1st ANNOUNCEMENT / CALL FOR PAPERS

8th INTERNATIONAL CARDIFF CONFERENCE ON PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE 26th – 28th JULY 2017

Worlds apart: 
Culture and context in caring for the whole child

We seem to have set ourselves an impossible task. The claim of children’s palliative care is that we will care for the child ‘holistically’. If we took that literally, there would never be time to care for more than one child at a time, even if we set aside the need for us as carers to lead our own lives.

In practice, when we talk about holism we mean many different things. The idea of ‘holistic’ care is an acknowledgement that the child’s existence is complex; that it is more than the physical and includes the spiritual and psychosocial, and that the child’s illness is not separable from the child him- or herself. It expresses a commitment that in palliative care we are going to try and remember all these dimensions when it comes to caring for each individual child and family. Because if we are committed to an idea of holism, we are also committed to an idea of compassion that requires us to consider each child as though in that moment she were the only child.

But holism also represents a recognition that a child exists in, and is dependent on, a network of people that includes parents, siblings, grandparents and so on in ever-increasing circles that extend to include society as a whole. Society is people who have never met the child, but who we consider to have some role and responsibility in caring for her through their attitudes and the policies they support or enact. A society’s culture - the way it thinks about children in general and dying in general - therefore has a profound impact on the way we can care for each child and family. The more we try to consider the child’s needs multidimensionally, outside the traditional medical model, the more relevant culture and society become. Paradoxically, the more we expect a similar standard of care in all cultures, the more important it becomes to recognise how distinct those cultures can be.

This year we will consider the challenge of providing the same standard of care for children and their families in countries across the world, in the face of cultural contexts that can be vastly different in the way they understand medicine, dying, palliative care, ideas of family - and even the way they think of and value children themselves. The theme of the 2017 Cardiff Conference on Paediatric Palliative Care will be Worlds apart: culture and context in caring for the whole child.

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We are pleased to announce that abstract submissions are invited for oral, poster or workshop presentations. A submission form is enclosed and will also be available on the website (details to follow shortly) or a copy can be emailed to you. Please email your request to ppc2017@cardiff.ac.uk

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The deadline for abstracts is 21st February 2017. Authors will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by email as soon as possible after this date. Note: Abstracts may appear in black and white in the book of abstracts. Enquiries regarding abstract content to Richard Hain via linda.baker@wales.nhs.uk

Conference Registration Policy
Contributions must be presented by one of the authors, or, if none of the authors are able to attend the presentation can be made by a qualified substitute. All contributors will be required to register and pay in full.

Registration Fees and indicative programme
Further details will follow. If, in the meantime, we can help with an enquiry please contact the conference management team on: +44 (0) 29 2087 6365 or email us at PPC2017@cardiff.ac.uk

Conference Venue
The conference will be held at Cardiff University. The conference will commence on Wednesday 26th July and end Friday 28th July 2017.

Further details to follow

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