**Parent to Parent Service Provision Update**

NHS Tayside CAMHS has funded us for a number of years to support some families through the Autism Spectrum Disorder assessment process. However, due to procurement law, they are now having to put this out to tender, which means that as of 31st March 2024 we are no longer in contract to provide this service.

This has meant we have had to relook at the support and advocacy we offer to families who are specifically on the ASD, neuro-developmental assessment pathway at CAMHS. Due to the lengthy waiting times at CAMHS before beginning the actual assessment process, as an organisation that prides itself on the support and nurture we offer parents, we have made a decision that will hopefully cause the least negative impact and stress to those we support.

**From the 1st April 2024, we will still support parents whose children are on the CAMHS waiting list for an ASD assessment, however we will no longer be able to provide any advocacy support at appointments and advice whilst you are going through the active assessment element of your CAMHS journey for a possible ASD Diagnosis.**

This does not mean you will lose your Parent to Parent family worker, it just means that when you are at the active assessment stage, we will take a step back, and your CAMHS worker will be your main point of contact for any queries or questions you may have during this time. If you need ongoing support once you have gone through the assessment, we will be able to step back in to provide that.

As always, we are actively looking at funding to allow us to offer the level of support we have previously, however, until that time, if you have any questions about this then please do not hesitate to email me on: trudy.doidge@parent-to-parent.org