



**NORTH WEST PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE, SURGERY IN
CHILDREN & LONG TERM VENTILATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Friday 7th March 2025, 9am-4.30pm, Mercure Hotel St. Helens

MORNING PROGRAMME

9am-9.30am	Registration	
9.30am-9.45am	Opening by Key Note Speaker	Prof Simon Kenny, National Clinical Director for Children and Young People, NHS England
9.45am-10.05am	ODN journey; Reflection on the last 3 years and focus for the future	Joanna McBride, Network Director, NW PCC, SiC & LTV ODN
10.05am-11.05am	Deprivation and health inequalities - Why does this matter for our networks?	Prof Ian Sinha, Professor in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Alder Hey & Helen Stewart, Officer for Health Improvement, RCPCH
11.05am-11.20am	Morning break - Tea & Coffee	
11.20am-12.00am	Palliative Care	Susie Holt, Consultant in Paediatric Palliative Care, Alder Hey
12.00am-12.30pm	Transition	Janice Fauset-Jones, Lead Nurse, NW LTV ODN
12.30m-1.30pm	Lunch	

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PCC BREAKOUT

1.30pm - 1.40pm	Introduction & Welcome	NW PCC ODN Team
1.40pm - 2.20pm	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) in Paediatrics	Prof Ian Sinha, Professor in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Alder Hey
2.20pm - 3.00pm	Managing older children on NIV	Jon McViety, Co-Clinical Lead, NW PCC ODN & Lekha Sridhar, Co-Clinical Lead, NW PCC ODN
3.00pm - 3.15pm	Afternoon break - Tea & Coffee	
3.15pm - 3.45pm	Supporting staff wellbeing - Psychology support in a local hospital, Professional Nurse Advocate role, TRiM training	Suzy Emsden, Lead Consultant, NWTS & Katie Higgins, Clinical Nurse Specialist, NWTS
3.45pm - 4.15pm	Sharing excellent practice from self-assessment process	Lucy Allton, Lead Nurse, NW PCC ODN & Local provider representatives
4.15pm - 4.30pm	Closing remarks	NW PCC ODN Team

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1.30pm - 1.40pm	Introduction & Welcome	NW SiC ODN Team
1.40pm - 2.20pm	Fasting Guidelines for Anesthesia	Tamryn Miller, Locum Consultant Anesthetist, Alder Hey
2.20pm - 3.05pm	Analgesia and Sedation in ED for Procedures	Shirley Mulvaney, Paediatric Emergency Medicine Consultant, Alder Hey
3.10pm - 3.25pm	Afternoon break - Tea & Coffee	
3.25pm - 3.50pm	Setting up a Paediatric Hub, Benefits and the Accreditation Process	Tracy Denny, Ward Manager, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals & Fran Campion, Lead Nurse, North West Surgery in Children ODN
3.50pm - 4.20pm	Maintaining & Improving Paediatric Competencies in the Local Hospitals	Mark Children, Co-Clinical Lead, North West Surgery in Children ODN
4.20pm - 4.30pm	Closing remarks	NW SiC ODN Team

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LTV BREAKOUT

1.30pm-1.45pm	Introduction and Setting the LTV Scene	NW LTV ODN Team
1.45pm - 2.30pm	Social Deprivation within LTV	Harriet Wayman, Long Term Ventilation Clinical Fellow, RMCH
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Supporting CYP on LTV undergoing day-case surgery to prevent PCC admission	Alison O'Leary, WellChild LTV Nurse Specialist, Alder Hey
3.00pm - 3.15pm	Afternoon break - Tea & Coffee	
3.15pm - 3.45pm	LTV Decision Making and Ethics	Gemma Saint, Co-Clinical Lead, NW LTV ODN
3.45pm - 4.15pm	Complex Discharge & Support	Mark McNulty, Lead Nurse, Complex Care Support Team, Alder Hey
4.15pm-4.30pm	Closing remarks	NW LTV ODN Team

