CCLG ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Programme FINAL v2

The Children & Young People's Cancer Association

Day 1	**MONDAY 16 MARCH**			
07:15-onwards	Registration & Arrival Teas/Coffees			
09:00-09:05	**Auditorium:** Opening and Welcome Address			
09:05-10:20	**Auditorium:** PLENARY **NHS England's 10-Year Cancer Plan: Transforming the CYP Cancer Journey - What You Need to Know** Chair: Prof Darren Hargrave (Co-Chair National Children and Young People Cancer Task Force, NHS England) Speakers & Panel/Q&A Discussion: Dr Sharna Shanmugavadivel, Prof Pam Kearns, Prof Dan Stark, Dr Lorna Fern & Ashley Ball-Gamble Showcasing vision of newly-launched NHS 10-year cancer plan in England. This is essential information for all those working within the NHS to get up to speed with the latest plans. *Audience: Everyone*			
10:20-10:50	**Exchange Hall:** Refreshment Break			
	Auditorium	*Charter Suite*	*Exchange Room 9*	*Closed Meetings*
10:50-12:00	RESEARCH **From Sample to Breakthrough: 30 Years of Biobanking Transforming CYP Cancer Research** Chairs: Prof Debbie Tweddle & Dr John Moppett Speakers: - Role of PPI (Sara Wakeling, Alice's Arc) - VIVO BioBank/collaborations (Prof Sam Behjati) - Impact of the BioBank on advances in leukaemia research (Prof Anthony Moorman) - SMPPaeds1 and the biobank (Dr Sally George) - ECR project - Near infra-red fluorescence in Wilms tumour (Mr. Max Pachl) *Audience: Everyone (particular interest to researchers/scientists)*	PAEDIATRICS **Caring for the Whole Child: Working Together in Childhood Cancer Care** Chair: Jeanette Hawkins Speakers: - A multidisciplinary approach to mitigating risk and managing the complexity of acute leukaemia patients on A2G protocol in day bed units across the SW network (Dr Jemma Say & Sophie Bowman-Hogarth) - Building a collaborative CTYA PPI network: Bridging research, service delivery and patient experience (Hannah Greene) - A National Infusional SACT Education Package for Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Units (Emily Baker, Dr Jennifer Ho, Dr Jeremy Roskin et al.) *Audience: Clinicians, nurses & AHPs involved in children's cancer care*	TEENAGERS & YOUNG ADULTS **Exploring data, diagnosis and care through the TYA lens** Chair: Dr Lorna Fern Speakers: - 'Are we lumpers or splitters?' Analysis of the National Cancer Diagnosis Audit for patients diagnosed aged 0-24 years: Children versus teenagers and young adults (Dr Ruth Swann) - Data transformation across the North West CTYA landscape (Rachael Hastwell, Susan Keeley & Dr Lisa Howell) - Nurses' experiences of caring for TYAs in the criminal justice system (Jo Maconnachie) - A collaboration of TYA palliative care (Dr Laura Elder) *Audience: Clinicians, nurses & AHPs involved in TYA cancer care*	**Surgeon's SIG Meeting** 10:00-17:00 (Exchange 6-7)
12:00-13:15	**Exchange Hall:** LUNCH 12:15-13:00 (Charter) **Norgine Spotlight Session: From data to daily practice - Evolving protocols to optimise prevention of cisplatin-induced hearing loss** (Prof Bernadette Brennan) 12:30-13:00 (Exchange 9) **SIG Updates** Renal (Dr Sucheta Vaidya), Global Child Cancer (Dr Emma Johnson) & Neuroblastoma (Dr Ramya Ramanujachar) 12:15-13:00 (Exchange 11) **BioBanking Workshop for Research Nurses** all welcome 12:30-12:45 (Exchange 2-3) **Mapping funding of UK childhood cancer research against the James Lind Alliance Children's Cancer Priority Setting Partnership priorities: Final report launch** (Susie Aldiss & Dr Faith Gibson) 12:30-13:15 (Exchange 10) **POTG Networking Lunch**			

