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Dear Parent / Carer,

Speech and Language Therapy Training Calendar

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

From September to November, we will be running training on:

- **Makaton signing:** This will be an introduction session to practise some basic Makaton signs. This is a re-run of the session in our previous cycles of training.
- **Picture Exchange:** An introduction to using Picture Exchange to develop communication skills. This is a re-run of the session in January – March 2016.
- **Making Communication Passports:** Communication Passports are books which contain lots of information about a person; their likes and dislikes, their family and friends, their hobbies and interests. They also contain important information about someone's health and personal care needs, their eating and drinking skills and their communication skills. Passports can be important for individuals who are facing a transition from a setting where people know them well to a new setting or for new staff to get to know someone quickly. This session will explore different formats of passports and provide you with an opportunity to make a communication passport for an individual with members of our speech and language therapy team.

We are offering a mixture of morning, or evening sessions across North, East and South Ayrshire.

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 Makaton training, you can attend the session in South Ayrshire.

If you are interested in attending any of the sessions, please email Alison.Morrison@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 Karen Barclay on **07500125197**. 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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Training dates for January – March 2017

Training	Day time session	Evening session
Makaton taster	<p>Tuesday 21st February</p> <p>12.30-2.00</p> <p>McCarrol room Arrol Park Resource Centre Doonfoot Road Ayr KA7 4DW</p> <p>Jo and Karen</p> <p>07500 125 199</p>	<p>Tuesday 21st March</p> <p>6.30pm – 8pm</p> <p>Multi Purpose Room North West Area Centre Western Road Kilmarnock KA3 1NQ</p> <p>Claire and Jo</p> <p>0782 459 6468</p>
Picture Exchange	<p>Tuesday 7th February</p> <p>9.30 – 11am</p> <p>Multi-Purpose Room North West Area Centre Western Road Kilmarnock KA3 1NQ</p> <p>Alison and Katrina</p> <p>0782 459 6484</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th March</p> <p>6.30 pm – 8 pm</p> <p>Rainbow House Ayrshire Central Hospital Kilwinning Road Irvine KA12 8SS</p> <p>Alison and Katrina</p> <p>0782 459 6484</p>
Making Communication Passports	<p>Friday 24th February</p> <p>10am – 11.30am</p> <p>Irvine Library 168 High St Irvine KA12 8AN</p> <p>Jamie and Geraldine</p> <p>0782 459 6480</p> <p>(maximum 10 participants)</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th March</p> <p>5.30pm – 7pm</p> <p>Cyber Centre Carnegie Library 12 Main Street Ayr KA8 8EB</p> <p>Jamie and Geraldine</p> <p>0782 459 6480</p> <p>(maximum 10 participants)</p>