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THAMES VALLEY & WESSEX NEONATAL NETWORK

We invite you to join us for our

13th Annual Multi-professional Clinical Study Day

Aim

To support quality improvement and development in neonatal care

- Open to colleagues from across the local provider units, Neonatal Networks, LMNSs/ICBs and Health Innovation Networks
- Multi-professional day aimed at neonatal consultants, trainees, ANNPs, local paediatricians, neonatal nursing teams, AHP professionals, psychologists, pharmacists, obstetricians and midwifery professionals

Objectives

- To engage multi professionals in the practice of antibiotic stewardship and the use of oral antibiotics enabling earlier discharge
- To raise the importance of parental/family education from conception onwards
- To understand neonatal nutrition and sensory aspects of feeding preterm infants
- To discuss the implementation of a neonatal surgical education support programme in local units for families and staff
- To improve family experience
- To facilitate reflective learning and enable local practice development



THURSDAY
16th October 2025

The Ark Conference Centre,
Dinwoodie Drive, Basingstoke,
RG24 9NN

£20

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PROGRAMME

8.30	Registration and welcome drinks	
9.00	Welcome	
9.10	Getting nutrition right for very preterm infants	Dr Aneurin Young Neonatal Resident Doctor and Clinical Lecturer in Child Health University Hospital Southampton NHS FT
09.45	Recognising the stress cues and sensory aspects of feeding	Amanda Lawes Occupational Therapy Lead Thames Valley and Wessex Neonatal ODN
10.20	Morning break	
10.45	Antibiotic stewardship for suspected neonatal early onset infection	Dr Kelly Brown Consultant Neonatologist University Hospital Southampton NHS FT
11.15	Oxford Neonatal Unit's experience of oral antibiotics and kaiser permanente	Dr Mark Anthony Consultant Neonatologist Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT
11.35	NOAH: Neonatal Oral Antibiotics at Home	Dr David Bartle Neonatal Paediatrician Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS FT
12.05	A panel discussion	Expert panel
12.35	Lunch break	
13.30	Poster presentations	
13.50	Welcome back	
13.55	Reducing risks for infant mortality in the UK- where are we now and what do we need to do?	Dr Jonathan Cusack Consultant Neonatologist and Clinical Director Womens and Childrens, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
14.40	A dad's experience of NICU	Elliott Rae MBE Speaker, Author, and Social Changemaker Parenting Out Loud
15.20	Afternoon break	
15.45	Supporting neonatal surgical patients in local neonatal units	Hannah Wells Neonatal Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist University Hospital Southampton NHS FT
16.20	Nurturing AI: bringing generative AI up in healthcare	Dr Umang Patel Chief Clinical Information Officer Microsoft
16.55	Closing remarks and close	



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OUR SPEAKERS



Dr Aneurin Young
Neonatal Resident Doctor and Clinical Lecturer in Child Health
University Hospital Southampton NHS FT
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Aneurin is a subspecialty trainee in neonatal medicine in Wessex. He completed his PhD in Neonatal Nutrition at the University of Southampton, focusing on optimising growth in very preterm infants. He now works as a clinical lecturer at the university, exploring the nutritional influences on growth in preterms.



Amanda Lawes
Occupational Therapy Lead
Thames Valley and Wessex Neonatal ODN
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Qualifying at Oxford Brookes University in 1994, Amanda has 31 years clinical experience as an OT and has practiced in Forensic Psychiatry, Community Mental Health, Paediatrics and Neonatal care. Her special interests include Pre-term birth, Family Integrated Care, Early Intervention and Neurodevelopmental outcomes. She works clinically in Swansea as a Neonatal OT.

Amanda is a committee member of the National neonatal OT Forum, as OT liaison representative for Bliss. She has been a lead author on national guidance such as the HEE e-learning modules for OTs wishing to practice in Neonatal Care and the RCOT Career Development Framework for Neonatal OTs.



