

# CCLG ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Programme v5 Feb 26 (subject to change)



The Children & Young People's Cancer Association

Day 1		MONDAY 16 MARCH			
07:00-09:00	Registration				
09:00-09:05	<b>Auditorium:</b> Opening and welcome address				
09:05-10:20	<b>Auditorium: PLENARY</b> <b>NHS England's 10-Year Cancer Plan: Transforming the CYP Cancer Journey - What You Need to Know</b> Chair: Prof Darren Hargrave (Co-Chair National Children and Young People Cancer Task Force, NHS England) 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. <i>Audience: Everyone</i>				
10:20-10:50	<b>Exchange Hall:</b> Refreshment Break				
	<i>Auditorium</i>	<i>Charter Suite</i>	<i>Exchange Room 9</i>	<i>Breakout Meetings</i>	
10:50-12:00	<b>RESEARCH</b> <b>From Sample to Breakthrough: 30 Years of Biobanking Transforming CYP Cancer Research</b> Chairs: Prof Debbie Tweddle & Dr Ed Cheesman Speakers: - Role of PPI (Sara Wakeling, Alice's Arc) - VIVO BioBank/collaborations (Dr 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 Pacht)  <i>Audience: Everyone (particular interest to researchers/scientists)</i>	<b>PAEDIATRICS</b> <b>Caring for the Whole Child: Working Together in Childhood Cancer Care</b> 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, Lead Nurse Children's Cancer Network, Cambridge) - A National Infusional SACT Education Package for Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Units (Emily Baker, Dr Jenni Ho, Dr Jeremy Hoskin et al.)  <i>Audience: Clinicians, nurses &amp; AHPs involved in children's cancer care</i>	<b>TEENAGERS &amp; YOUNG ADULTS</b> <b>Exploring data, diagnosis and care through the TYA lens</b> 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 (Ruth Swann, Senior Information Analyst, Cancer Research UK/NHS England) - Data transformation across the North West TYA landscape (Rachael Hastwell, TYA Network Programme Manager; Susan Keeley; Head of Direct Commissioning Business Intelligence (DCBI) & Dr Lisa Howell) - Exploring the experiences of nurses caring for teenagers and young adults within the criminal justice system with cancer (Toucan Study) (Jo Maconnachie) - A collaboration of TYA palliative care (Laura Elder)  <i>Audience: Clinicians, nurses &amp; AHPs involved in TYA cancer care</i>	CCLG Surgeon's Meeting 10:00-17:00	

12:00-13:15	<b>Exchange Hall: Lunch</b> 12:15-13:00 SIG Updates 12:15-13:00 Spotlight talks & demo sessions: Norgine Session & BioBank Research Nurse Workshop			
13:15-14:15	<b>DIAGNOSTICS   CLINICAL</b> <b>One Patient, One Pathway: Clinical Diagnostics</b> 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 (Dr Matt Murray) - Long-read sequencing and its potential clinical application in paediatric cancer (Prof Matt Loose)  <i>Audience: Clinicians &amp; nurses</i>	<b>PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE</b> <b>Mental Health, Culture &amp; Communication in CYP in cancer</b> Chair: Prof Anne-Sophie Darlington Speakers: - The risk of developing specific mental health conditions among CYP diagnosed with cancer (Moe Zandy) - TBC 'Still in Survival Mode': Trauma-mapping parent experiences of paediatric brain tumour (Melanie Rolfe) - 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)  <i>Audience: Clinicians, nurses &amp; AHPs</i>	<b>RESEARCH   SKILLS   ECR</b> <b>Juggling roles while developing as a researcher: Insights from experienced researchers for ECRs</b> Panel: Dr Jessica Taylor, Dr Jessica Bate, Dr Aditi Vedi & Helen Hartley  <i>Audience: ECRs, researchers/scientists</i>	CLCN Meeting 12:30-15:45  CCLG Radiotherapists Meeting 13:00-15:00
14:15-14:45	<b>Exchange Hall: Refreshment Break</b>			
14:45-15:45	<b>PLENARY</b> <b>Spotlight on Excellence: Award-Winning Research across the CYP Cancer Community</b> <u>Early-Career Investigator Award</u> Clinical impact of ultra-fast whole genome sequencing in paediatric haematology-oncology practice (Dr Aditi Vedi) <u>Basic Experimental &amp; Translational Science Award</u> Exome sequencing in children with b-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma identifies undiagnosed inborn errors of immunity (Dr Helen Griffin) <u>Transforming Care Award</u> 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) <u>Innovation and Change Award</u> Driving system change through cross-sector collaboration: the IMPACCT initiative for paediatric cancer trials (Emily			

