

RCPCH Child Protection: From Examination to Court

Programme

Date | Day 1 – Wednesday 27th May 2026 Day 2 – Wednesday 17th June 2026

Location | *Online – Via Zoom*

Day 1: Wednesday 27th May 2026

09:15	Sign into Zoom
Chair: Dr Colvin	
09:30 –	Welcome and introduction
09:45	Challenges of court
10:15	Evidence-based briefings: ➤ Neglect ➤ Physical abuse
11:15	Break
11:30	Multi-agency approach
12:45	Lunch
13:30	Introduction to report writing
13:45	Report writing workshop
15:00	Break
15:15	Evidence-based briefings: ➤ Child sexual abuse ➤ Emotional abuse
16:15	Panel Q&A & close
17:00	End

Day 2: Wednesday 17th June 2026

09:15	Sign into Zoom
09:30	Welcome
09:45	Mock trials workshop
11:15	Break
11:30	Mock trials workshop
13:00	Q&A <i>Address by Sheriff</i>
13:30	End

Course Aim:

To equip paediatricians involved in child protection cases with the skills to gather evidence as part of clinical practice and effectively present this within professional witness reports and court testimony.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Produce professional witness reports to the court's required specifications
- Testify in court as a professional witness with the skills and confidence required to provide the best possible outcomes for the child
- Manage common child protection issues that arise in your clinical practice

Course Lead

Dr Bernard Colvin

Dr Colvin is a Consultant Paediatrician in NHS Tayside, who has specialised in the field of Child Protection in Scotland for over 15 years. He is the Chair of the RCPCH Scotland Child Protection Subcommittee.