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The Nuffield Family Justice Observatory, Regional Research Symposium

**Looked after children: permanency and pathways:**

**New insights from research**

**25th September 2018, 10.00am - 4.00pm**

Hosted by The Centre for Child and Family Justice Research

Lancaster House Hotel, Lancaster

**Programme**

9.30am Registration and coffee

10.00am Welcome and opening remarks**,** Professor Karen Broadhurst (Chair), Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University

10.10am ***Developing The Nuffield Family Justice Observatory,***

Rob Street, Director of Justice, The Nuffield Foundation and Claire Mason, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University

10.20am ***Direct contact in permanent care in Australia: Implications for supporting Children, Carers***

***and Birth Families***

Dr. Susan Collings, The Institute of Open Adoption, University of Sydney.

10.50am Questions and Answers

11.05amCoffee

11.20-12.45pm **Parallel Sessions**

**Parallel session 1**

**Findings on the durability of supervision orders and special guardianship**

Professor Judith Harwin and Dr Bachar Alrouh, The Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University

**Kinship Care- Where are we up to?** Caroline Lynch, Family Rights Group

**Parallel Session 2**

**Permanently Progressing? Building secure futures for children in Scotland**

Dr Linda Cusworth, The Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University and Dr Helen Whincup, University of Stirling

**Unaccompanied Migrant Children in the Care System**

Laura Wood, Department of Sociology, Lancaster University

12.45pm Lunch

1.30pm - 2.45pm **Parallel Sessions**

**Parallel Session 3**

**Fathers Up Against It: Fathers in care proceedings and their risk of recurrence**

Dr. Stuart Bedston and Lindsay Youansamouth

**Messages from practice with vulnerable birth mothers**

Sam Harrison, Practice Lead, Pause Cumbria and Alan Garner, Practice Lead, Pause Blackpool

**Parallel Session 4**

**Disrupting the routes between care and custody: learning from females in the care and criminal justice** **systems** - Dr Claire Fitzpatrick, Department of Law, Lancaster University

**Lifelong Links – Creating long term networks of support for looked after children** – Janet McCullough and Margot Thomson, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership

2.45pm Coffee

3.00pm Round table discussion

3.30pm Feedback

3.45pm Closing Remarks, Professor Karen Broadhurst and Rob Street

4.00pm Close