

# News Release

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## Southern Trust hosts Regional Autism Group Meeting

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust will be hosting the Regional Autism Reference Group, chaired by Lord Ken Maginnis, on Monday 18 January 2010 in the Health & Social Care Board, Tower Hill, Armagh at 10.30am.

The Regional Autism Reference Group has been formed to help the Southern Trust and all other Trusts in Northern Ireland, improve services for people and families affected by Autism. As Chair of the Group, Lord Maginnis has been tasked to engage with parents, carers and services users to ensure their feedback about developing services is captured.

Talking about the importance of local people attending the meeting Director of Children & Young People's Services. Brian Dornan said: "Lord Maginnis and the group would like to meet as many local parents, carers and Autism service users as possible at this meeting to seek their thoughts of how they would like to see services develop in the future.

"We would encourage anyone with a particular interest in Autism services to attend - the meeting is 'open' to everyone starting at 10.30am and no invitation is required."

If you would like further information please contact Lesley Waugh Co-ordinator for Autism Services on 028 3839 1155

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