

# Gloucestershire Branch

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## FREE Information Session by Geoff Evans on 'Pathological Demand Avoidance – Supporting Children/Young People with PDA in the Home and Community'

Date: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (9.30am-12.00pm)

Venue: Alderman Knight School, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 8JJ

Geoff will begin this information session with a discussion and a practical exercise that helps participants identify the differing needs of those with PDA. This will be followed by a look at how PDA can impact upon the child/young person in the home and community. The final part of the workshop will outline practical strategies to support the child/young person with PDA. This information session is primarily aimed at parent carers and family members.

**Geoff Evans:** *Geoff qualified as a social worker in the 1970s, since then he has focused his career around supporting individuals with autism and is considered by many as an expert in the field, having recently been recognised as a finalist for the NAS lifetime achievement Award and the LiangBussion outstanding contribution award.*

*He has had the privilege of supporting families of people with autism which included siblings. His many roles have seen him develop skills in training and education, consultancy, leadership and management, advocacy, quality and compliance. His specialisms include sexuality in adolescence, wellbeing, sensory perception and processing in young people, managing stress and anxiety, behaviour which challenges and all aspects of supporting families of children with autism. His recent research has included identifying the competencies required to work effectively with individuals with autism and the experiences of parent of children with autism. Most recently his published articles have appeared in GAP and on-line for Network Autism.*

**To book a place:** If you would like to attend, please complete and return the booking form (below) or email your interest to [tinacreed@btinternet.com](mailto:tinacreed@btinternet.com) advising number of places required, whether you are a parent/carer/family member or professional, your name, contact information and your child's diagnosis and age (if applicable). If you are booking more than one place, please include additional names. Places need to be booked in advance of this day and are confirmed once you receive notification from the branch.

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Name: ..... Tel. No: .....

Address:.....

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I am a Parent/Carer/Family Member/Person with ASC and would like to book ..... (no. of places)

**Note:** If booking a place for more than one person, please include additional name(s) on the reverse of this form.