	12:30-15:45 (Exchange 1) **CLCN SIG Meeting** 13:00-15:00 (Exchange 4) **Radiotherapists SIG Meeting**			
13:15-14:15	DIAGNOSTICS | CLINICAL **One Patient, One Pathway: Clinical Diagnostics** Chair: Prof Steve Clifford Speakers: - Sustainability in paediatric oncological imaging (Dr Erika Pace) - Real-world experience of using the circulating miR-371a-3p assay for children and young people with suspected malignant germ cell tumours (Prof Matthew Murray) - Long-read sequencing and its potential clinical application in paediatric cancer (Prof Matthew Loose) *Audience: Clinicians & nurses*	PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE **Mental Health Risk, Trauma, and Psychosocial Support Across the Young Cancer Journey** Chair: Prof Anne-Sophie Darlington Speakers: - Anxiety and depressive disorders among children and young people (CYP) following a cancer diagnosis (Moe Zandy) - 'Still in Survival Mode': Trauma-mapping parent experiences of paediatric brain tumour (Melanie Rolfe) VIRTUAL TBC - Exploration of AYA healthcare and key support professionals' understanding of AYA psychosocial needs and perceived competency, confidence and barriers to communicating with AYA (Aileen O-Dwyer) - A realist synthesis of psychosocial interventions for young people after cancer treatment (Dr Sarah Lea) *Audience: Everyone*	RESEARCH | SKILLS | ECR **Juggling roles while developing as a researcher: Insights from experienced researchers for ECRs** Chair: Dr Jessica Bate Panel: Dr Jessica Taylor, Dr Aditi Vedi, Dr Tom Jackson & Dr Helen Hartley This session will explore how researchers in children and young people's cancer develop their research careers while balancing other roles - such as clinical responsibilities, teaching, leadership, building collaborations, securing funding, and personal life. The session will draw on insights from researchers at different career stages who have and are successfully navigating these challenges, while also encouraging shared learning with ECRs. *Audience: ECRs, researchers/scientists*	**CLCN SIG Meeting** 12:30-15:45 (Exchange 1) **Radiotherapists SIG Meeting** 13:00-15:00 (Exchange 4)
14:15-14:45	**Exchange Hall:** Refreshment Break			
14:45-15:45	PLENARY **Spotlight on Excellence: Award-Winning Research across the CYP Cancer Community** Chair: Dr Sara Stoneham Early-Career Investigator Award Clinical impact of ultra-fast whole genome sequencing in paediatric haematology-oncology practice (Dr Aditi Vedi) Basic Experimental & Translational Science Award Exome sequencing in children with b-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma identifies undiagnosed inborn errors of immunity (Dr Helen Griffin) Transforming Care Award The cancer experience of care improvement collaborative: Reducing inequalities and strengthening end of treatment and late effects pathways for teenagers and young adults in cancer care (Rachael Hastwell) Innovation and Change Award Driving system change through cross-sector			**Physical Activity & Exercise SIG Meeting** 14:45-15:45 (Exchange 2-3)

	collaboration: The IMPACCT initiative for paediatric cancer trials (Emily Hall, Solving Kids Cancer) Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Award (Lisa Thaxter Prize) A decade of change: Descriptive comparison of the BRIGHTLIGHT cohorts 2012 vs. 2021 (Prof Rachel Taylor) Patient Involvement Award Making a home for patient and parent involvement at the Candlelighters supportive care research centre: A collaboration with children and young people and their families (Dr Claudia Heggie) Multiprofessional Award Joined-up play care: Closing the communication gap in children's cancer services (Helen Morris) *Audience: Everyone*			
15:45-16:00	Comfort Break			
16:00-17:00	 **Auditorium:** Keynote lecture **PLENARY** **Communicating risks and uncertainties: Is there a trustworthy way to do it?** (Professor David Spielgelhalter OBE, Emeritus Professor of Public Understanding of Risk, and Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Cambridge) David is a distinguished statistician and communicator with regular TV and radio appearances. David focuses on the difference between how we think and how we feel about risk, breaking down numbers, the emotion and giving the audience a real way to decide upon how risk can really be calculated. He can put data into context and show how numbers can influence people on how to make a decision. He is delighted to join us in Manchester and has personal experience within our CYP oncology community – his son Dan sadly died of cancer aged 5 in 1997. Closing message for Day One			
17:00-19:00	**Exchange Hall:** Networking Reception, (17:30-18:30) Meet the SIG Chairs & Poster Presentations			
19:00-late	**Charter Suite:** Conference Dinner & Member Awards (live music)			

