

CONSEQUENCES FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY MATERNAL DRUG & ALCOHOL USAGE: A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH

CONFERENCE ONE:

BINGE, CRACK & METHADONE: THE EFFECTS ON THE UNBORN BABY



DATE: THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2008

TIME: 9.00AM FOR 9.30AM START – 4.30PM

VENUE: THE DERBY CONFERENCE CENTRE, LONDON ROAD, DERBY, DE24 8UX

COST:

COST FOR ONE CONFERENCE IN THE SERIES:
£100.00 IF BOOKED BEFORE 21/02/08, £110.00 IF BOOKED AFTER 21/02/08,
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- 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 40 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 40 Minutes

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PROGRAMME

Chair – *Gloria Armistead, Founder and full time volunteer FASawareUK*

09.00	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS	30 MINS
09.30	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	15 MINS
09.45	BINGE, CRACK & METHADONE BRITAIN <i>Moira Plant, Professor of Alcohol Studies, University of the West of England, Bristol & Director of the Alcohol & Health Research Trust</i>	45 MINS
10.30	METHADONE AND TREATMENT PROGRAMMES: IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN <i>Edwina Greenwell, Service Manager, CAF/CASS</i>	30 MINS
11.00	OUTCOMES OF PRE-NATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE – AUTISM / ADHD / OTHER <i>Dr. Raja Mukherjee, Consultant Psychiatrist, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust</i>	45 MINS
11.45	REFRESHMENTS	15 MINS
12.00	THE LONG-TERM OUTCOME FOR CHILDREN OF DRUG ABUSE IN PREGNANCY <i>Dr Philip Preece, Consultant Paediatrician, Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital NHS Trust</i>	60 MINS
1.00	LUNCH	60 MINS
2.00	MULTI-DISCIPLINARY WORKING <i>Edwina Brocklesby, Director, Parents for Children</i>	30 MINS
2.30	RAISING AWARENESS OF AN INCREASING PROBLEM <i>NOFAS-UK (DVD)</i>	20 MINS
2.50	THE USE OF MULTI-DIMENSIONAL TREATMENT FOSTER CARE STRATEGIES IN MEETING THE COMPLEX NEEDS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY MATERNAL SUBSTANCE MISUSE <i>Dawn Walker, Consultant Systematic Family Therapist Team Leader – Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care Team (North) Department of Clinical Psychology, Central Manchester and Manchester Children's University Hospitals NHS Trust</i>	45 MINS
3.35	REFRESHMENTS	05 MINS
3.40	DISCUSSION FORUM – WAYS FORWARD - THE BLOCKS TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AFFECTED BY MATERNAL SUBSTANCE MISUSE - GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS <i>All Speakers from the Day & Audience Interaction</i>	35 MINS
4.15	PLENARY	15 MINS
4.30	CLOSE	

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TESTIMONIALS

Parents for Children have previously run four conferences on maternal substance misuse. See the comments below from a range of delegates who attended these:

'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).

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, or, for adoption.

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, including a Psychiatrist and Paediatrician.

The course is designed for social workers, lawyers involved in care proceedings, health and education professionals and those working within the field of drugs and alcohol.

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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BIOGRAPHIES

Edwina Brocklesby – PhD BSc (Econ) CQSW Director, Parents for Children. Edwina Brocklesby is the Director of Parents for Children, an adoption and fostering agency specialising in finding homes for children with special needs. Parents for Children have developed a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary assessment model of the needs of children, particularly those affected by maternal substance misuse.

Dr Raja Mukherjee, Consultant Psychiatrist. Dr Raja Mukherjee, is a Consultant Psychiatrist for people with learning Disability in Surrey and Border Partnership trust. He has a lifespan interest and expertise in neurodevelopmental conditions such as Autism and ADHD. His interest specifically in FAS started 5 years ago. The discovery that there was very little UK work into FAS led him to begin to research, teach, publish as well as see patients with FAS clinically. Dr Mukherjee has given evidence on FAS to the DOH, House of Lords and is a member of the NOFAS UK medical advisory panel. He has spoken at over 20 national, regional, and international conferences on the subject of FAS. Dr Mukherjee has published numerous articles in peer reviewed journals and lay press about FAS as well as appearing on numerous TV programmes on the subject. Dr Mukherjee is currently one of the few people in the UK specialising in children and adults with FAS, offering tertiary level advice and support in order to raise the profile of the condition in the UK.

Moira Plant, Professor of Alcohol Studies, University of the West of England, Bristol & Director of the Alcohol & Health Research Trust. Moira Plant has worked in the 'alcohol field' as a therapist and researcher since 1970. She has published widely and is a regular broadcaster on issues related to alcohol consumption and its effects. She was chair of the expert working group on drinking and pregnancy of the International Life Sciences Institute and has for many years served as an advisor to the World Health Organisation. In 1998 she was elected as President of the international Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Behavioural Research on Alcohol. She is Senior Research Consultant to the Addiction Research Institute in the Netherlands. The latter is affiliated to Erasmus University, Rotterdam and to the University of Limburg, Maastricht. Moira is currently co-ordinating the UK part of a major international collaborative study on gender and alcohol. Moira's main areas of interest and expertise are women and alcohol, drinking in pregnancy and alcohol-related foetal harm. Moira is Director of the UK and Isle of Man components of Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study (GENACIS). This investigation involves over 30 countries. The Nursing Council on Alcohol and Unison, the public service union, gave her an award in 2002 for her outstanding contribution to the field. Moira Plant is on the editorial board of Journal of Addictive and Adicciones.