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Prof Simon Kenny

National Clinical Director for Children and Young People, NHS England

Joanna McBride

I am a nurse from the core. I have worked in both adult and paediatric fields in a variety of places for over 30 years throughout the UK. My career covers a range of experience within acute and critical care settings, including clinical, patient safety, Matron, Head of Nursing and Senior Leadership, adding to my portfolio leading to my current position of Network Director. I am enthusiastic and motivated to make a difference, driven by a vision to ensure partnership working that the network can enable through a conduit from providers to commissioners. I am passionate about healthcare and the challenges it brings and strive to ensure safety and equity for children, families and professionals involved in their care, with a goal to provide sustainable, quality equitable services with the North West region. I believe patient safety is pivotal to provide high quality care from competent and dedicated teams. Through my career I have written several publications to add to my portfolio, topics include: ward accreditation, quality improvement and COVID learning.

In my spare time (none!) I am a mum to two amazing children and enjoying walking my dog and love to travel.

Prof Ian Sinha

Professor in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Alder Hey

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Helen Stewart

Helen grew up in Lancashire and then moved to Edinburgh for medical school. After graduating she moved to Manchester for her paediatric training. Paediatric emergency medicine specialty training took her to South Yorkshire where she is now a consultant in paediatric emergency medicine at Sheffield Children's Hospital. She is the clinical lead for the violence reduction service as well as department lead for health promotion and mental health and active in the trust's health inequalities work. She is also the Officer for Health Improvement at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. In this role she provides clinical input into the work of the policy team advocating for legislation and action to improve child health. This involves work on health inequalities, vaccination uptake, oral health, vaping and obesity. She now lives in the Peak District with her family.

Susie Holt

I qualified with BMedSci BMBS (Notts) in 2004 and completed my paediatric specialist training in Trent and Mersey. I have a postgraduate diploma in complex care in children, young people & families. I have also completed training in understanding & working with child loss & bereavement in counselling & helping relationships.

I became a consultant in 2016 and since 2018, I have worked as the medical lead at Claire House Children's Hospice. My current post is as a Consultant in Paediatric Palliative Medicine at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool and I am the education advisor to the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health (RCPCH) for this speciality. My particular interests are complex symptom management and the delivery of palliative care in the critical care setting.

Outside of work, I have a husband, 3 teenagers and a dog who keep me busy and a love of being outdoors (hockey, walking, surfing & skiing!)

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Janice Fauset-Jones

Janice is both an adult and paediatric trained nurse, but after a brief stint working in adult surgery, she has mainly worked most of her career within paediatrics in the Manchester Children's Hospitals at both Booth Hall Children's Hospital and Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Her early career was spent caring for Children and Young People (CYP) with complex health needs across a variety of specialities including; Burns, Critical Care, Neurology, Neurosurgery and Long Term Ventilation (LTV).

She was then a clinical nurse specialist for 25 years, for CYP with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and then as WellChild Transition Nurse for young people with LTV and Complex Health Needs. Her interest in healthcare transition began in CF when she realised that despite being trained in how to care for children's and adults, young people are completely unique and need a completely different approach to healthcare. She became passionate about supporting young people with preparing for adulthood with long term conditions. Janice semi-retired 18 months ago and then joined the North West ODN part time as Lead Nurse for LTV.

Jon McViety

Having undertaken undergraduate training in both St Andrews and Manchester, and postgraduate training in the North West of England, I have been a Consultant Paediatrician at the Royal Bolton Hospital since 2011. Within this role, I am paediatric critical care lead as well as paediatric simulation lead.

Since 2013 I have also worked as a Transport Consultant with the North West and North Wales Paediatric Transport Service (NWTs).

I have been an active member of the North West and North Wales Paediatric Critical Care Network since my consultant appointment. I have also contributed to a number of local, regional and national initiatives to evolve general paediatric, paediatric surgical and paediatric critical care services.

I've been co-clinical lead for the Paediatric Critical Care Operational Delivery Network since 2019.

My main clinical interests are the development of high quality district general paediatric critical care services and their interface with tertiary paediatric critical care and speciality teams.

