

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

# DRUGS & THE UNBORN BABY



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**DATE:** THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008  
**TIME:** 8.45AM FOR 9.15AM START – 4.30PM  
**VENUE:** PONDS FORGE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE  
(SHEAF STREET, SHEFFIELD, S1 2BP, T-0114 223 3400)  
**COST:** £110.00 IF BOOKED BEFORE 25/08/08  
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## PROGRAMME

### CHAIR

08.45	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; REFRESHMENTS</b>	30 MINS
09.15	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION</b> <i>Dr Mary Mather, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Bexley Care Trust</i>	15 MINS
09.30	<b>THE FOETAL BRAIN &amp; ALCOHOL – DEFINING FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD)</b> <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
10.30	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	20 MINS
10.50	<b>THE LONG-TERM OUTCOME FOR CHILDREN OF DRUG ABUSE IN PREGNANCY</b> <i>Dr Mary Mather, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Bexley Care Trust</i>	50 MINS
11.50	<b>The Way Forward: The Family Drug &amp; Alcohol Court (FDAC) at the Inner London Family Proceedings Court in Wells Street</b> <i>Sophie Kershaw, Service Manager, Steve Bambrough &amp; Dr Mike Shaw, Family Drug &amp; Alcohol Court</i>	40 Mins
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>	60 Mins
1.30	<b>ASSESSING THE NEEDS – A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH</b> <i>Edwina Brocklesby, Director, Parents for Children</i>	40 MINS
2.10	<b>METHADONE AND TREATMENT PROGRAMMES: IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN – FINDINGS FROM A SERIOUS CASE REVIEW</b> <i>Edwina Greenwell, Service Manager, CAF/CASS</i>	30 MINS
2.40	<b><u>Discussion Groups to follow Edwina Greenwell's Case Review: To Explore the Risks to Children (from different perspectives)</u></b> 1 - <i>Ron Flowers, Trainer, Trustee of Solve-it and Former Police Officer</i> 2 - <i>John Clarke, Drug &amp; Alcohol Counselor</i> 3 - <i>Edwina Brocklesby, Director, Parents for Children</i> 4 - <i>Dr Mary Mather, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Bexley Care Trust</i>	30 Mins
3.10	<b>Refreshments</b>	15 Mins
3.25	<b>Managing and Living with these Children</b> <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>	55 Mins
4.20	<b>PLENARY</b>	10 MINS
4.30	<b>CLOSE</b>	

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 20 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 20 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 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.

**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.

**Ron Flowers, Trainer, Trustee of Solve-it and Former Police Officer.** Ron Flowers has a special interest in teaching and drug awareness training. He currently delivers teaching on a Level 2 national qualification in substance misuse in two further education colleges in the Wirral and in Chorley and South Ribble.

He is a former police officer with specific experience of working with young people and staff in education settings and in diversionary programmes for young people at risk of criminal involvement.

He has latterly developed close links with Sport England and a number of voluntary sector organisations to develop and deliver specific training around drug issues and drug policy implications for staff.

Ron is a trustee of the national charity Solve-it working to raise awareness of volatile substances and reduce the harm caused through their use.

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**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.

**Miss Sophie Kershaw, MA in Social Work, Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work, BA (Hons) in Social Studies, PG Cert in Adolescent Mental Health, PG Cert in Drugs Education.** Miss Kershaw qualified as a Social Worker in 1999. Prior to Qualification Miss Kershaw spent one year working in a children's residential unit for 11 to 18 years olds, and 4 years working in direct access hostels and day centres for the homeless. Miss Kershaw started work as a child protection Social Worker in 1999 for the London Borough of Camden until 2002 when she became a Senior Practitioner. In 2005 Miss Kershaw was seconded to Brunel University for a year as a Practitioner Lecturer to teach on the MA/BA degree course in social work, and she has undertaken research for the Alcohol Education Research fund.

In 2006 Miss Kershaw joined a Commissioning Team as a Strategy and Development Manager for Children, Schools and Families developing pilot projects and project managing a major reorganisation. During this period Miss Kershaw continued to work as a Senior Practitioner on the Emergency Duty Team. In 2007 Miss Kershaw became Team Manager for a child care planning team in Islington, managing a team of social workers carrying out complex child protection assessments for court. Miss Kershaw has given evidence on many occasions, and she has a great deal of experience carrying out complex child protection assessments for court, and continuing to work with families who are in care proceedings. In January 2008 she became Service Manager of the Family Drug and Alcohol Court.

**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.



**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.

**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.

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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.

## VENUE LOCATION DETAILS & MAP

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**Transport:** Ponds Forge ISC is located extremely close to the City Centre.

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**By Bus:** The Sheffield Interchange, Ponds Forge ISC is less than 5 minutes on foot.

For timetable and fare information, telephone Traveline on 0870 608 2 608 or visit the website of South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive at <http://www.sypte.co.uk>.

**Supertram:** The Supertram is also a reliable way of getting in and out of the City Centre, and Ponds Forge ISC has its very own tram stop (Fitzalan Square/Ponds Forge), which nearly all routes pass. You can telephone 0114 272 8282 or visit <http://www.supertram.net/> for further information.

**Car:** If you are travelling by car, the nearest motorway exit to Sheffield City Centre is junction 33 of the M1. This will bring you onto the Sheffield parkway and as you continue to head for the city centre, Ponds Forge ISC is sign posted.

