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National Conference to be held at

The Stratford Manor Hotel, Warwick Road, Stratford upon Avon CV37 0PY

on Saturday, 17 September 2011

to include our Annual General Meeting at 10.30am

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PROGRAMME

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and Coffee	
10.00 – 10.30	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
10.30 – 10.45	Welcome and brief introduction to the day, including the work of the DFSG, our current activities and plans for the future	Phillippa Farrant, Chair
10.45 – 11.15	Researching Genetic Therapies for DMD: viruses, genome surgery and exon skipping	Professor George Dickson Director of the Institute of Biomedical and Life Science Royal Holloway University of London
11.15 – 11.30	TEA and COFFEE	
11.30 – 12.00	News from the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign on the latest campaigns, including Trailblazers	Robert Meadowcroft, Chief Executive Nic Bungay, Director of Care, Support and Campaigns Bobby Ancil, Trailblazers Project Manager
12.00 – 12.30	Common cardiac manifestations in DMD and early treatment	Tootie Bueser, British Heart Foundation Cardiac Genetic Nurse Tootie is part of the multi-disciplinary team in the transitional DMD clinic at the Lane Fox Unit, St Thomas' Hospital
12.30 – 13.00	The work of the physiotherapy department at the Neuromuscular Centre	Gill Storey, Head of Physio and Jonny Smith, Physiotherapist Neuromuscular Centre, Winsford, Cheshire
13.00 – 13.45	LUNCH	
	WORKSHOPS – SESSION 1	
13.45 – 14.45	Workshop A: Benefits and Welfare Rights OR Workshop B: Independent Living OR Workshop C: Respiratory Care	Ian Sidwell Warwickshire Welfare Rights Advice Service Gordon McClurg Care Management Services Emily Ballard Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist and Transition Coordinator Lane Fox Unit, St Thomas' Hospital
14.45 – 15.00	TEA and COFFEE	
	WORKSHOPS – SESSION 2	
15.00 – 16.00	Workshop D: Benefits and Welfare Rights OR Workshop E: Independent Living OR Workshop F: Respiratory Care	Ian Sidwell Warwickshire Welfare Rights Advice Service Gordon McClurg Care Management Services Emily Ballard Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist and Transition Coordinator Lane Fox Unit, St Thomas' Hospital
16.00 – 16.10	Review of the day and close	Phillippa Farrant, Chair
16.10 – 17.00	We hope to round off the day with a Boccia demonstration, including a chance to have a go yourself	Team Boccia England
19.30	DINNER	

COSTS

Family members of the Duchenne Family Support Group

To attend the whole conference (including dinner and overnight accommodation)	£35 per person
To attend Saturday, excluding dinner	£10 per person

Places for children aged 16 and under sharing parents' room are free
Places for those with Duchenne muscular dystrophy are free
(Child Care for those aged 11 and under will be available at a cost of £5 per child)

Professionals and others who are not members of the DFSG

To attend the whole conference, including dinner and overnight accommodation	£110 per person
To attend Saturday, excluding dinner	£30 per person

ACCOMMODATION

As stated above, accommodation at the Stratford Manor Hotel on Saturday night is included in the higher rate. If you also wish to stay on the Friday night, each individual will be responsible for booking and paying for their room.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please complete the attached booking form and return it by no later than **Friday, 26 August 2011** to:

Ann Patterson
DFSG Secretary
6 Laburnum Road
Sandy
Bedfordshire
SG19 1HQ

Please remember to enclose your payment. Cheques should be made payable to **DFSG**. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept payment by credit or debit card.

Refunds in the event of cancellation of your booking can only be considered in exceptional circumstances and will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

If you have any queries please contact Ann Patterson on 01767 680644 or e-mail ann.patterson@dfsg.org.uk

HOTEL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

Stratford Manor Hotel
Warwick Road
Stratford upon Avon
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Tel. 01789 731173

TRAVEL INFORMATION

From the M40

Leave the M40 at Junction 15 and follow the A46 signposted Stratford. At the first roundabout, take the A439 signposted Stratford City Centre. Stratford Manor is a mile along this road, on the left.

From Stratford city centre

Follow the A439 signposted Warwick and M40. Stratford Manor is three miles along this road on the right.

Nearest Train Station:

Warwick Parkway - 7 miles

Nearest Airport:

Birmingham - 24 miles

Bus Route

The X16 service operates to and from Stratford town centre and to Warwick Bus Station