Lekha Sridhar

Co-Clinical Lead, NW PCC ODN

Suzy Emsden

NWTs Clinical Lead and MFT EPRR Clinical Lead with an interest in resilience and trauma risk management.

Katie Higgins

I have been a children's nurse for 27 years, I qualified from Central Lancashire School of Nursing in 1998. I worked on PICU at RMCH for 20 years looking after critically ill children. I came to NWTs in 2018 as a Transport Nurse and I am currently a Clinical Nurse Specialist. My role encompasses both clinical and non clinical, with an interest in research well-being and education.

Lucy Allton

Lead Nurse, NW PCC ODN



PCC BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

Georgina Haddock

I qualified as a registered children's nurse September 2009 and began my career as a staff nurse on the children's ward at Warrington Hospital. In 2013 I moved to a private children's hospital in London for a year. I then returned to Warrington as a staff nurse, and in 2016 gained band 6 sister role which also involved being joint HDU link nurse. In 2022 I began my role as part time paediatric clinical educator for the children's ward alongside my sister role and in 2024 this role was made full time. I completed my PGCert Teaching and Learning in Clinical Practice in 2024; education and developing staff is an area that I am passionate about. In 2024 I became deputy chair for Cheshire and Merseyside for NWPCCODN nursing sub group and I have been a facilitator for NWTS nurse study days.

Tamryn Miller

Dr. Tamryn Miller is a Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, where she is involved in advancing anaesthetic care through quality improvement, education, and global health initiatives.

With a keen interest in Quality Improvement (QI), Dr. Miller led the successful implementation of the fasting guideline change in 2023, enhancing perioperative care and experience for paediatric patients. She serves as the departmental lead for Audit and QI, ensuring continuous improvement in clinical standards and patient outcomes. Additionally, as the North West – Mersey Regional representative for the Quality Network of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCOA), she actively supports and disseminates best practices in anaesthesia across the region.

Her subspecialty interests include difficult airways, regional anaesthesia, and global anaesthesia. She has dedicated time to humanitarian medical missions, providing anaesthetic care in resource-limited settings with organisations such as Mercy Ships and Operation Smile. Through her global health work, she contributes to sustainable healthcare solutions and the training of local clinicians.

Beyond her clinical and academic roles, Dr. Miller is a keen advocate for well-being within anaesthesia, supporting healthcare workers of all grades in navigating the challenges of the profession. As part of her well-being advocacy, she is a passionate beekeeper, finding balance and mindfulness through working in her apiary and connecting to nature.

Shirley Mulvaney

Shirley graduated in Malta in 2001 and trained and practiced as a paediatrician for 10 years prior to moving to the UK in 2011. During this period, in addition to working privately and with the government, she was the first Doctor for the National Women's Football team for 9 years. Shirley accompanied the team in training and matches nationally and internationally, including in UEFA and FIFA championships. Shirley fought for the teams' equality as the only female board member of the Malta Football Association (MFA) and established a basic injury course and medical kits nationally, for coaches and staff at pitch-side.

In the UK, she completed her training as a subspecialist in 2016 and has been employed as a Paediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) consultant at Alder Hey Children's NHS Trust since. She is currently departmental lead for major trauma, paediatric procedural sedation and departmental and Trust clinical lead for Major Incident and Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPRR), HAZMAT and CBRN. All these roles highlight her main interests in PEM.

Shirley is a college tutor for RCPCH, a member of the Medical Education Board and an honorary lecturer with the University of Liverpool. She helps run and support the regional postgraduate monthly paediatric teaching held in Alder Hey. Shirley is very passionate about teaching and education, especially through lecturing and simulation training. She has established monthly Trauma Trust wide simulations in Alder Hey, with the aim of optimising and challenging the management of the Trust trauma team response in a safe environment. Shirley is regularly engaged in teaching lay people and children basic paediatric resuscitation and management of injuries skills in school settings.



SIC BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

Tracy Denny

Started my nursing career in 1987 in a completely different environment than today. Qualified as RGN then completed post registration RSCN course, qualifying in 1992. Commenced staff nurse post at RMCH, Nephrology/Urology ward. My passion for children's surgery grew from this. Cared for children having day case surgery to more complex surgery.

