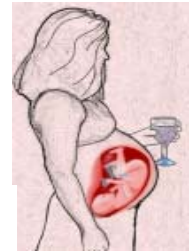


CONSEQUENCES FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY MATERNAL DRUG & ALCOHOL USAGE: A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH – CONFERENCE THREE

## THE CYCLE OF DRUGS & ALCOHOL: THE NEW PERSPECTIVE

**DATE:** TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008  
**TIME:** 8.45AM FOR 9.15AM START – 4.30PM  
**VENUE:** London House, Goodenough College, London  
(MECKLENBURGH SQUARE, BLOOMSBURY, LONDON, WC1N 2AB)  
**COST:** £110.00 IF BOOKED BEFORE 25/08/08  
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### PROGRAMME

CHAIR		
08.45	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS	30 MINS
09.15	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	15 MINS
09.30	LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES AND SECONDARY DISABILITIES <i>Dr Raja Mukherjee, Consultant Psychiatrist, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust</i>	50 MINS
10.20	CHILDREN IN CARE: OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR & THE LINK WITH FASD AND DRUG AFFECTED CHILDREN <i>Kevin Williams, Chief Executive, TACT</i>	40 MINS
11.00	REFRESHMENTS	20 MINS
11.20	DAMAGED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN <i>Dr Mary Mather, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Bexley Care Trust</i>	60 MINS
12.20	THE RISE IN DRUGS & VIOLENCE SPEAKER TO BE CONFIRMED	40 MINS
1.00	LUNCH	60 MINS
2.00	DOCUMENTARY	20 MINS
2.20	The Way Forward: The Family Drug & Alcohol Court (FDAC) at the Inner London Family Proceedings Court in Wells Street <i>Steve Bambrough &amp; Dr Mike Shaw, Family Drug &amp; Alcohol Court</i>	40 MINS
3.00	VULNERABLE ADOLESCENCE: A PARENTS PERSPECTIVE – 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 FASt Friends FASD Community Support Network, U.S.</i>	30 MINS
3.30	REFRESHMENTS	5 MINS
3.35	VULNERABLE ADOLESCENCE: A PARENTS PERSPECTIVE – PART 2 <i>Julie Gelo, BSHS/M</i>	40 MINS
4.15	QUESTIONS & PLENARY	15 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

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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

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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 50 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 50 Minutes

## AIMS & LEARNING OUTCOMES

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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

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Parents for Children have run conferences on maternal substance misuse since 2005. Here are some comments from past 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

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**Steve Bambrough, BA (Hons), One year Introduction to Psychoanalysis at London School of Psychotherapy, Diploma in Social Work, Diploma in H.E. in Social Work, PQCCA.** Mr Bambrough qualified as a Social Worker in 1995 and worked as a child protection Social Worker before joining a residential child protection assessment service in 1996. He became a senior practitioner at Legard FSU in 1997 and a Deputy Manager in 1999. While at Legard FSU he carried out complex child protection assessments for court and gave evidence on many occasions. Mr Bambrough completed an Introduction to Psychoanalysis in 1998.

In 2003 he became Service Manager of the Monroe Young Family Centre, managing a multi-disciplinary child protection team and carrying out complex child protection assessments for court. Mr Bambrough has continued to give evidence in court as an expert witness. He has a great deal of experience of working with families who are in care proceedings and the assessment of risk.



**Julie Gelo, BSWS/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.

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**Dr Mary Mather - FRCP, FRCPC, Consultant Community Paediatrician.** Dr Mary Mather has been a Consultant Community Paediatrician since 1993. She was the Chair of BAAF's Health Advisory Group from 2000-2005. She is the Medical Adviser to the Bexley Adoption and Fostering Panel and acts as a medical consultant for Parents for Children. She was a member of the Department of Health Reference Group which over saw the implementation of 'Quality Protects'. She is a member of the Editorial Board of *Archives of Disease in Childhood* and on the peer review panel for the journal of, *Adoption & Fostering*.

She is the author of *Doctors for Children in Public Care, the only* British textbook for medical advisers working in adoption and fostering. She has published work on the health of children being presented to adoption panels and the need to reduce delay in order to protect their physical and mental health. She has also published work on the statutory medical examination and the need to replace a formal system with a more flexible and holistic approach, which recognises the stigma attached to growing up in care and the consequences for health outcomes. She has been extensively involved in both the local and national training of medical advisers.

**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.

**Dr Mike Shaw, MB, ChB and FRC Psych.** Doctor Shaw is formerly a Lecturer and later Honorary Senior Lecturer in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at St George's University of London. Until recently he was Consultant Child Psychiatrist for 14 years at "Stepping Stones" a residentially based tertiary referral service for preadolescent children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and part of South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust.

Since September 2005 he has held a joint appointment as Consultant Child Psychiatrist at the Tavistock Centre and at NCH the Bridge Childcare Development Service. He is Chair of the Tutors & Training Programme Directors Committee and Secretary of CAPSAC at the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Doctor Shaw is also a member of the Expert Training Sub-Committee of the Family Justice Council. He has written and taught extensively on child mental health and the law. He is the consultant Child Psychiatrist attached to the Family Drug and Alcohol Court team.

**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.

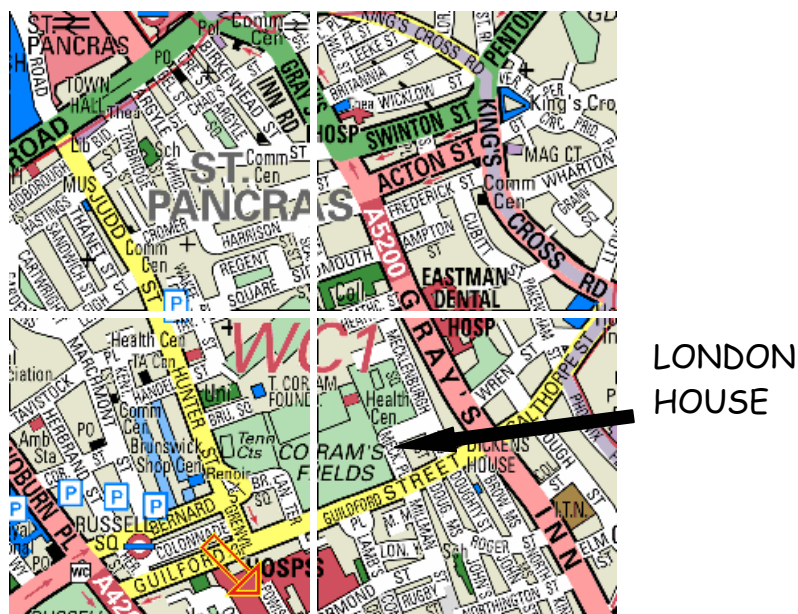
Kevin has a Master of Arts qualification in social work and a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He is a Trustee for the British Agency of Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) and on the board of Research in Practice.

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## VENUE LOCATION DETAILS & MAP

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Go out of Gray's Inn Road exit (near Hammersmith and City entrance) and turn left.

Follow Gray's Inn Road for about 1/4 mile until you reach Heathcote Street on the right.

Turn right into Heathcote Street and then immediately left into Mecklenburgh Street. London House is past the gardens on the right.

### From Russell Square Tube Station

Turn right out of station and go down to the roundabout at Brunswick Square.

Go straight over the roundabout. After 50 metres the road bends round to the right and 50 metres further on turn left at T junction onto Guilford Street.

After 200 metres take first left at Mecklenburgh Place and follow the road, London House is on your right.

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