	<p>Hall, Solving Kids Cancer)  <u>Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Award</u> (Lisa Thaxter Prize)  A decade of change: descriptive comparison of the BrightLight cohorts 2012 vs. 2021 (Prof Rachel Taylor)  <u>Patient Involvement Award</u>  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)  <u>Multiprofessional Award</u>  Joined up play care: Closing the gap in children's cancer services (Helen Morris)</p> <p><i>Audience: Everyone</i></p>			
15:45-16:00	Circulating Break			
16:00-17:00	<div data-bbox="353 762 562 954" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Auditorium: Keynote lecture <b>PLENARY</b></b>  <b>Communicating risks and uncertainties: Is there a trustworthy way to do it?</b> (Professor David Spiegelhalter OBE, Emeritus Professor of Public Understanding of Risk, and Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Cambridge)</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Closing message for Day One</u></p>			
17:00-19:00	<b>Exchange Hall:</b> Networking Reception, Meet the Chairs & Posters			
19:00-late	<b>Charter Suite:</b> Conference Dinner & Member Awards (live music)			

Day 2		TUESDAY 17 MARCH			
08:00-09:00		Registration			
	Auditorium	Charter Suite	Exchange Room 9	Breakouts	
09:00-10:30	<p><b>PREHABILITATION/REHABILITATION</b>  <b>Supporting Recovery: Integrating Exercise, Nutrition, and Gut Health in Cancer Care</b>  Chair: Alice Kay  Speakers:  - Interventions targeting the gut microbiome to improve cancer treatment outcomes and their gastrointestinal side effects  (Cecilia Morel)  - Living with and beyond cancer - rehabilitation approach to pain-related cancer late effects (Francesca Lambertini)  - Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation following a diagnosis of childhood cancer: Is there a role for prehabilitation? (Debbi Rowley)  - Virtual OT fatigue clinic for long term follow up patients (Charlotte Betteridge)  - The role of music therapy in oncology and haematology care (Claire Fraser-Tytler)</p> <p><i>Audience: Everyone</i></p>	<p><b>PAEDIATRICS   CLINICAL</b>  <b>Paediatric Oncology in Practice: Bite-Sized Solid Disease Updates from Trials to Best Practice</b>  Chair: Prof Amos Burke  Key updates and core clinical information for all those who treat children with cancer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IMPACCT – Prof Pam Kearns &amp; Dr Eleni Syrimi</li> <li>- SIOP-PNET5-LR trial results – Prof Steve Clifford</li> <li>- Bone tumour update - Bernadette Brennan</li> <li>- PHiTT (liver tumours) update – Dr Madhu Dandapani</li> <li>- BEACON (neuroblastoma) – Dr Ramya Ramanujachar</li> <li>- Retinoblastoma trial – Dr Gerard Millen</li> </ul> <p><i>Audience: All those interested in oncology treatment and care</i></p>	<p><b>TYA   RESEARCH</b>  <b>Optimising Cancer Research and Trial Access for Teenagers and Young Adults</b>  Chair: Prof Dan Stark  - BrightLight overall learning (Rachel Taylor)  - Next steps from the STARs mixed methods results (Oana Lindner)  - Measuring Quality of life &amp; utilising PROs in practice, in the UK and in Europe (Sam Sodergren)  - Living Lab - how can we all do this together (Mari Greenfield)  - Communication with TYA &amp; next steps from my research findings (Debbie Critoph)</p> <p><u>Guest speaker</u>  What are the key next questions in immuno-oncology for young adults with cancer?  (Dr Allie Shipp)</p> <p><i>Audience: All those involved in TYA research and care</i></p>	CLCN Meeting 09:00-10:30	
10:30-11:00		Exchange Hall: Refreshment Break			
11:00-12:15	<p><b>HAEMATOLOGY</b>  <b>Leukaemia &amp; Lymphoma in CYP: Treatment, Trial, Care and Research updates</b>  Chair: Dr Emmy Dickens  Speakers:  - Finding leukaemia's Achilles heel (Prof Chris Halsey)  - Update/insights into the Hodgkin lymphoma guideline/reported trials (UK &amp; EuroNet) (Dr Stephen Daw)  - How does blinatumomab fit into the</p>	<p><b>MULTIDISCIPLINARY</b>  <b>Improving the Patient Journey – The Practical Impact of AHPs &amp; the MDT</b></p> <p><i>Proton Beam Therapy Supportive Care at UCLH &amp; The Christie</i>  Speakers: 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.</p> <p><i>Starlight Play Well Toolkit &amp; National</i></p>			

