

Child Protection Study Day

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Stirling Court Hotel



Time	Title of Presentation	Speaker
09:00	Registration and coffee	
09:30	Chair's introduction	Dr Bernard Colvin Consultant Paediatrician, NHS Tayside and Chair of the RCPCH Scotland Child Protection Subcommittee
09:35 2 x 30 mins presentations, 15 mins on guidance, 10 mins Q&A	Voices Lost in the Noise: A Tale of Two Neglect Cases: <i>Case 1 - The Invisible Adolescent</i> Dr Jennifer Horne <i>Case 2 - When 'Good Enough' Isn't - chronic neglect & difficulty navigating multi-agency conflict</i> Dr Morven Davies and Dr Cat McLellan	Dr Jennifer Horne , Consultant Paediatrician, NHS Lothian Dr Morven Davies , Trainee Paediatrician, NHS Lothian Dr Cat McLellan , Trainee Paediatrician, NHS Lothian Dr Jen McGill , Consultant Paediatrician & Lead Paediatrician for Child Protection NHS Lothian/East and Midlothian Dr Marianne Forrester , Consultant Paediatrician, Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital & Child Protection service lead, NHS Grampian
11:00	Tea / Coffee	
11.15	RCPCH Child Protection update	Dr Bernard Colvin
11:25 30 mins presentation #1 10 mins Q&A 30 mins presentation #2 10 mins Q&A	Head trauma • Abusive head trauma case (Sarah) • Cross-border communication case (Sonya) • Reflections for general paediatric practice	Dr Sarah Jarvis , Consultant Paediatrician & Service Clinical Director for Medical Paediatrics, Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital Dr Sonya Hiremath , Consultant Lead Paediatrician for Child Protection, NHS Fife
12:45	Lunch – 1 hour	
13:45	Non-fatal strangulation	Bernie Ryan , Chief Executive, Institute for

30 mins on guidance 25 mins case #1 25 mins case #2 Q&A – 10 mins	• Overview of forthcoming UK-wide guidance • Discussion of planned Scottish adaptation • Case examples (Jen and Sarah) • How general paediatricians can identify and respond	Addressing Strangulation Dr Jen McGill Dr Sarah Jarvis
15:15	Tea / Coffee	
15:30 30 mins presentation 10 mins Q&A	Unaccompanied minors – safeguarding considerations • Overview of clinical considerations • National context and implications for Scotland • Case-based reflections	Nancy Sayer , Designated Consultant Nurse for Looked After Children, NHS Kent and Medway
16:10	Summary and closing remarks	Dr Bernard Colvin
16:20	Close	

This annual event highlights developments in Child Protection. Specially developed for a Scottish audience, this 1-day course will give delegates updates into particular child protection areas and will address common challenges faced by general paediatricians when concerns arise about risk of harm to children and young people.

Learning objectives

- Gain an understanding of current developments in child protection guidance and practice.
- Improve confidence in identifying and managing neglect, with reference to forthcoming national guidance.
- Understand key learning from recent head trauma cases and implications for general paediatric practice.
- Improve awareness of emerging UK and Scottish developments in non-fatal strangulation guidance.
- Recognise safeguarding considerations for unaccompanied minors, with signposting to further resources.

This event is suitable for Child Protection level 3 competencies.