

ALCOHOL & ADOLESCENCE: WAYS FORWARD FOR FOETALLY AFFECTED TEENAGERS OF THEIR MOTHERS' SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN PREGNANCY



DATE: MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2009
TIME: 9AM FOR 9.30AM START – 4.30PM
VENUE: BELFAST CENTRAL MISSION – GROSVENOR HOUSE CONFERENCE & TRAINING CENTRE, BELFAST (GROSVENOR HOUSE CONFERENCE & TRAINING CENTRE, 5 GLENGALL STREET, BELFAST, BT12 5AD T-028 9024 1917)
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PROGRAMME

	CHAIR – Edwina Brocklesby, Director, Parents for Children	
9.00	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS	30 MINS
9.30	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION <i>Patricia Lewsley, Commissioner, NICCY (Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People)</i>	15 MINS
9.45	CHILDREN IN CARE: OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR & THE LINK WITH FASD AND DRUG AFFECTED CHILDREN <i>Kevin Williams, Chief Executive, TACT</i>	40 MINS
10.20	THE FOETAL BRAIN & ALCOHOL – DEFINING FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) <i>Professor Edward Riley, International FASD Neurodevelopmental Brain Expert, US</i> - Scientific evidence, brain images and studies. - Explanation of how alcohol is a highly potent teratogen in the brain.	60 MINS
11.20	REFRESHMENTS	20 MINS
11.40	ADOLESCENTS WITH FASD: FROM ANIMAL RESEARCH TO HUMAN BEHAVIOUR. THE LESSONS LEARNED AND CLINICAL CHALLENGES POSED. <i>Dr Kieran O'Malley, Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Adolescent & Mental Health Service, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust</i>	50 MINS
12.30	PLENARY & QUESTIONS	30 MINS
1.00	LUNCH	60 MINS
2.00	OBSERVING HOW ALCOHOL AFFECTS THE FOETUS IN THE WOMB: MOVEMENT, STARTLES & HABITUATION <i>Professor Peter Hepper, Professor of Psychology, Head of School of Psychology, The Queens University of Belfast and Director, Fetal Behaviour Research Centre, Royal Jubilee Maternity Service.</i>	45 MINS
2.45	TREATMENT, SUPPORT PLANS AND INTERVENTIONS: TOOLS TO MANAGE – PART 1 <i>Julie Gelo, BSHS/M, Mother of 8 children diagnosed with FAS and related conditions, Executive Director for the Washington State affiliate to the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS Washington State) and the co-founder of the FAS Friends FASD Community Support Network, U.S.</i>	30 MINS
3.15	REFRESHMENTS	10 MINS
3.25	TREATMENT, SUPPORT PLANS AND INTERVENTIONS: TOOLS TO MANAGE – PART 2 <i>Julie Gelo</i>	45 MINS
4.10	PLENARY	20 MINS
4.30	CLOSE	

Please Note: All Delegates will be sent a certificate after the conference has taken place

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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Drugs & Alcohol Advisory Teams
- Midwives
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Children's Guardians
- Solicitors
- Barristers
- Adoption Support Agency Workers
- Foster, Adoptive & Short-break Carers
- Family Placement Workers (Fostering & Adoption)
- Education Professionals
- Health Visitors
- Therapists
- Medical Advisors
- Policy Makers
- Disability Teams
- SENCO's
- Teachers
- Paediatricians
- Police

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE & CPD ACCREDITATION

All delegates will receive a certificate through the post, after attending this conference.

This conference is eligible for attendees to receive CPD accreditation:

CPD Points for Social Workers/Other:

CPD Hours: 6 Hours 35 Minutes

CPD Points for Solicitors through the Solicitors Regulation Authority

Solicitors can gain CPD points for attendance of our courses.

CPD Reference for this course: DFZ / PAFC **Grade:** Intermediate

CPD Hours: 5 Hours 35 Minutes

AIMS & LEARNING OUTCOMES

Recent research into the area of children affected by birth mother's use of drugs and alcohol has shown that this is a serious and increasing contemporary problem. A recent BBC documentary found that there are no reliable figures of the number of children affected, but experts estimate that there are about 7,000 children living in the UK, who were born with lifelong incurable problems caused by their mother's drinking during pregnancy. Mothers' drug-taking too, is a factor in a significant proportion of care proceedings, often leading to the permanent removal of those children from their birth family. A number of these children are in the looked after population, some will need to be placed with permanent families.

