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Midlands Looked after Children Study Day

Delegate Pack

Wednesday 24th April 2024

09.00hrs – 16.30hrs

Becketts Farm

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Agenda

- 08.45hrs** [Coffee and Registration](#)
- 09.00hrs** **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr Sraboni Dasgupta & Dr Fiona Goodwin, Joint chairs of LAC network.
- 09.15hrs** **My Evolving Understanding of the Relationship between Adversity and Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Looked after Children**
Dr D Simkiss PhD, FHEA, FRCPCH, FRCP (Ed). Honorary Associate Clinical Professor in Child Health
Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick
- 10:15hrs** **Street Drugs**
Hayley Tyson & Vincent Jones, Forensic Services Department, West Midlands Police
- 11.00hrs** [Coffee break](#)
- 11.15hrs** **Important Cases**
Andrew Logie, Head of Service for Adoption and RAA Lead Officer, Birmingham Children's Trust, Adoption Service, Adopt Birmingham
- 12.00hrs** **Legal Framework**
Jerome o'Ryan, Head of Legal, Birmingham Children's Trust, Adoption Service, Adopt Birmingham
- 12.50hrs** **Talk from our Sponsors**
- Robbie Sharma, Senior Key Account Manager, Flynn Pharma Ltd
 - Rabeena Hussain, Proveca Medicines for Children
- 13.00hrs** [Lunch and Networking](#)
- 14.00 hrs** **Adoption Focus**
Howard Parker, Adoption Focus
- 14.30hrs** **Post adoption depression : from research to practice**
Dr Lynn Snow, Designated Doctor, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
***Description:** The presentation will describe the research into post adoption depression (PAD) for adult adopters and the implications for medical advisors and other adoption professionals. I will explore my research question to be addressed through the Churchill Fellowship and the potential to influence future national practice to address PAD.*
- 15.15hrs** **Current Updates regarding the Role of Medical Advisers and best practice.**
Ellie Johnson, Health Consultant, CoramBAAF
- 15.45hrs** **Peer Reviews (max 5 cases)**
Led by Dr Sraboni Dasgupta, Named Doctor for Children in care in Birmingham, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust & Dr Fiona Goodwin, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Wye Valley NHS Trust
- 16.25hrs** **Feedback & Close**

Aims and Objectives

Target Audience

Named and Designated Doctors for LAC, Medical Advisors for Adoption and Fostering and any healthcare professionals working within the health of children and young people in care

Learning Aim

The aim of the event is to update Doctors working with Children in Care on recent developments which are relevant to health care practice in Adoption and Fostering services.

Objectives

- To share good practice and learning through disseminating audits and sharing of effective regional service designs, with objective to promote consistent practice across the area.
- To offer Peer Review of complex and challenging cases within a specialist forum, supporting good practice and appraisal objectives.

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Speaker Biographies

Dr D Simkiss PhD, FHEA, FRCPCH, FRCP (Ed).Honorary Associate Clinical Professor in Child Health

Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick

Doug Simkiss has worked with children in care for almost 30 years in practice, research and policy arenas. He has been designated doctor for Birmingham and Warwickshire, wrote a PhD on patterns of health service use in families where children enter care and has just completed the EXIT study on transition for children leaving care. He is currently Chair of the British Association for Community Child Health

Hayley Tyson, Forensic Services Department, West Midlands Police

I have been part of the West Midlands Police Drug Expert Witness Team for 2 and a half years, and previously worked in a forensic drug laboratory for 3 years prior to joining WMP. My academic background is within forensics, having achieved a Bachelors and a Masters degree in this subject.

Vincent Jones, Forensic Services Department, West Midlands Police

Police Officer for 28 years/Staff for 4 years: specialising in drug investigations, undercover operations and intelligence for most of that time.

I became a Drug Expert Witness in 2005 and have completed 2200 cases in this capacity. The cases range from simple drug supply to gang related violence, homicide, sexual offences, drug death (accidental and poisonings) and child abuse/neglect linked to drug use.

I was one of the founders of the West Midlands Police Drug Expert Witness Team in 2010/11

My academic background: BSc Hons Psychology. Accredited Member of the British Psychological Society (MBPsS). I have completed post-graduate studies and research in Drug Addiction, Neuroscience and Social Anthropology.

I am an experienced volunteer counsellor for a national bereavement charity: specialising in drug related deaths.

Andrew Logie, Head of Service for Adoption and RAA Lead Officer, Birmingham Children's Trust, Adoption Service, Adopt Birmingham

Andy Logie is the Adoption Head of Service, Ofsted Registered Adoption Manager for Birmingham and Leader Officer of Adopt Birmingham the city's Regional Adoption Agency. He has 24 years' experience working in children's social care.

In addition to his social work qualifications, he holds a Post Qualifying Award in Child Care and Child Protection, a Postgraduate Diploma in Law, is a Signs of Safety Leader, and currently chairs the Midlands Adoption Commissioning Programme.

Jerome o'Ryan, Head of Legal, Birmingham Children's Trust, Adoption Service, Adopt Birmingham

Howard Parker, Director of Operations, Adoption Focus

Howard Parker is the Director of Operations at Adoption Focus. He is a qualified social worker who has more than 30 years of practitioner and management experience in local authorities and the voluntary sector.

Dr Lynn Snow, Designated Doctor, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Doctor Lynn snow is a community paediatrician working as Designated Doctor for looked after children for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and has worked with looked after children for over 20 years in various roles (including adoption adviser) in various areas of the country. She was until recently chair of the CoramBAAF National Health advisory committee and has focused on health records for children post adoption working with DHSC and NHSE.

She has been awarded a Churchill travel fellowship this year to look at post adoption depression.

She held a Fellowship with health education England East Midlands for two years looking at leadership in the SAS group of doctors. She has previously worked in West Africa in community child health. She is motivated by the desire to see high quality joined up services at all levels which ensure that the child looked after child remains the focus.

Ellie Johnson, Health Consultant, CoramBAAF

Ellie is the health consultant at CoramBAAF. In that role she is responsible for facilitating the CoramBAAF Health Advisory Committee and training / networking events, support and advice services for CoramBAAF health group members. She is involved in the national policy agenda and has contributed to published practice guidance. Previously Ellie was a midwife, health visitor and children in care nurse.

Being a bit of an outdoor person, she splits her life between Shropshire and the Scottish Highlands.

Feedback

Please take a few moments to complete the short feedback questionnaire.

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