



**FAMILY CONFERENCE**  
**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**  
**HILTON HOTEL NORTHAMPTON**

## BBS UK Family Conference 2017

Summer is but a distant memory and our thoughts and planning are now with the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 and the BBS UK Family Conference, our calendar event of the year. For those who regularly attend and for those who will experience this opportunity for the first time, we welcome you to the first of many conferences, an opportunity to socialise, make lasting friendships and relax in the accepting environment of the Hilton Hotel. The weekend is packed with new experiences from the moment you walk through the door where your friendly BBS UK team will be there to welcome you. The Hilton Hotel, Northampton, centrally located for rail, road and air travel, has been home to our Conferences for over 18 years, many of the staff have been with us from the beginning and pride themselves on their service and exceptional attention to detail throughout the weekend.

Once again there will be an excellent mix of speakers and facilitators including Professor Beales, who will give an overview of research and development in the world of BBS. Throughout the weekend there will be the usual opportunity for private and workshop discussions with a Dietician, Psychologist and Benefits Officer as well as members of the various BBS Clinics Teams. For our young members, there will be the usual fun-filled trip to Drayton Manor to look forward to or for older members who do not wish to listen to the formal presentations, there will be lunch and bowling. Further information and a draft programme will be available for you to view on our website, [www.bbsuk.org.uk](http://www.bbsuk.org.uk), over the coming weeks and months.

We have an excellent but limited childcare team and assistance team for the excursions, available on a first come first served basis. More help is always appreciated and if you know someone who would like to join the childcare/assistance team, let us know; their accommodation and meals will be paid for. Alternatively if a parent/family member is staying for the weekend and is happy to attend a trip with their child/young adult/adult, their accommodation and meals will be half-price. Please contact Julie Sales if you need more information or to make the necessary arrangements.

All the information you need to make your booking is on the attached form and the procedure is again in two parts:

1. Book your **accommodation and meals** direct with the **hotel** by phone.
2. Book your **Conference place** with the **BBS UK** by returning the enclosed form.

Please ensure you follow all the steps on the booking form and return it to Julie Sales, together with your deposit as soon as possible. Only completing part of the form, i.e just booking the hotel and not returning the form can cause considerable work and confusion. We cannot accept bookings without payment and telephone queries/bookings must be followed promptly by payment and a completed form.

If you have any queries please contact Julie Sales or Tonia Hymers as below:

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We look forward to greeting friends, old and new, in 2017.

Kind Regards

**BBS UK Board of Trustees**