

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

CHILDREN AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE MISUSE: OPTIMISING THEIR FUTURE



DATE: WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2008
TIME: 8.45AM FOR 9.15AM START – 4.30PM
VENUE: London House, Goodenough College, London
 (MECKLENBURGH SQUARE, BLOOMSBURY, LONDON, WC1N 2AB)
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PROGRAMME

	CHAIR	
08.45	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS	30 MINS
09.15	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION <i>SPEAKER TO BE CONFIRMED</i>	15 MINS
09.30	OVERVIEW OF FASD <i>Dr Raja Mukherjee, Consultant Psychiatrist, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust</i>	45 MINS
10.15	THE CHILD AT SCHOOL – WHAT MAKES SENSE? HOW DO THEY LEARN? <i>Celia Dawson, Headteacher, Cricket Green Special School, Surrey</i>	30 MINS
10.45	<u>EXCHANGE FORUM 1 (GROUPS – DELEGATES ALLOCATED INTO ONE GROUP & TO ALTERNATE PM)</u> 1 – CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES - DISCUSSION FROM A BIRTH MOTHER 2 – THE FACT PROJECT (FOETALLY AFFECTED CHILDREN'S TEAM) – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM: <i>Edwina Brocklesby, Director, Parents for Children</i>	40 MINS
11.25	REFRESHMENTS	15 MINS
11.40	ACCESSING SUPPORT <i>Dr Mary Mather, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Bexley Care Trust</i>	40 MINS
12.20	A CHILD FOR LIFE – FILM FROM NOFAS-UK (NATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME-UK)	20 MINS
12.40	LUNCH	60 MINS
1.40	<u>EXCHANGE FORUM 2 (GROUPS – DELEGATES ALLOCATED INTO ONE GROUP & TO ALTERNATE PM)</u> 1 – CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES - DISCUSSION FROM A BIRTH MOTHER 2 – THE FACT PROJECT (FOETALLY AFFECTED CHILDREN'S TEAM) – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM: <i>Edwina Brocklesby, Director, Parents for Children</i>	40 MINS
2.20	MANY DOORS, NO MASTER KEY: WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR SUCCESS? <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>	50 MINS
3.10	REFRESHMENTS	15 MINS
3.20	IF THE EYES HAVE NO TEARS, THE SOUL HAS NO RAINBOW <i>Julie Gelo, BSHS/M</i>	50 MINS
4.15	PLENARY	15 MINS
4.30	CLOSE	

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

To book a place on this conference contact Charlotte Lindsell on 020 7520 2880 or by E-mail: charlotte@parentsforchildren.org.uk or web: www.parentsforchildren.org.uk By 04/09/08

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 45 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 45 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 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

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.

Celia Dawson, Headteacher, Cricket Green Special School, Surrey. Celia has worked in special education for over 25years. She is currently Headteacher of a successful all-age special school for pupils with diverse learning needs including ASD, moderate learning difficulties, ADHD, severe learning difficulties and language delay.



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.

Tracey Hayter, Birth Mum. Tracey Hayter, 50, is the birth mum of a 23 year old son who was diagnosed with FAS at the age of 20. She lives in Tonbridge, Kent, with her husband and daughter and is committed to raising awareness of FAS. Her son moved into his own flat in June this year after she spent 14 months campaigning for appropriate housing and support for him. Tracey would now like to use the knowledge she gained from this experience to help other parents in a similar situation.

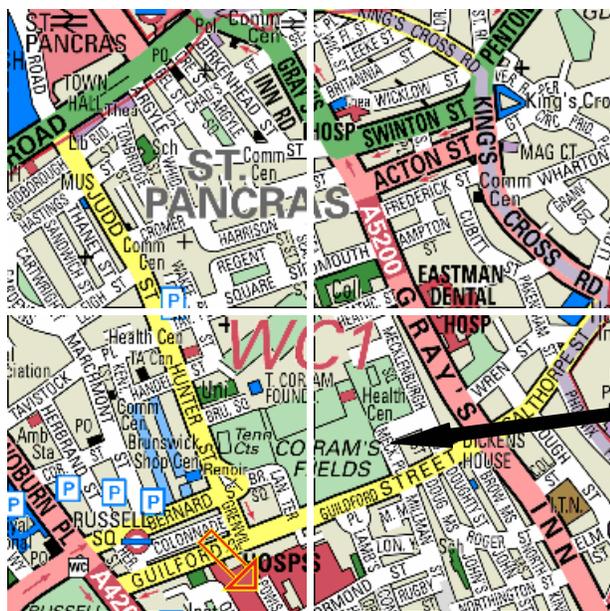
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Dr Mary Mather - FRCP, FRCPCH, Consultant Community Paediatrician. Dr Mary Mather has been a Consultant Community Paediatrician since 1993. She was the Chair of BAAF's Health Advisory Group from 2000-2005. She is the Medical Adviser to the Bexley Adoption 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.

VENUE LOCATION DETAILS & MAP



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Directions to Goodenough College From Kings X Tube Station

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.