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AUTISM AWARENESS TRAINING

Following publication of the report of the Task Group on Autism by the Department of Education in 2002, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety approached PAPA to develop a training programme in Autism awareness.

PAPA's considerable experience in awareness training over many years has enabled the organisation to develop a Northern Ireland ASD Training Strategy. This is designed to meet the needs of professionals in education and health and social care, as well as providing accessible training programmes for parents and carers.

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety has seen the monitoring and evaluation reports of the training provided by PAPA to date. It considers that PAPA's ASD Training Service offers an excellent resource for organisations and individuals working with children and adults with ASD, to improve their knowledge of the condition and the range of interventions that can be used to improve the lives of people with ASD.

We commend the PAPA ASD Training Service and take this opportunity to bring the service to your attention.

Yours sincerely

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