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Subject: **RE-ACCREDITATION OF THE MAPA® TRAINING CURRICULAR BY THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF LEARNING DISABILITIES PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

Positive Options is pleased to announce publicly its successful reaccreditation of the MAPA® restrictive physical interventions training curricular under the British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD) Physical Interventions Accreditation Scheme (PIAS). Our reaccreditation is for a period of three years ending 31 January 2014 and was unconditional. Earlier in January, Positive Options attended a Panel convened by BILD for the purpose of reviewing the comprehensive written submission for reaccreditation made by the Company. The written submission and attendance at Panel was preceded by routine onsite training observation and a meeting with the Positive Options Management Team in November 2010 to verify the governance arrangements in place to implement and manage the requirements and expectations of the *BILD Code of Practice for the Use and Reduction of Restrictive Physical Interventions (2010)*, which underpins the Scheme.

About the reaccreditation by BILD, **Chris Stirling**, Director of Creative Development at Positive Options said: "Positive Options is proud to be reaccredited through the BILD PIAS. The Scheme remains the only recognised accreditation scheme in the UK for physical interventions training and being accredited for a third term means that

Positive Options can continue to actively reach into greater numbers of organisations to improve outcomes for vulnerable service users and the staff who support them”. He added: “The formal accreditation of our Holding Small Children[®] and CH-3 Advanced Clinical Interventions[®] modules will also ensure continued organisational confidence in our training offerings – Positive Options never stands still for very long! Through the CH-3 programme we hope to facilitate quality of care improvements for people who need essential care and treatment but who are resistive to receiving it due to incapacity”. **Jeremy Boughey**, Chief Operating Officer said: “the reaccreditation is timely and encouraging for Positive Options, which has grown significantly in its operations since its establishment in 2004 and first being accredited by BILD. Our partnering with CPI in April 2010 has provided a renewed steer and level of investment to enable the extension of our training offerings to encompass a wider brief, which is fully commensurate with the spirit and practices expected in the new BILD Code. Our Management Team has plans to expand our non-physical interventions training portfolio in line with reducing the need for physical interventions and we look forward to offering an extended training portfolio in the future”.

Positive Options accreditation by BILD will be monitored annually as part of the Scheme’s operations.

Editorial Notes:

The BILD Physical Interventions Accreditation Scheme (PIAS) was launched in April 2002. Developed over 3 years with project funding from the Department for Education and Skills and Department of Health it is underpinned by joint guidance entitled *Guidance on the Use of Restrictive Physical Interventions; How to Provide Safe Services for People with Learning Disabilities and Autism*. The assessment criteria for accreditation are drawn from the BILD publication *BILD Code of Practice for the Use and Reduction of Restrictive Physical Interventions*, third edition (2010). The Scheme is currently the only recognised accrediting body in the UK for training in restrictive physical interventions.

Positive Options Limited was accredited as a training organisation under the BILD Scheme initially in 2004 and was accredited for a second time in January 2008. Its accreditation is for the full MAPA[®] restrictive physical interventions training curricular, rather than individual training programmes and through this approach is able to share its accreditation under a licensing arrangement with organisations that can demonstrate meeting the standards advocated in the BILD Code and as required in the formal license agreement with Positive Options.