	<p>ALL-Together trial in frontline treatment? (Dr John Mopett)          - Update on Cipropal study (Dr Bob Phillips)          Panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</p> <p><i>Audience: All those interested in haematology treatment &amp; care</i></p>	<p><i>Cancer Plan</i>          Speaker: Irene O'Donnell, UCLH Trust Lead for Therapeutic Play &amp; Youth Services</p> <p><i>Audience: Everyone</i></p>		
<p>12:15-13:15</p>	<p><b>Exchange Hall: Lunch</b>          12:30-13:00 'Lunch &amp; Learn' Session: Treatment guideline development &amp; production (CCLG Guidelines Team)          12:15-13:00 Spotlight Sessions + Children's and TYA ODN Networking &amp; Showcase Hub</p>			
<p>13:15-14:30</p>	<p><b>LONG-TERM TREATMENT</b>  <b>Life After Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer: Long-Term Health, Quality of Life &amp; Risk</b>          Chair: Dr Michelle Kwok-Williams          Speakers:          - Paediatric low-grade glioma across the years: Benign is not fine (Dr Katie Green)          - SMILE consortium - dental &amp; facial deformation in survivors (Dr Shermaine Pan)          - PANCARE: A retrospective talk on key UK contributions for children, TYA &amp; broad lessons learned (Dr Rod Skinner)</p> <p><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</p> <p><i>Audience: Everyone</i></p>	<p><b>ETHICS &amp; CHALLENGES</b>  <b>When Children and Teenagers Refuse Treatment: Ethical Dilemmas in Oncology</b>          Chair: Dr Charlotte Burns          Two patient case presentations.          Speakers: Dr Anna Jenkins, Dr Esther Blanco &amp; panel of experts</p> <p>Presentation of two patient case stories (9-year-old and 13-14 year-old) plus discussion</p> <p><i>Audience: Clinicians, nurses &amp; allied health professionals</i></p>		

14:30-15:00	<b>Exchange Hall: Break</b>			
15:00-16:00	<p><b>PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>GUEST SPEAKER</b></p> <p><b>How to Manage Your Nervous System Before It Manages You</b> (Dr Claire Plumbly)</p> <p>The human nervous system was designed to cope with stress, but persistent demands can grind us down, leaving us operating in one nervous 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.</p> <p><i>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',</i></p> <p><i>Audience: Everyone</i></p>	<p><b>HOT TOPIC</b></p> <p><b>AI in Action: Smarter Care for Young Cancer Patients</b> Chair: Dr John Apps Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General insights and AI in neurosurgery and machine learning in neuro-oncology (Prof Ian Kamaly-Asl)</li> <li>- ECMC CYP Data Integration Platform (Dr Guy Makin)</li> <li>- RAPNO-AI (Prof Andrew Peet)</li> </ul> <p><u>Guest Speaker</u> Synthetic Data &amp; Digital Twins (Prof Theodore Arvanitis, Chair in Digital Health Technology, School of Engineering, University of Birmingham)</p>		
16:10-16:30	<b>END OF CONFERENCE</b>			