Day 2	**TUESDAY 17 MARCH**			
07:30-onwards	Registration			
	Auditorium	*Charter Suite*	*Exchange Room 9*	*Closed Meetings*
09:00-10:30	**PREHABILITATION/REHABILITATION** **Supporting Recovery: Integrating Exercise, Nutrition, and Gut Health in Cancer Care** Chair: Alice Kay Speakers: - Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation following a diagnosis of childhood cancer: Is there a role for prehabilitation? (Debbi Rowley) - Interventions targeting the gut microbiome to improve cancer treatment outcomes (Cecilia Morel) - Living with and beyond cancer: Rehabilitation approach to pain-related cancer late effects (Francesca Lambertini) - Reclaiming quality of life: Setting up an occupational therapy led virtual fatigue clinic for patients under the care of LTFU (Charlotte Betteridge) - The role of music therapy in oncology and haematology care (Claire Fraser-Tytler) *Audience: Everyone*	**PAEDIATRICS | CLINICAL** **Paediatric Oncology in Practice: Solid Disease Updates (Trials)** Chair: Prof Amos Burke Key updates and core clinical information for all those who treat children with cancer. - Introduction - Bone tumour update (Prof Bernadette Brennan) - PHiTT (liver tumours) update (Dr Madhu Dandapani) - BEACON (neuroblastoma) (Dr Ramya Ramanujachar) - EURbG2 retinoblastoma trial (Dr Gerard Millen) - SIOP-PNET5-LR clinical trial (Prof Steve Clifford) - IMPACCT (Prof Pam Kearns & Dr Eleni Syrimi) *Audience: All those interested in children's cancer trial updates*	**TYA | RESEARCH** **Next Research Challenges for Teenagers and Young Adults** Chair: Prof Dan Stark - BRIGHTLIGHT overall learning (Prof Rachel Taylor) - Next steps from the STARs mixed methods results (Dr Oana Lindner) - Measuring Quality of life & utilising PROs in practice with TYAs, in the UK and Europe (Dr Samantha Sodergren) - Living Lab - how can we all do this together (Dr Mari Greenfield) - Communication research in teenage and young adult cancer care (Debbie Critoph) <u>Guest speaker</u> What are the key next questions in immuno-oncology for young adults with cancer? (Dr Allie Shipp) *Audience: All those involved in TYA research*	**CLCN SIG Meeting** 09:00-10:30 (Exchange 1)
10:30-11:00	**Exchange Hall:** Refreshment Break			
11:00-12:15	**HAEMATOLOGY** **Leukaemia & lymphoma in CYP: Updates** Chair: Dr Emmy Dickens Speakers: - Finding leukaemia's Achilles heel (Prof Chris Halsey) - Update/insights into the Hodgkin lymphoma guideline/reported trials (UK & EuroNet) (Dr Stephen Daw) - How does blinatumomab fit into the ALL-Together-01 trial in frontline treatment? (Dr John Moppett) - Update on CiproPAL study (Prof Bob Phillips) - Panel discussion & Q&A *Audience: All those interested in haematology*	**MULTIDISCIPLINARY** **Improving the Patient Journey – The Practical Impact of AHPs & the MDT** Chair: Dr Sara Stoneham - Putting Play at the Heart of Children and Young people's Cancer Care: Delivering the CYP Cancer Plan Recommendations Through the Play Well Toolkit (Irene O'Donnell) - Proton Beam Therapy Supportive Care at UCLH & The Christie (Dr Carmen Soto, Prof Ed Smith et al.) Side effects, service differences, preparing families, MDT roles, and what we've learned about the PBT journey. *Audience: Everyone*		

