

Childhood visual impairment and mental health: science into practice

2nd – 4th July 2018

Provisional Programme

Monday 2nd July

16:00 – 16:30 *Tea/ coffee*

The Philip Graham lecture (on behalf of the Mary Kitzinger Trust)

Introduced by Professor Rosalind Smyth (Director of UCL GOS Institute of Child Health)

Does attachment security matter in vulnerable children and can we enhance it?

Professor Stephen Scott, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London

17:30 – 19:00 Drinks in the Winter Garden

Tuesday 3rd July

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration*

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome Opening addresses:**

Mr Matthew Shaw Medical Director, Great Ormond Street Hospital

Mr Robert Kitzinger Chair (Trustees), Mary Kitzinger Trust

Dr Naomi Dale Chair of Organising Committee

Theme 1: Needs, research and outcomes

09:30 – 10:00 **Understanding childhood visual impairment and measuring quality of life**

Professor Jugnoo Rahi, UCL Institute of Child Health and GOSH

10:00 – 10:30 **Family wellbeing and outcomes for children with vision impairment: needs research and intervention**

Dr John Harris, Royal Society for Blind Children

10:30 – 11:00 **Cerebral visual impairment and brain dysfunction – from brain imaging to rehabilitation**

Dr Corinna Bauer, Schepens Eye Research Institute of Massachusetts Eye and Ear/ Harvard Medical School USA

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

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Theme 2: Early childhood needs and intervention

- 11:30 – 12:00 **Early parenting of infants and young children with visual impairment: Research and support**
Dr Paula Sterkenburg, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Needs of infants and young children with visual impairment and their parents: effectiveness of early intervention (OPTIMUM project)**
Dr Naomi Dale, GOSH and UCL Institute of Child Health
- 12:30 – 13:00 **The parents' perspective: the early days (parents)**
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch (plus poster exhibition Day 1)*
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Oral presentations** (five presentations – 10 minutes each)

Transition from paediatric to adult ophthalmology services: what matters most to young people with visual impairment.

Miss Alexandra Robertson

The feasibility of using a therapeutic computer game to engage children and young people with visual field loss in visual search training.

Dr Jonathan Waddington

Evaluation of the effectiveness of a community-based mentoring program on psychosocial functioning and social participation of adolescents with a visual impairment: A randomized controlled trial.

Dr Eline Heppe

Mental health, behaviour and socioemotional profiles of children with congenital visual impairment.

Ms Rebecca MacKechnie

A feasibility study to test a training package on ways to support the developmental stimulation of children with vision impairment in their homes in Malawi.

Professor Graeme Douglas

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15:00 – 16:00 **Workshops – Research into Practice**

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<p>Lessons from the OPTIMUM project: enhanced early intervention including the Developmental Journal Visual Impairment (DJVI)</p> <p><i>Dr Naomi Dale, GOSH/UCL ICH</i> <i>Dr Alison Salt, GOSH</i> <i>Dr Elena Sakkalou, UCL</i></p>	<p>The health/education perspective: mental health in the school environment</p> <p><i>Dr Huw Williams, University of Birmingham</i> <i>Dr Ian McCubbin, Oxford University Hospitals</i></p>	<p>Sleep and behavior regulation difficulties in children with visual impairment and additional disabilities: research and practice</p> <p><i>Dr Jenny Sloneem, GOSH</i> <i>Dr Ngozi Oluonye, GOSH/Moorfields Eye Hospital</i></p>

16:00 – 16:20 *Tea break*

Theme 3: Participation, habilitation, sport and wellbeing

16:20 – 17:20 **KEYNOTE LECTURE Focusing on Achievement: the Role of Recreation and Leisure Skills and Sports**

Professor Lauren Lieberman, The College at Brockport, State University of New York.

19:00 – 22:00 **Evening gala reception:** drinks and food served throughout the evening in the Garden and Garden Room at BMA House (Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP).

Wednesday 4th July

08:15 – 08.45 *Registration*

08.45 – 09.00 *Opening Addresses:*
Dr Jenefer Sargent Trustee, MKT, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Mr Tom Pey Chief Executive Officer, RSBC

Theme 4: Anxiety, mood and emotion regulation

09:00 – 09:30 **Identifying and managing anxieties and phobias in children with visual impairment**
Dr Clare Jackson, Addenbrookes Hospital

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09:30 – 10:00 **Emotion regulation difficulties in rare genetic conditions associated with visual impairment: new insights for clinical practice**
Dr Jane Waite, University of Birmingham

10:00 – 10:30 **Mood, emotion and behavioural autonomic dysregulation in septo-optic dysplasia**
Professor Paramala Santosh, Maudsley Hospital, Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

Theme 5: Social, behaviour and multi-sensory challenges

11:00 – 11:30 **Children with multi-sensory needs: cognitive and psychological needs**
Dr Mathijs Vervloed, Radboud University Nijmegen

11:30 – 12:00 **A novel assessment of social communication: Identifying autism in children with visual impairment (DAiSY Project)**
Dr Alison Salt and Dr Naomi Dale Great Ormond Street Hospital / UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health

12:00 – 13:00 **Workshops – Research into Practice**

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Family support across the childhood life spa <i>Dr John Harris, RSBC</i> <i>Sue Jones, RSBC</i> <i>Dr Jenefer Sargent, GOSH</i>	Navigation and mobility through the urban space <i>Tiernan Kenny, Wayfindr</i>	Managing anxiety disorders and mental health of children with visual impairment and ASD: evidence from ASD and practice <i>Dr Miriam Bindman, GOSH</i> <i>Dr Elaine Clark, GOSH</i>

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch (plus poster exhibition Day 2)*

Theme 6: Enhancing participation and wellbeing and outcomes
14:00 – 14:25 **Identifying and supporting economic needs of families, including with children with cerebral visual impairment**
Professor John Ravenscroft, University of Edinburgh

14:25 – 14:50 **Habilitation: enhancing mobility, orientation and everyday living skills**
Dr Karl Wall, UCL Institute of Education



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- 14:50 – 15:15 **Spatial technological innovations, enhanced mobility and socialization**
Dr Alessia Tonelli, Italian Institute of Technology, U-VIP, Genoa Italy
- 15:15 – 15:30 *Tea break*
- Theme 7: Ways forward and into the future**
- 15:30 – 15:55 **Lessons from the National Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service: considerations for a National Blind Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service?**
Dr Renee Barton, Consultant Child Psychiatrist, National Deaf CAMHS service (Somerset regions)
- 15:55 – 16:20 **Adolescence and transition to adulthood: longer term outcomes and results from the Longitudinal Transitions Project**
Professor Graeme Douglas, University of Birmingham
- 16:20 – 16:45 **Aiming high and aiming far: my Paralympic journey**
Millie Knight, School student, GB Paralympic Skier, Sochi, South Korea
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Summing up and concluding**
Dr Alison Salt *Chair of Scientific Committee*
Poster award *(Scientific Committee)*
Closure of conference: *Dr Rebecca Greenaway (Mary Kitzinger Trust Programme Coordinator and Dr Naomi Dale (Chair of Organising Committee, Trustee MKT)*