



Vulnerable Birth Mothers and Recurrent Care Proceedings

Final Report Launch

4th October 2017 9.30am - 4.30pm

Friends Meeting House
Euston Road, London

Programme

Morning session

- 9.30am** **Registration and coffee**
- 10.00am** **Welcome**
John Simmonds, OBE, CoramBAAF
- 10.15am** **Opening remarks**
Tracey Budd, The Nuffield Foundation
- 10.30am** **Launch of the final report**
Karen Broadhurst, Claire Mason and Stuart Bedston
Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University
- 11.30am** **Premier showing of film**
'Turning Points': birth mothers' perspectives on their journey to change
Claire Mason
Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University
- 11.40am** **Question and answer session**
Karen Broadhurst, Claire Mason and Stuart Bedston
Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University
- 12.00pm** **Lunch**

Afternoon session

1.00pm - 2.50pm Themed workshops

The afternoon is comprised of a series of themed workshops. Each workshop will be led by two experts in the field, one from practice and one from research who will offer additional input on the specific theme. This will be followed by a facilitated discussion and sharing of practice experience. Each workshop will conclude by compiling a list of recommendations and actions for future work. The workshop themes and recommendations will be published as part of an online conference report.

1. How can an understanding of **complex grief** help us work with birth mothers post-proceedings? Dr Danny Taggart, University of Essex and Daljit Gill, After Adoption
2. How can practitioners be better equipped to understand and work effectively with birth mothers who have experienced **developmental trauma**? Dr Sheena Webb, FDAC London and Anna Rickards, Pause
3. How can we improve birth mothers' and children's experience of **post proceedings contact**? Prof Beth Neil, University of East Anglia and Jo Daly, Stockport Children's Services
4. How can we work more effectively with **care experienced** mothers where there are safeguarding concerns? Dr Louise Roberts, Cardiff University, Carol Floris and Jennifer Coleman, Voices from Care
5. How can we improve practice in the context of the **removal of infants at birth**? Prof. Karen Broadhurst, Lancaster University, Dr Wendy Marsh, Surrey University and Denise Marshall, Birth Companions.
6. How can we work more effectively **in pregnancy** with women who have **mental health issues**? Prof. Louise Howard, Kings College London and Jo Greenway, Coventry Children's Services
7. How do we **evaluate** a recurrent care project (with limited resources)? Prof. Pam Cox, University of Essex and Tina Wilson, Positive Choices

2.50pm Coffee

3.20pm Expert panel discussion: What are the implications of this research for policy and practice?

Sir Michael Rutter (Kings College London), HHJ Lesley Newton (DFJ Manchester Family Court), Maud Davies, (TV Edwards Solicitors), Richard Green (Cafcass), Pam Ledward (Family Rights Group), Alasdair Smith (London Borough of Southwark)

4.00pm Translating the findings to practice: The RiP Change Project Susannah Bowyer and Claire Mason

4.15pm Closing remarks: Tracey Budd: The Nuffield Foundation

4.30pm Close John Simmonds, OBE, CoramBAAF