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RCPCH Child Protection Study Day 2015

BIOGRAPHIES

DR JACQUELINE MOK MD, FRCPC, FRCP (Edin), DCH (Glas)

I retired from clinical practice on 1 February 2011.

AWARDS

May 2010  David Jenkins Professor in Forensic and Legal Medicine
April 2011  Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Excellence Award for services to the people of Scotland
May 2012  Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the objects of the College

From 1994 to 2011, I was the Lead Paediatrician for Child Protection for the city of Edinburgh and the NHS Lothian University Hospitals Division. I am the current chair of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) Scottish Child Protection Committee.

I have published widely on various aspects of child maltreatment and appeared as an Expert Witness in Court for the Prosecution as well as the Defence in cases involving child abuse, both physical and sexual.

I was a member of the project board which produced the evidence-based review and guidance for best practice (The Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse. March 2008) and co-chaired the working group on female genital signs. I continued on the project board which updated the evidence base, and chaired 3 working groups - Female Genital Signs, Unintentional Anogenital injuries and Healing. The second edition was launched in May 2015.

Dr Owen Forbes - I am an ST6 in community paediatrics working in Glasgow and I have an interest in Child protection and safeguarding.

Professor Charlotte Wright is a paediatrician and epidemiologist whose research began with the study of failure to thrive in a child protection context, but has now evolved into a specialism in nutrition which extends to all aspects of growth and feeding in preschool children and obesity in older children. She holds a personal professorship in Community Child Health at Glasgow University and is based at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow where she works half time as a Paediatrician specialising in nutritional problems.

The rest of her time is spent working in nutrition and public health related research and teaching. She previously headed the UK RCPCH working group who

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designed the new UK growth charts and is now a member of the UK Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN).

**Dr Bernard Colvin**, Consultant Paediatrician with a special interest in Child Protection.

Dr Colvin graduated from Dundee University and did most of his junior paediatric training in England and Wales before returning to Scotland. He did his specialist registrar training in East of Scotland, serving as Trainee Representative for Scotland on the RCPCH Trainees Committee and Scottish Committee. He took up his consultant post in 2010, working in Child Development and in Child Protection, and since then has been the Lead Clinician for Child Protection in Perth & Kinross.

**Marion Wood** is a qualified social worker with more than 30 years of experience in the public sector in Scotland during which she has gained a broad range of senior managerial experience in children and families social work. She recently retired and is now working as an independent social work consultant. Throughout her time as a manager she gained extensive knowledge and experience in the assessment and planning for children in public care, including those going for permanency.

She has considerable experience in the area of child protection and risk assessment. She taught the Risk Assessment module on the Dundee University Child Protection course for many years. More recently she has led on the multi-agency roll out of a more strengths based approach to risk assessment in the authority in which she worked called Signs of Safety. It is based on a Strengthening Families/ Solution focused approach to intervention with vulnerable children and families. She has also led on the development of guidance for staff on Parenting Capacity Assessments and took the role of co-ordinator for some of the more complex cases.

She has particular strengths in helping people make decisions about ways forward in complex cases. She has been a member of various strategic groups including the Child Protection Committee and the Children and Families Committee of Social Work Scotland.

**Chris Clarke** has spent her entire professional life working in Scotland. After a decade in residential child care, both in Lothian Region and Barnardos, she qualified as a social worker in 1989. She initially worked as a generic social worker and then as a senior social worker in community care in Borders Regional Council. For the past 20 years she has specialised in the field of child protection, both as a chair of case conferences and as a Reviewing officer, as well as managing several social work practice teams in Scottish Borders. In her 10 years before retirement, she was Child Protection Manager in East Lothian, which at the time was a newly created post and which she developed into one that held a high degree of credibility and respect across all the key agencies in child protection.
As well as being an arms-length chair of conferences, she was part of the children’s services management team and had the role of ‘critical friend’ for peer managers and the social work teams.
She was closely involved in East Lothian’s decision to pioneer a new approach to holding case conferences, using the strength-based ‘Signs of Safety’ approach. The aim of such an approach is to improve partnership working with families and their wider networks.
Since retiring in October 2013, Chris has been a member of WithScotland’s Community of Expertise and has undertaken some independent work with a couple of Scottish Local Authorities.
She has post-graduate qualifications in social work, child protection and social services Leadership.

**Stuart Allardyce** - I’m Deputy Children’s Service Manager at Barnardo’s Skylight / Lighthouse, an Edinburgh based service that works with children affected by sexual abuse and exploitation. My background is I was trained as a social worker and have worked specifically in the field of sexual abuse prevention for the last 15 years. I am also chair of NOTA Scotland (as I have an interest in working with young people who display harmful sexual behaviour), I am a visiting researcher at Strathclyde University and an associate with the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice based there.

I am **Dr Ronald Lowe** and I work as a Forensic Medical Physician for Tayside Police Force, as an independent employee of the Constabulary. I have been a Principal in General Practice since 1990.

I have been a Forensic Medical Physician since 1995 for which purpose I received specialist training. I have worked previously for Lancashire Constabulary and Greater Manchester Police.

As a forensic physician I have seen persons detained in police custody at the request of the detainee or the Police. I have by request given lectures and talks on this subject to medical students, police officers and social workers. I also held a post as Medical Advisor to Lancashire Child Adoption Agency. I am currently Senior Lecturer in Forensic and Legal Medicine at the University of Dundee

I hold the qualifications Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Diploma in Prescribing Sciences, Diploma in Health Informatics, Diploma in Oenology, Diploma in Forensic Medicine and Bioethics, Master of Science in Medical Informatics, Master of Science in Travel Health and Medicine, Diploma in General Practice and I am a Member of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine.

I undertake Sexual assault cases both of suspects and victims in adult cases and child examinations for Non Accidental Injury assessment and Child Sexual Abuse. I undertake in the region of 200 such cases annually.