Moira's publications include the books *Women, Drinking and Pregnancy*, *Risk-takers: Alcohol, Drugs, Sex and Youth* and *Woman and Alcohol: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives*.

NOFAS-UK, National Organisation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome–UK. NOFAS UK is committed to helping individuals affected by Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and their families. It promotes public awareness about the risks of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. NOFAS UK is a charity with the goal of raising awareness and to support individuals with FASD, their families and carers. Susan Fleisher is Director of NOFAS-UK, she is a member of the Advisory Group on Fetal Effects of Alcohol Systematic Review for the Department of Health. Founder of the International FASD Medical Advisory Panel. Member of Advisory Committee - International Conference on FASD Research, Policy and Practice Around the World. Adoptive mother of a 19 year old daughter with FAS.

Dr Philip Preece, Consultant Paediatrician, Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital NHS Trust
Dr Philip Preece is a consultant paediatrician with training in neurodisability. He manages a range of children with ASD ADHD and learning difficulties. Philip was involved in long term research into the outcome of children exposed to congenital infection before his appointment in 1989. He has developed an interest in the outcome of infants exposed to prenatal drugs, both medicinal and recreational; as part of his work assessing children prior to adoption. Philip has organised meetings on the subject for the MacKeith meetings at the RSM and is collating research on the subject for a joint monograph with Prof. Ed Riley.

Dawn Walker – Consultant Systemic Family Therapist, Team Leader Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care in England (North) – Dawn Walker has worked in CAMHS and Social Services for over 20 years. She developed a specialist Social Services CAMHS team in Leeds which included a training and consultation service for foster carers and residential child care staff. She is involved in family therapy training in Manchester and practices family therapy within the Manchester Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. She joined the MTFCE National Team in July 2004 and is a site consultant for teams in the north of England. dawn.walker@cmmc.nhs.uk 0161 918 5431.

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VENUE MAP & TRAVEL INFORMATION

**The Derby Conference Centre
London Road
Derby
DE24 8UX**

Tel: 0845 880 8101

Travel Directions

From M1 (Northbound)

- Leave the M1 at Junction 24 (signed Stoke (A50) & Derby (A6)).
- Join the A50 towards Stoke-on-Trent.
- Leave the A50 at Exit 2, continue onto the A6 towards Derby.
- At the Thulston Roundabout continue straight on, signposted for Derby A6 (A5111), Nottingham A52 and Matlock A6.
- At the Raynesway Park Roundabout take the first exit, signposted Ring Road A5111 (Also marked with a brown tourism signposted for Away Supporters and Moorways)
- At the Raynesway Island Roundabout take the last exit, signposted City Centre & A6.
- Continue past the Roundhouse Pub which is on your left.
- Continue past Wickes on your left, over the hump in the road and take the last turning on the left before the next roundabout through the black wrought iron gates.
- The entrance to Reception is at the front of the main building.

From M1 (Southbound)

- Leave the M1 at Junction 25 (signed Nottingham, Derby & A52).
- Join the A52 towards Derby. Continue for 5 miles.
- Leave A52 onto A5111.
- Continue until you come to the second roundabout with a BP service station on your left.
- Turn right here towards Derby City Centre.
- Approx 1.5 miles along this road (London Road), continue past Wickes on your left, over the hump in the road and take the last turning on the left before the next roundabout through the black wrought iron gates.
- The entrance to Reception is at the front of the main building.

