukyp">www.torbay.gov.uk/ukyp</a>