Moved to Lancaster Royal infirmary in 2003 and worked on children's day case, first as staff nurse then clinical leader.

Moved to present post as ward manager for children's day case in 2018 at Royal Preston Hospital.

Fran Campion

I began my adult nurse training in 1983 in Lancaster, my first job was as a staff nurse on the Children's surgical ward. I loved that so much that in 1988 I began the post registration RSCN course at Great Ormond Street Hospital. I returned to the Northwest working initially at Preston, and then Lancaster. Following a period in the community, I returned to the hospital working predominantly in children's day case work with elective surgery and medical cases. I progressed to the manager of the unit, later becoming Matron managing children's and neonatal services in Lancaster, working closely with Furness General when the trust merged.

Surgery has always been my passion; I feel that during this time I have witnessed so much change for children, young people and their families, with the recognition of the need for emotional support and prep prior to surgery as well as wound care, pain management and the increased use of day case surgery and shortened length of stays. There has also been an increased focus on governance, education, training and consistent standards supporting the delivery of best practice through the work of Operational Delivery Networks and other NHS bodies.

Working in the northwest has enabled me to understand the geographical challenges that patients have to access treatment as well, as health deprivation, communication and collaborative working with a multidisciplinary approach as well as the roles that district general hospitals and tertiary centres have.

I have always had the young person's best interests at heart being their advocate and voice when required, I have tried to continue this in the past 18 months utilising my knowledge and experience in my role as the Lead Nurse for Surgery in Children in the NWODN.

Mark Children

Co-Clinical Lead, North West Surgery in Children ODN

Harriet Wayman

Long Term Ventilation Clinical Fellow, RMCH

Alison O'Leary

I currently work as the Long Term Ventilation (LTV) Nurse Specialist at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, a role I've had the privilege of holding since 2021. Prior to this, I spent 17 years working in the High Dependency Unit (HDU), where I cared for many LTV patients over the years and built strong relationships with their families. This experience made my transition to the LTV role a positive one.

In my current position, I am deeply involved in supporting the transition of children to adult services, as well as helping to develop new systems to improve patient care. I work alongside the LTV team to provide ongoing support for families throughout their journey. As LTV is a growing patient population, I've helped create training packages for ward staff, theatre teams, community children's nursing teams (CCNT), district general hospitals (DGHs), hospices, care agencies, and schools. These initiatives ensure children can receive high-quality care in their own communities, close to home.

In addition, as a WellChild nurse, I've connected families to others in similar situations, offering them peer support and guidance on everything from travel and holidays to general advice. This has been incredibly rewarding, as it empowers families to navigate the challenges of living with complex health needs.

Gemma Saint

Dr Gemma Saint studied medicine at The University of Leeds before starting her foundation training at Leeds General Infirmary. She was then appointed to a paediatric training post within the Yorkshire Deanery. After completing four years of training and her Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health membership, she successfully applied for a research fellowship and completed a Wellcome Funded PhD on the role of the neutrophil in RSV bronchiolitis. Following this she was appointed to a NIHR clinical lectureship post with The University of Liverpool which she did alongside her specialist paediatric respiratory training at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. She gained her CCT in 2019. After 18 months at Alder Hey working as a post-CCT fellow in respiratory and long-term ventilation, and a further 10 months as a locum consultant at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital she was appointed to a substantive consultant post at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust.

Gemma currently works as part of the respiratory team at Alder Hey and has a special interest in bronchiectasis and respiratory complications of Down Syndrome. She is also part of the Sleep and Long-Term Ventilation service and has completed her training as a sleep practitioner. In addition to her clinical role Gemma is on the respiratory CSAC and is a Paediatric Clinical Lead within the North West LTV ODN.



LTV BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

Mark McNulty

Dual qualified paediatric nurse and social worker. Main focus is supporting children and YP with medical complexity during their admission and seeking to resolve the non medical barriers to discharge too i.e. establishing care packages, coordinating care, referrals to social care and other agencies. Also I am named point of contact for families and clinicians and act as the bridge between hospital and community.

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