**Welcome…**

**To the SEN and Disability Regional Conference (London and the South East) for Officers with responsibility for Special Education and Disability. The Conference contributes towards the professional development of Officers responsible for Special Education and Disability.**

The Function of the Conference includes:-.

•    exchange of information and ideas, including sharing best practice  
•    consideration of legislation and DfE Circulars and responses to consultations, as appropriate  
•    contact with DfE, HMI (Special), OFSTED, SEND Tribunal and other relevant agencies/organisations  
•    commissioning and/or monitoring data on Special Educational Needs/Provision  
•    monitoring trends in Special Educational Needs/Provision in the Conference area  
•    co-ordination of matters relating to effective provision in the Conference area  
•    contributions to the development of good practice and best value  
•    other matters as Conference shall decide

Location

The Conference meets termly in a Central venue, which has for the past 5 years, been the Robens Suite in Guys Hospital

Cost:

Membership of Conference is available to any Local Authority in the South East region of England and currently covers Authorities as disparate as Southampton and Cambridgeshire – and all stations South and East of those! The cost is £300 for each LA. This entitles the attendance of 2 Officers from each LA at all 3 Full day Conferences, as well as access to all papers presented to Conference. These have included, in the last two years, a Dame, a Judge and a QC as well as high level presentations from the DfE! That amounts to £50 per LA rep per Conference in Central London, including a finger buffer lunch. The Conference is non-profit making.

If you require any further information, please contact the Secretary, as below,

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