By Train

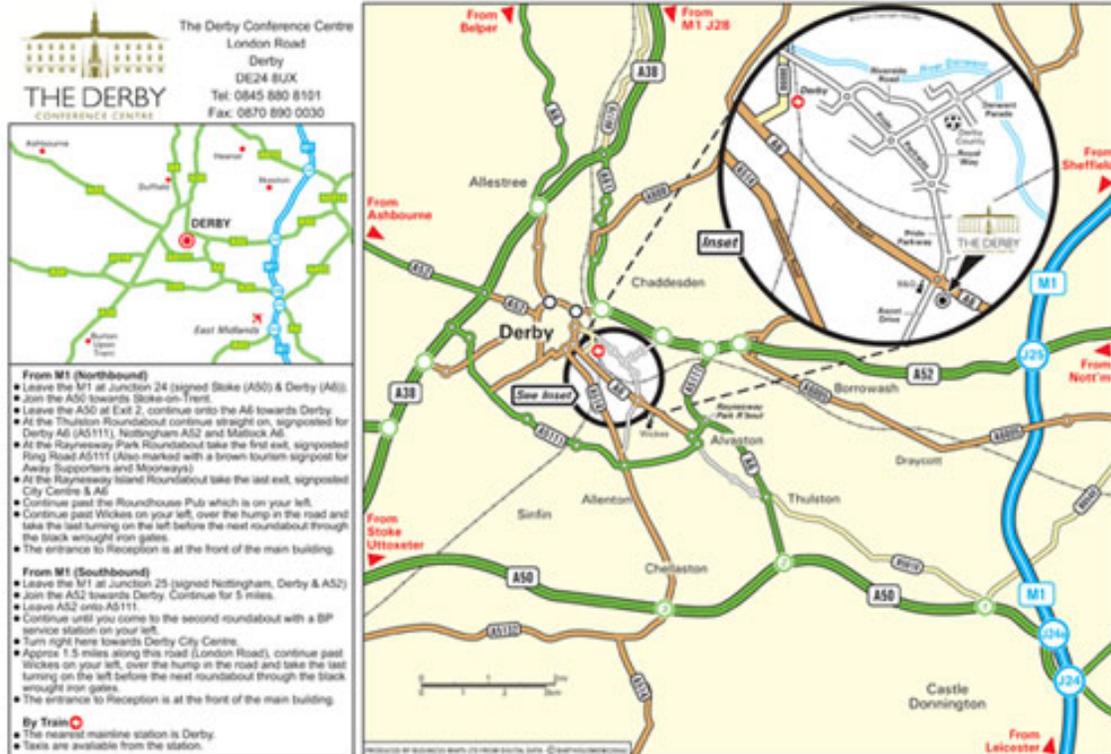
The nearest mainline station is Derby. The Derby Conference Centre is approximately a 20 minute walk from Derby train station or a short taxi ride away. Taxi's are available from the station.

On Arrival at The Derby Conference Centre

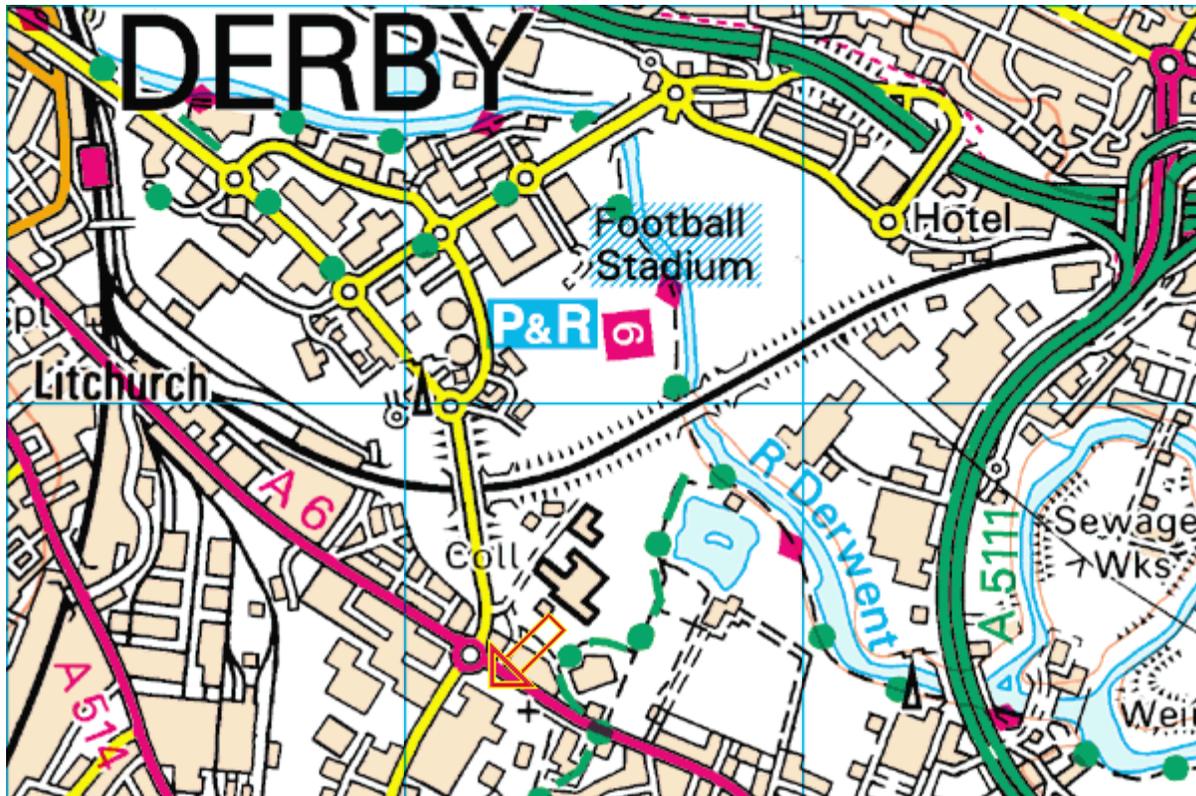
Please report to the reception in the main entrance. You will be directed to the Burdsall Building, where registration and refreshments will commence from 9am.

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