12:15-13:15	**Exchange Hall:** LUNCH 12:30-13:00 (Charter) **SIG Updates** Neuro-Oncology (Dr Mette Jorgensen), Supportive Care (Eloise Neumann), Ambulatory Care (Dr Jess Morgan) 12:15-13:15 (Exchange 11) **Children's & TYA ODN Networking & Showcase Session** 12:30-13:00 (Exchange 9) **CCLG Treatment Guideline Development Session** (Dr Erin Hart & Liz Whitehead) 12:30-13:15 (Exchange 2-3) **Global Child Cancer SIG Meeting** 12:15-13:15 (Exchange 6-7) **Advanced Clinical Practitioner** (**ACP) SIG Meeting**			
13:15-14:30	**SURVIVORSHIP** **Life After Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer: Long-Term Health, Quality of Life & Risk** Chair: Dr Michelle Kwok-Williams Speakers: - Paediatric low-grade glioma across the years: Benign is not fine (Dr Katie Green) - SMILE consortium: Dental & facial deformation in survivors (Dr Shermaine Pan) - Key UK contributions to PanCare and IGHG's collaborative work in childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer survivorship care (Dr Rod Skinner) <u>Guest speaker</u> Subsequent breast cancer after cancer treatment at a young age: Scientific evidence and clinical implications (Dr Cécile Ronckers, Division of CAYA Cancer Survivorship Research, National Cancer Prevention Center (NCPC), Hopp Children's Cancer Center Heidelberg, Germany) Covering anthracyclines, risk factors, screening recommendations and clinical implications *Audience: Everyone*	**ETHICS & CHALLENGES** **When Children and Teenagers Refuse Treatment: Ethical Dilemmas in Oncology** Chair: Dr Charlotte Burns Two patient case presentations. Introduction First patient case: Treatment refusal in a teenager. 13-14-year-old with Ewings sarcoma who refused treatment (Dr Anna Jenkins, Sheffield) Second patient case: Treatment refusal in a child. 9-year-old patient who refused all medical treatment and did not want to be touched. (Dr Esther Blanco, Cambridge + team) *Audience: Clinicians, nurses & allied health professionals*		**CLCN SIG Meeting** 12:45-14:30 (Exchange 1)
14:30-15:00	**Exchange Hall:** Break			
15:00-16:00	**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT** **GUEST SPEAKER** **How to Manage Your Nervous System Before It Manages You** (Dr Claire Plumbly) The human nervous system was designed to cope with stress, but persistent demands can grind us down, leaving us operating in one nervous	**HOT TOPIC** **AI in Action: Smarter Care for Young Cancer Patients** Chair: Dr John Apps Speakers: - General insights and AI in neurosurgery and machine learning in neuro-oncology (Prof Ian Kamaly-Asl)		

	system mode only - survival. In this talk, Claire explains the neuroscience of stress and why some self-care strategies fail to touch the sides when we get beyond a certain point. If you struggle to switch off after work, or get to bedtime tired but completely wired, this talk is for you. *Dr Claire Plumbly is a Clinical Psychologist, EMDR Consultant and author of Amazon bestseller 'Burnout: How to Manage Your Nervous System Before It Manages You',* *Audience: Everyone*	- ECMC CYP Data Integration Platform (Dr Guy Makin) - RAPNO-AI (Prof Andrew Peet) <u>Guest Speaker</u> Synthetic Data & Digital Twins (Prof Theodore Arvanitis, Chair in Digital Health Technology, School of Engineering, University of Birmingham)		
16:05-16:15	**CLOSING MESSAGE - END OF CONFERENCE**			