



### **What is the BFG Parent Partnership Service?**

The BFG Parent Partnership Service has recently been set up to provide independent advice, information and support on educational matters to parents/carers of children/young people with special educational needs (SEN) throughout BFG. It is a confidential, impartial and free service.

### **What do we do?**

In addition to providing independent advice, information and support and ensuring that SEN procedures are accessible to parents/carers, Bernie Lynch, the Parent Partnership Officer (PPO), provides a link with the Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS). She works in partnership with SCE, schools and other agencies to ensure the voice of parents/carers is heard and supported and helps reflect their views in contributing to and influencing SEN policy and practice as it applies to BFG.

### **What can we provide for parents/carers?**

Bernie Lynch (PPO) is based at JHQ but covers all garrisons throughout BFG. She provides independent advice and support on any special educational needs issue including advice on statutory assessment; preparation for meetings; assisting with the completion of forms or drafting letters; explaining complex documents and reports; and liaison with different agencies on parents/carers behalf. This can be facilitated through home visits, telephone advice, or accompanying parents/carers to meetings if requested.

An important part of Bernie's role is to support parents/carers who are returning to the UK with children/young people with SEN to find an appropriate school placement in their new local authority. She can also provide advice and support to parents/carers who are posted to BFG if there are issues regarding a child's special educational needs being met within an SCE school.

**Bernie can be contacted directly as detailed below by parents or professionals.**

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