CCNA Programme

Towards a comprehensive Paediatric Cardiology Service

Tuesday 17th November 2026

Room: Pearl Suite

08:00 – 09:00	Registration	
Session 1: Empowerment of Staff		
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome and Introduction	CCNA Team
09:05 – 09:25	Antenatal Diagnosis of CHD - Who is it important for?	Dr Leila Rittey
09:25 – 09:45	Hope Alongside Uncertainty: Parallel Planning in Antenatally Diagnosed CHD	Dr Sharon English
09:45 – 10:05	Cardiac Care Closer to Home	Dr Pallavi Agadoorappa
10:05 – 10:25	Empowering Cardiology Nurses	Hannah Saven
10:25 – 10:55	Stabilising and safe transfer (postnatal diagnosis)	Dr Mark Winton
10:55 – 11:25	Refreshment Break, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	
Session 2: Empowerment of Parents		
11:25 – 11:45	To feed or not to feed? That is the question	Teresa Brooks
11:45 – 12:05	From tube to boob: an MDT approach to promoting oral feeding	Alix Rhodes and Jessica Symonds
12:05 – 12:25	Handing Over the Reins: Supporting Parents when they take ownership of their Children's Cardiac Medicines	Christine Helm, Stephen Morris, and Teresa Brooks
12:25 – 12:40	The Parent's Story - Collaborative video with CHSF	Cat Brown
12:45 -13:15	BVM Sponsored Symposium - The journey of Venus P since CE mark – Dr James Bentham (New Dock Hall)	
12:40 – 14:10	Lunch, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	
Session 3: Research and Abstracts		
14:10 – 14:30	Following my heart: Using the NIHR clinical academic career pathway to improve services	Stephen Morris
14:30 – 14:50	International Collaboration & nurse-led research	Professor Kerry Gaskin
14:50 – 15:05	From Hospital to Home: Keeping Children's Heart Medicines Formulation and Strengths the Same	Teresa Brooks
15:05 – 15:20	The value of nurse led clinic for young people with Single Ventricle (SV) circulation in regards to surveillance adherence across CHD services in Yorkshire and the Humber	Amy Weeden
15:20 – 15:50	Refreshment Break, Posters, Intervention and Imaging Experience Zone and Exhibition	
Session 4: Empowerment of Patient		
15:50 – 16:10	From Tummy Time to Teen Years: Physical Activity and Wellbeing with Congenital Heart Disease	Sarah Hibbert
16:10 – 16:30	Knowledge is Power: Empowering Children and Families Through National Paediatric Cardiac Medicines Leaflets	Susie Gage
16:30 – 17:00	The Road Ahead: Navigating healthcare transition in CHD - The role of the CNS	Amy Weeden and Joanna Birkett
17:15 – 17:45	Posters and Prosecco (Royal Armouries B&C)	
19:00 – Late	Conference Dinner - Motown Glam: Dance Floor Chic, Dress to Impress	

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