

Dear Delegate,

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Since the publication of the report on the 'Moving Forward Together' conference held in June 2007, Meg Taylor and I have been busy disseminating your views. Meg presented the finding of the report to the 'National Autism Working Group' in November, and we hope to meet shortly with HMIE to discuss the report further. We have also written an article based on the report for a national journal called 'Good Autism Practice'.

One of the priorities highlighted in the report is the need for further training in autism for teachers and support staff involved in the education of children on the autism spectrum. In order to address this priority, new autism inputs have been added to the postgraduate diploma in education here at the University of Aberdeen. Meg and I have also developed a new interprofessional pathway in autism that will enable practitioners to gain a specific qualification in autism at postgraduate certificate, diploma, masters and PhD level. We hope to run a pilot of the certificate course in September 2008.

If you are a teacher, speech and language therapist or other professional directly involved in the education of pupils with ASD, and you are interested in participating in this pilot, could you please let us know by emailing [j.ravet@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:j.ravet@abdn.ac.uk). We can then provide you with further information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes,

Jackie Ravet and Meg Taylor

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