A range of national and international experts have been assembled for the programme of this conference, to highlight the needs of the children involved and ways in which their long-term needs can be diagnosed. Other speakers will address ways in which these children can be helped, from a multi-disciplinary approach. The speakers represent a range of disciplines.

The course is designed for:

- those working within the field of drugs and alcohol;
- social workers;
- health and education professionals;
- lawyers involved in care proceedings; and
- families and carers.

Despite the increasing focus of the risks of drugs and alcohol, surprisingly little attention has been paid to the needs of the unborn child. Delegates would therefore not need any prior knowledge on this topic as the programme aims to heighten this knowledge.

From attending this conference, delegates will be aware of, and understand, the permanent problems for these children and the risks for their future, together with the potential of the legal system to balance these risks, and, ways forward. Delegates should be inspired to disseminate these messages and highlight the risks and permanent problems for these unborn children, of maternal drug and alcohol usage.

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TESTIMONIALS

Parents for Children have run conferences on maternal substance misuse since 2005. Here are some comments from attendee's:

'Thank you all.' (Foster carer and parent).

'Excellent!!' (Supervising Social Worker)

'Extremely insightful and knowledgeable. Very interesting. Thank you' (Social Worker).

'Wonderful experts in the field. Would prefer not to come to London, had to get up at 4am - tired by 3pm! But pleased I came.' (Specialist Drug & Alcohol Midwife from Newcastle).

'All the speakers' topics were very useful, thanks to Parents for Children for an interesting insight into consequences for children affected by maternal drug and alcohol usage (all carers should attend).' (Carer).

'Thank you for a very interesting day. Video re: FAS and music CD's I will consider purchasing for service users' (Social Worker).

'Well organised.' (Parent)

'Loved the food, the content and the company.' (Carer).

'I like the way the day was arranged so that (mainly) the p.m. activities were more entertaining (no problem of staying awake)' (Social Worker).

'I liked the variety of speakers and comments from the floor and diversity of attendance.' (Named Nurse Safeguarding Children).

'Impressed with the enthusiasm of speakers and others.' (Social Worker - Child Care Team).

'Info on fetal alcohol and affects = most interesting for me.' (Adoptive Mother/Social Worker).

'The different views brought by the various speakers. Fascinating and relevant information shared.' (Fostering Social Worker).

'Diversity of topic.' (Senior Project Worker).

'I thought all speakers were excellent.' (Specialist drug & alcohol midwife).

'The conference moved and flowed quite nicely, not rushed.' (Parent Development Worker).

BIOGRAPHIES



Julie Gelo, BSHS/M, Mother of 8 children diagnosed with FAS and related conditions, Executive Director for the Washington State affiliate to the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS Washington State) and the co-founder of the FAST Friends FASD Community Support Network, U.S. Julie Gelo is the legal mother to 13 children ranging in age from 8 to 41. She and her husband, Lynn, live in Bothell, Washington with the youngest seven children and are licensed foster parents with Ina Maka, a private foster care agency with United Indians of All Tribes. Eight of Julie's children have been diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Related conditions, including all seven who live at home. Julie has been the Family Advocate for the Washington State Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic and

Prevention Network core team at the University of Washington for eleven years. She is also a foster parent co-trainer with the Resource Family Training Institute with the Department of Social and Health Services. She is the Executive Director for the Washington State affiliate to the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS Washington State) and the co-founder of the FAST Friends FASD Community Support Network as well as the annual 5 Day FASD Family Summer Camp. She enjoys reading, music, and dancing and is very active with her family in Special Olympics. She presents workshops and trainings on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Effective Advocacy throughout the United States and Canada.



