**SEND CONFERENCE FOR PARENTS**

**Wednesday 7th March 2018**

This conference has been organised by the Islington Parents Forum

**10:00 Arrival – Registration & Coffee**

**10:25 Welcome and housekeeping**

Bob Dowd, Supporting Families Manager at Centre 404

**10:30 Conference Opening**

 Councillor Richard Watts, Leader of Islington Council

**10:45 Lucy Hayes, Senior SEN Lawyer, Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)**

* The new system after nearly four years – What is working and what could be improved
* How parents can get the right support for their child

**11:15 Hannah Warwick, Principal Officer for Social Care at the Council for Disabled Children**

* Getting Social Care Engagement in EHCPs
* Planning for Post 16

**11:45 COFFEE BREAK**

**12:00 Speech and language difficulties and support for parents**

Alison Huneke, Afasic Helpline Manager

**12:30 The Importance of Parental Engagement**

* Heather Tarbuck, Parent Participation Adviser (North East & South London) at Contact
* Samantha Dunne, Chair of the Islington Parents Forum

**13:00 Islington Update**

Candy Holder, Head of Islington Pupil Services

**13:20 Designated Clinical Officer Role - helping parents navigate through health services**

Lesley Plats, Designated Clinical Officer CCG

**13:30 ‘How to get the best for my child’**

 James Isaac, SEN Specialist at Douglas Silas Solicitors

**14:00 Open Session for Questions**

**14:30 Conference closing & lunch**

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