Dr Kelly Brown
Consultant Neonatologist
University Hospital Southampton NHS FT

Dr Kelly Brown is a Consultant Neonatologist at UHS and is the Lead for Neonatal Early Onset Infection.



Dr Mark Anthony
Consultant Neonatologist
Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT

Dr Mark Anthony is a senior consultant paediatrician (neonatologist) based in Oxford who specialises in the care of infants aged 0-24 months.

He has a degree in medical microbiology from 1986, and qualified in medicine in 1989, both at the University of Bristol. He gained membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in 1995, and was awarded a PhD (molecular genetics) in 2005 from the prestigious MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine.

Dr Anthony is an author to over 50 publications in scientific, peer-reviewed medical journals and books. He has contributed to the understanding of infectious diseases in infants, vaccines and human genetic conditions.



Dr David Bartle
Neonatal Paediatrician
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS FT

Dr Bartle is an enthusiastic neonatal paediatrician, keen to promote safe and effective care to the neonatal population.



Dr Jonathan Cusack
Consultant Neonatologist and Clinical Director Womens and Childrens
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

Jonathan is an experienced consultant neonatologist. He is Clinical Director for Womens and Childrens Services in Leicester.

He has an interest in medical education and resuscitation science. He has an active role in clinical governance and safety in Leicester and oversees the Patient Safety Improvement Program in Leicester.



Elliott Rae
Speaker, Author, and Social Changemaker
Parenting Out Loud
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[Elliott Rae](#) is the founder of the parenting platform [MusicFootballFatherhood](#), called the 'Mumsnet for Dads' by the BBC. He is the curator of the bestselling book, DAD, presenter of BBC One documentary 'Becoming Dad' and co-founder of the [Working Dads Employer Awards](#).

Elliott created the [Parenting Out Loud](#) campaign which supports employers to build workplace cultures where dads can be loud and proud about their caring responsibilities at work.

Elliott is the ex-Head of DEI Delivery at HM Treasury and one of the UK's most prominent speakers on fatherhood, men's mental health and masculinity.

He co-hosts the popular podcast, [To Be A Boy](#), which is one of the top parenting podcasts in the UK and he has written for publications such as The Independent, The Telegraph and Grazia and frequently appears across the media, including a feature on [Loose Women](#) and regular contributions to Radio 5 Live and BBC Radio London.

Elliott was recently awarded an MBE and his work on gender equality has been recognised by the United Nations and he was awarded the #HeForShe award by UN Women UK.



Hannah Wells
Neonatal Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist
University Hospital Southampton NHS FT
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Hannah Wells is a Neonatal Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist with thirteen years of experience working as part of the Neonatal Surgical Team in Southampton. A proud alumna of Southampton University, she laid the foundations of her career with a clear vision for patient care and has continued to study, undertaking masters' modules and a Florence Nightingale Leadership programme to further her development. Dedication to the field was recognised when she became the first recipient of the Neonatal Nurses Association's Surgical Scholarship with the project entitled 'Neonatal Surgical Network.'

Hannah works closely with the multidisciplinary team to ensure family integrated care is delivered with respect and compassion. Beyond the bedside, Hannah invests her energy into research and education helping to shape the next generation of neonatal nurses and advocating for best practices across the network.



Dr Umang Patel
Chief Clinical Information Officer
Microsoft
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Umang is an expert in AI and healthcare with experience in both commercial and public sectors. An NHS Leadership Academy Fellow and active clinician at Frimley Health. Now, as the Chief Clinical Information Officer for Microsoft UK, he ensures AI tools are effective and relevant in real-world healthcare.

OUR CHAIRS



Dr Victoria Puddy
Medical Lead, TVW Neonatal ODN and Consultant Neonatologist, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust



Dr Eleri Adams
BAPM President 2022-25, National GIRFT Lead for Neonatology, Quality and Safety lead for TVW NODN and Consultant Neonatologist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.