Professor Peter Hepper, Professor of Psychology, Head of School of Psychology, The Queens University of Belfast and Director, Fetal Behaviour Research Centre, Royal Jubilee Maternity Service. Peter Hepper is a Professor of Psychology, and Head of the School of Psychology at Queens University, Belfast. He is also Director of the Fetal Behaviour Research Centre, at Royal Jubilee Maternity Service. He completed his undergraduate degree in Psychology at Exeter University before moving to Durham to complete his PhD. He is Chartered Psychologist and a Fellow of the British Psychological Society. In 2007 he was awarded The Thomas R. Verry Award for Outstanding

Contributions to Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health by the American Association of Pre- and Perinatal Psychology & Health. Prof Hepper also serves as a Life Sentence Review Commissioner and Chair of the Irish Football Association Appeals Committee. His research interests are focussed around the theme of how behaviour develops and how early influences and experiences exert a long term effect on the individual. His particular interests are in the prenatal period and the observation of fetal behaviour, especially how behaviour can be used to assess brain function and the effect of alcohol on the fetal brain and behaviour.

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Patricia Lewsley, Northern Ireland's Commissioner for Children & Young People.

Patricia Lewsley took up post as Commissioner on 8th January, 2007. Previously Ms Lewsley was an MLA and councillor. She has a long track record of working on behalf of children and young people, which includes chairing the All-Party Assembly Groups on Children and Young People, Disability, Diabetes, Anti-Poverty, and Ethnic Minorities. She was a co-founder of Shopmobility in Belfast and initiated the appointment of the first and only Disability/Equal Opportunity Officer in local government.

On the day the Assembly was suspended in 2002, she was due to introduce a Private Members Bill to strengthen child protection arrangements in Northern Ireland, by placing Area Child Protection Committees on a statutory footing.

Having trained as a cook she worked in the community as an advice worker, before entering the world of politics in 1993.

Ms Lewsley is a single parent with five children and four grandchildren.

Dr Kieran O'Malley, Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Adolescent & Mental Health Service, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust.



Kieran Darragh O' Malley was born in Belfast, Ireland. He went to medical school at University College Dublin, Ireland, and qualified in 1972. Following a broad history of post-graduate training, Kieran is currently undertaking an MSc in Clinical and Theoretical Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy; through University of East London and Centre for Psychotherapy, Belfast.

Kieran is a Board Certified Psychiatrist and Board Eligible Child Psychiatrist. He was a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, based in the Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit from 1997- 2000 and subsequently was appointed Acting Assistant Professor in 2000-2004. He was a Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington (2004-2006). He has also presented invited lectures, seminars and workshops on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome / FASD extensively around the world.

Kieran is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for Belfast Trust working at Royal Victoria Hospital, Child and Family Unit and Young People's Centre and runs a clinic for teenagers with Developmental Disability and co-morbid Psychiatric Disorders. He has a private Developmental Disability clinic dealing solely with FASD and sees patients from all Ireland.

He has 50-55 publications, 6 book chapters and has co-authored a book with Frances Kapp PhD called "Watch For The Rainbows. True Stories for Educators and Other Caregivers of Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (Published in 2001) He edited a book "ADHD and FASD. for Nova Science Publishers, New York , published 2007, 2nd printing 2008. Book chapter for Sage Publications (in press).



Professor Ed Riley, Distinguished Professor Psychology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, USA.

Edward P. Riley (Ph.D., 1974 from Tulane University) is currently a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Director of the Center for Behavioral Teratology at San Diego State University. He is the author of over 200 scientific papers and reviews and served as Chair of the National Task Force on FAS/FAE. He currently serves as the Steering Committee Co-Chair of the SAMHSA sponsored FASD Center for Excellence. He has been President of the Research Society on Alcohol, the Fetal Alcohol Study Group, and the Behavioral Teratology Society. He has served as Associate Editor of the

Journal of Studies on Alcohol, and is on the Editorial Boards of Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research and the Psychological Record. He has received numerous awards for his scholarship and service, most recently the Research Society on Alcoholism Distinguished Researcher Award.

Kevin Williams, Chief Executive, TACT. Kevin has been Chief Executive of The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT) since 2001. Immediately before joining TACT, Kevin was the Jointly Commissioned Service Manager, funded by Health, Education and Social Services departments in the Isle of Wight Council. He was also an adviser to the Isle of Wight council area child protection committee, where he oversaw case reviews and undertook Part 8 reviews. He has a strong background in teaching and social work having commenced his career with the Inner London Education Authority.

Since becoming Chief Executive, TACT has experienced record growth to ten area offices in England, Scotland and Wales and doubled the number of cared-for children and young people. This now makes TACT the charity that fosters the largest number of children and young people in the UK. In 2007 TACT merged with reputable adoption service IAS and leading policy influencer Children Law UK.

