



AFA SCOTLAND HEALTH GROUP CONFERENCE

More than the sum of their parts *responding to the complexity of our looked after and adopted children*

Friday 28 September, 2018
Apex City Quay, Dundee
10.00am – 4.30pm

Theme

Looked after children have never had as much written about them as they do today. It is expected that all aspects of their family, personal histories and personal development are known and understood. Professionals and carers are charged with working together to ensure that health assessments and care planning provide for the complexity of each child's mental and physical health needs. We intend that each child is offered sensitive responsive and tailored emotional care and we aim to achieve a sense of permanence and predictability for the child at the earliest opportunity. Yet can we be sure we really know each child and how to care for them? Do we take account of how each child is impacted by their journey through care? Can we be sure that what we provide for children will ameliorate the impact of past adversity?

This conference will explore some of the complexities that can impact the child who requires substitute family care—from genetic vulnerability and teratogens encountered in utero, to adverse early childhood experiences and the significant extra challenges of growing up as a looked after or adopted child.

Speakers will include:

Paul Shiels, Professor of Epigenetics, Glasgow University

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - what has Scotland learned so far?

Jennifer Shields, Clinical Psychologist Foetal Alcohol Assessment and Support Team, Rainbow House, Ayrshire Central Hospital

Living with FASD

Maryelen & Paula McPhail, adoptive parent and young person impacted by FASD

The importance of relationships in healing developmental trauma

Nancy Gilbert, Director of SCS Training, Therapeutic Counsellor and Care 'Graduate'

Attachment and Impermanence: How carers navigate relationships with young people in alternative care contexts

Emily Taylor, Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology
Ailsa Morrison, Trainee Clinical Psychologist

The voice of Trans-youth in Care-experiences from health and foster care

Charlotte Andrew, Youth Engagement Manager, Three Circles Fostering (with colleagues from NHS)

Who should attend

Medical advisers to Local Authorities, Voluntary Adoption Agencies and Independent Fostering Agencies, Looked after Children's nurses, social workers, social work managers, panel co-ordinators, legal advisers to Local Authorities and Adoption & Fostering Panel Members.

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