



The 2017 DBA UK Family Weekend
Friday 19th – Sunday 21st May

PGL centre, Caythorpe Court, Caythorpe Heath Lane, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincs, NG32 3ER

The 2017 DBA UK Family Weekend is your chance to meet others affected by DBA and share experiences, hear more about DBA from medical professionals and to keep in touch with what the charity is up to.

Here is a google maps link to the location - <https://goo.gl/maps/mNb97b3qPTq>

The accommodation will again be in the wooden chalets we have had in previous years and each family will get their own room. One thing to remind you is to bring towels with you and as the bathrooms are all wet rooms, you will need to bring your own baby bath if required and also a highchair but everything else, including food is provided. The accommodation *is* quite basic, but we've had adequate feedback on it in previous years.

Planning is still underway, but we can detail that in this year's conference we have:

- Presentations from medical experts
- 1-on-1 clinics with medical experts
- Ample opportunity to speak with each other, both formally and informally
- Specific sessions and activities for adult DBA patients (suggestions welcome)
- BBQ and campfire (including sing-songs) for all
- PGL adventures for the kids such as climbing, high-wire and rope activities
- The DBA UK AGM and Charity report 2017

The DBA UK Charity Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st May as part of the Conference. This includes a report on what the charity has been up to and there is an opportunity to elect a Committee for the following year. New blood is really encouraged on the committee. Anyone with interest and a special skill to offer can speak with the DBA UK Chairman (Leisa Batkin), Treasurer (Pete Redmond) or any other committee members for a discrete chat to find out more. The constitution requires that nominations for election to the Executive Committee are received in writing by the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM.

You can arrive at Caythorpe Court any time after 3pm on Friday 19th May for games and fun and to start to meet people. The conference sessions will then start before 9am on the Saturday, with coffee breaks and lunch. The conference will end after lunch on the Sunday. There is ample parking for all.

As ever, please bring with you any questions you have. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could bring any DBA paraphernalia such as pumps, needles, drugs and other treatments to show around and help us learn from each other.

Please also be sure to bring any unused or surplus fundraising equipment/merchandise and collection boxes (full or otherwise) which can be passed to our Fundraising Co-ordinator Martin Winter.

Please don't forget about our private Facebook group where you can ask questions of other DBA families before the conference, it can be found here - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/85069525487/>

If you would prefer external accommodation and to head on to the site each day this is fine, but DBA UK will not be able to cover the hotel costs and you will need to book this yourself -

This is the nearest Travelodge (6 miles away) -
<http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/177/Sleaford-hotel>

And here is a B&B located nearby (under 1 mile away) -
<http://www.waggonandhorsescaythorpe.co.uk/>

We're really excited about this year's 17th Anniversary Family Weekend and hope as many of you can join us as possible, places go fast so please book sooner rather than later!

Completed booking forms (below) must be emailed or posted to Pete Redmond, Treasurer DBA UK

Useful Web Addresses

DBA UK Website - <http://diamondblackfan.org.uk/>

DBA UK Facebook Page (public) - <https://www.facebook.com/dba.org.uk>

DBA UK Facebook Group (private) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/85069525487/>

DBA UK Twitter - https://twitter.com/DBA_UK

Directions to Caythorpe Court PGL Centre

Travelling South on the A1.

At the A46/A17 junction (Newark on Trent) take the A17 for approx 10 miles then turn right onto Pottergate Road.

Follow this for 1.5 miles then turn right onto Caythorpe Heath Lane.

The Centre is on the left after approx 1/2 mile.

Travelling North on the M1.

Take junction 21A for the A46. Follow this to Newark (do not take the A607 off the A46 as this is a slow windy road through lots of little villages).

At Newark take the A17 and follow directions as above.

From the North-West

Take the M62 to the A1, then head south as above.

From the South-West / Midlands

Take the M42/A42 until it joins the M1.

At Junction 25 take the A52 towards Grantham.

Take the A46 towards Newark.

At Newark take the A17 and follow directions as above.

Travelling North on the A1

At Grantham take the A607. Watch out just north of Barkston where you have to take a left turn to stay on the A607.

At Caythorpe turn right onto the Caythorpe Heath Lane.

The Centre is on the right after approx 1 mile.

Nearest airport is East Midlands airport (though not too close). Please say if you are likely to take this route as we may be able to find groups willing to travel together to reduce your costs.







Caythorpe Court