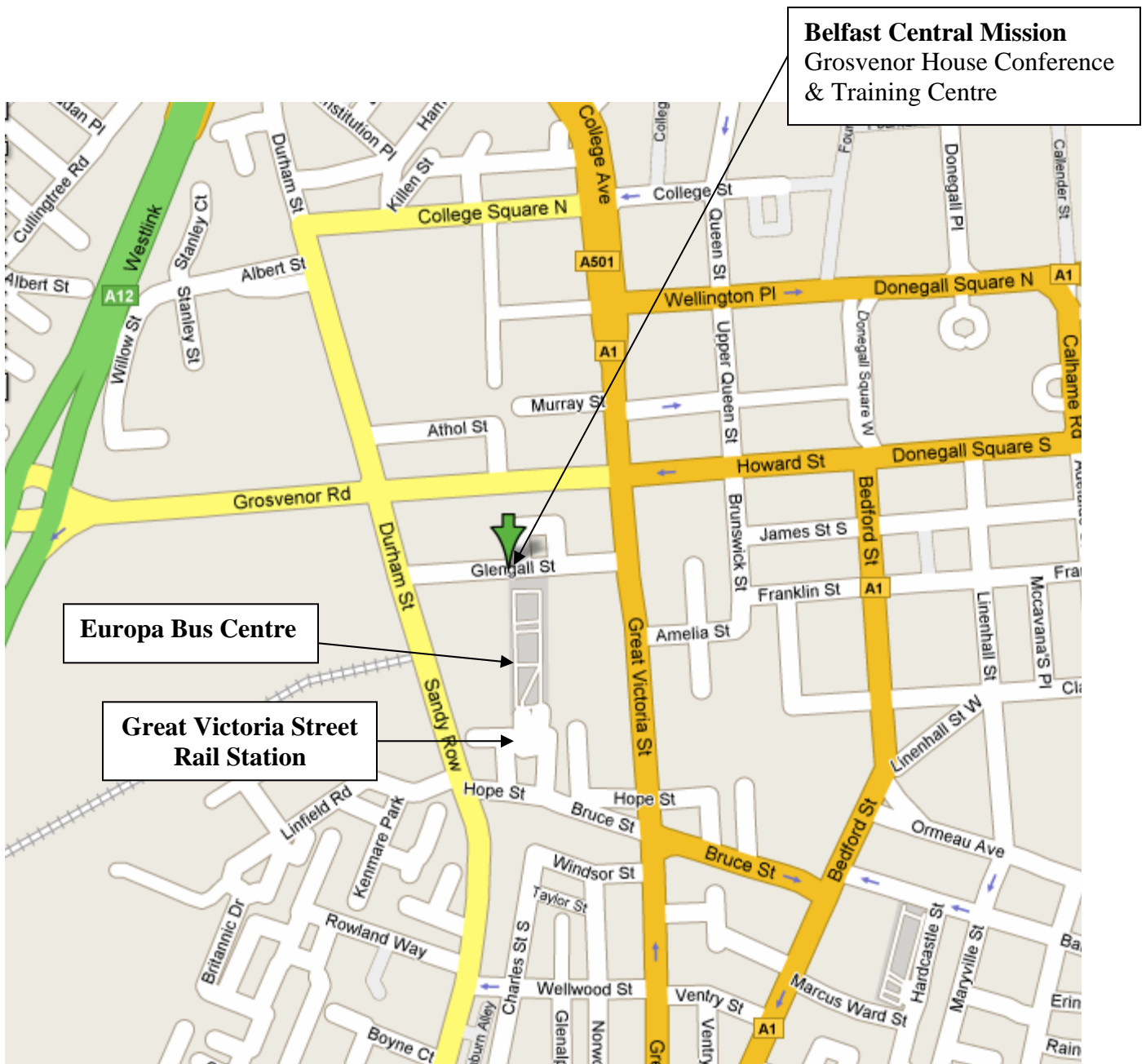
Kevin has a Master of Arts qualification in social work and a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He is a Trustee for the British Agency of Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) and on the board of Research in Practice.

VENUE LOCATION DETAILS & MAP

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Conference & Training Centre
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