**Childhood visual impairment and mental health: science into practice**

2\(^{nd} - 4\(^{th}\) July 2018

Provisional Programme

**Monday 2\(^{nd}\) 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 3\(^{rd}\) 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.
   Dr Paul Lynch
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15:00 – 16:00 Workshops – Research into Practice

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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 – 22:30 Evening gala reception: drinks and food served throughout the evening in the Garden and Garden Room at BMA House (Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP).
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**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

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*
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**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

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**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*

14:50 – 15:15  
**Spatial technological innovations, enhanced mobility and socialization**  
*Dr Sara Finocchietti, Italian Institute of Technology, U-VIP, Genoa Italy*

15:15 – 15:30  
**Tea break**
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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)