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9.00am—4.30pm (Refreshments Included)

2019 York Family Justice Board Conference

Friday 22nd November 2019

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Mr Justice Cobb
Family Liaison Judge
Developments in Family Law from a National Perspective

Sir Stephen Cobb was a specialist family law barrister for over 20 years before being appointed to the Bench. In 2003 he was appointed as a QC and was involved in many high profile cases and won the prize for Family Law QC of the Year at Jordan Publishing's Family Law Awards 2012. For 2 years he was Chairman of the Family Law Bar Association (FLBA), at a time of significant change for the Family Bar. In December 2012, he was appointed a High Court Judge sitting in the Family Division. In July 2015 he was appointed Family Division Liaison Judge for the North Eastern Circuit.



Darren Spooner
Psychologist
Parental Alienation

Darren currently works as an independent clinical psychologist, specialising in expert witness reporting in the Family Courts. He has 20 years' experience in the medico-legal assessment of children, parents and families in cases of child maltreatment. He regularly gives expert assessments and oral evidence in Court, including the High Court. He has delivered training in relation to child maltreatment, parental alienation, parent-rejection, attachment trauma and family psychopathology. Previously, Darren was clinical director of The St. Giles Clinic in Norwich for 15 years.



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Mystery Speaker

This year, in addition to the speakers detailed below, we hope to be joined by a mystery speaker. Their identity will be confirmed closer to the event.



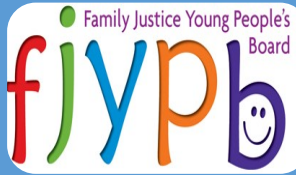
Carmel Offord
Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS)
Domestic Violence from a Local Perspective

Carmel works for Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS), the leading specialist domestic abuse charity in Yorkshire. IDAS also offer expert advice and support to anyone affected by sexual violence and abuse. Carmel has worked as a Family Court Liaison for IDAS and conducted a review of the experience of domestic abuse survivors in the Family Courts. In January 2019, she held a consultation to make recommendations for improvements. She has since set up a Domestic Abuse & Family Court working group and written a website for IDAS supporting survivors of domestic abuse through the Family Courts.



Dr Fiona Gullon-Scott
Digital Forensics
Working with Families with Autism in Child Protection

Dr Gullon-Scott is a leading academic in the Psychology with a particular focus on Autism. Based at Newcastle University she has collaborated with groups around the UK and the world, including seven years at Cambridge University with Dr Simon Baron-Cohen. She regularly produces reports and appears as an expert witness in Children Act proceedings.



Selection of Speakers

Family Justice

Young People's Board

FJYPB are a group of over 50 children and young people aged between 7 and 25 years old. A subgroup of the local family justice board who regularly attend and contribute to local family justice. All their members have either had direct experience of the family justice system or have an interest in children's rights and family courts.



Jo Miles

County Practice Lead/

Principle Social Worker NYCC

Jo has been a qualified Social Worker since 1992 and has worked for NYCC Children & Families Service since 1994 – mainly in Safeguarding. Jo has been a manager within Safeguarding since 2002, working within the principles of Signs of Safety since approximately 2007/2008. Jo now champions and also supports the Children & Families workforce in the Strength in Relationships Practice model – across the service.

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9.00—Coffee and registration

9.15—Morning Session I

Including introductory talks from the 'Mystery Speaker' and Mr Justice Cobb, followed by a Case Law review and update.

10.30—Break

10.45—Morning Session II

Including talks from Darren Spooner and CYFOR.

12.30—Lunch Break (buffet provided)

13.30—Afternoon Session I

Including talks from Carmel Offord and Dr Fiona Gullon-Scott.

14.45—Break

15.00—Afternoon Session II

Representatives of FJYPB, and a talk from Jo Miles.

16.00—Plenary and Closing Remarks

BOOKING AND CONTACT DETAILS

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