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Dear Parent / Carer,

Speech and Language Therapy Training Calendar

Please find enclosed a training calendar offering information sessions for parents and carers. We are planning to run these information sessions throughout Ayrshire covering a range of topics.

From January to March, we will be running training on:

- **Social Stories:** This is an introduction to Social Stories and how this approach can be used to support the development of social understanding in children, young people and adults with social communication needs. Please come with two ideas of situations that are relevant to you where the use of a social story could be beneficial.
- **Apps:** Exploring apps for communication, language and independence. If you have a tablet that you use to support a child/young person/adult, please bring this along to the session.
- **Picture Exchange:** An introduction to using Picture Exchange to develop communication.

Each of these information sessions have been run during previous Training Calendar cycles.

We are running each session once in each area – North, East and South Ayrshire and we are offering a mixture of morning or evening sessions.

You can attend any of the training sessions regardless of area that you live in e.g. if you live in Irvine but a morning session would suit you to attend e.g. the Social Stories training, you can attend the session in South Ayrshire.

If you are interested in attending any of the sessions, please email Alison.Kennedy2@aapct.scot.nhs.uk to register your interest, stating your name and contact telephone number and which training session(s) you would like to attend. Alternatively you can call / text Alison on 07811982072. If we do not have sufficient interest in a session, we may have to cancel that session and rearrange the date and time, so please let us know as soon as you can if you would like to attend. If you leave a message, please provide a contact number so we can notify you if there are any changes.

We hope to see you at a training session soon.

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January – March 2016

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| South Ayrshire | <p align="center">Picture Exchange</p> <p align="center">Monday 25th January</p> <p align="center">10.00 – 11.30am</p> <p align="center">Multi-Purpose Room Nightingale House Arrol Park Resource Centre</p> <p align="center">Claire and Alison</p> | <p align="center">Social Stories</p> <p align="center">Thursday 25th February</p> <p align="center">9.30 – 11.00am</p> <p align="center">Multi-Purpose Room Nightingale House Arrol Park Resource Centre</p> <p align="center">Katrina</p> | <p align="center">Apps</p> <p align="center">Wednesday 2nd March</p> <p align="center">7.00 – 8.30pm</p> <p align="center">Room 7 MacDonald Education Centre Ayr Hospital</p> <p align="center">Alison and Jo</p> |
| East Ayrshire | <p align="center">Social Stories</p> <p align="center">Tuesday 26th January</p> <p align="center">7.00 – 8.30pm</p> <p align="center">Multipurpose Room, North West Area Centre, Kilmarnock</p> <p align="center">Katrina and Harry</p> | <p align="center">Apps</p> <p align="center">Wednesday 24th February</p> <p align="center">9.30 – 11.00am</p> <p align="center">Daniel Coffey Suite North West Area Centre, Kilmarnock</p> <p align="center">Jamie</p> | <p align="center">Picture Exchange</p> <p align="center">Tuesday 15th March</p> <p align="center">7.00 – 8.30pm</p> <p align="center">Daniel Coffey Suite North West Area Centre, Kilmarnock</p> <p align="center">Claire and Jamie</p> |
| North Ayrshire | <p align="center">Apps</p> <p align="center">Wednesday 20th January</p> <p align="center">9.30 – 11.00am</p> <p align="center">Rainbow House Kilwinning Road Irvine</p> <p align="center">Jamie</p> | <p align="center">Picture Exchange</p> <p align="center">Tuesday 9th February</p> <p align="center">9.30 – 11.00am</p> <p align="center">Rainbow House Kilwinning Road Irvine</p> <p align="center">Claire and Geraldine</p> | <p align="center">Social Stories</p> <p align="center">Friday 18th March</p> <p align="center">9.30-11.00am</p> <p align="center">Rainbow House Kilwinning Road Irvine</p> <p align="center">Katrina</p> |