National Children's Major Trauma Network Conference

St James Park, Newcastle

19/11/2026

Theme:

Connecting Services, Strengthening Systems, Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration and Refreshments

09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome and Introduction

Dr Lue Woodgate, Paediatric Intensivist and Paediatric Major Trauma Lead, Newcastle Hospitals.

Session 1: Non-Accidental Injury – A Multi-Agency Perspective

09:10 – 10:25

Understanding Non-Accidental Injury: Perspectives Across the Multi-Agency Team

• Dr Jennifer Bolton – Home Office Pathologist

The forensic perspective: understanding injury, evidence and the role of pathology

• Dr Anna Brough – Consultant Paediatrician, Newcastle Hospitals

Lived experience from a clinician's perspective and the safeguarding perspective: information sharing, strategy and multi-agency working

• Matthew Donkin KC, Barrister

The legal perspective: the journey from clinical evidence to court

Panel Discussion 10:25 – 10:45

Working Together to Improve the Response to Non-Accidental Injury

10:45 – 11:05 | Refreshments

Session 2: Paediatric Major Haemorrhage

11:05 – 11:35

Paediatric Major Haemorrhage

Major haemorrhage outside the emergency room, adding a

new perspective to the protocol.

• Dr Lue Woodgate - Paediatric Intensivist and Paediatric Major Trauma Lead,

Newcastle Hospitals

• Dr Claire Campbell – Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist, Head of Department, Paediatric Anaesthesia Newcastle Hospitals

Discussion

Opportunity for questions

Section 3: Simulation and Cross-Specialty Learning

11:35 – 12:05

Simulation in Paediatric Trauma: Bringing Teams and Specialties Together

• Dr Liz McLellan – Consultant Paediatrician, Newcastle Hospitals

• Thomas Hayes – Workforce Development Officer, Newcastle Hospitals

• Dr Alex White – Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Newcastle Hospitals

• Dr Emma Butterfield and Dr Suzy Connor – Overseas Lead and UK Course Chair, Paediatric Trauma Resuscitation Course for the Paediatric Blast Injury Partnership.

Discussion 12:05 – 12:20

Exploring how simulation can develop confidence, strengthen teamworking and improve communication across specialties and professional boundaries.

12:20 – 13:00 | Lunch and Networking

Session 4: Collaborative Working Across the North

13:00 – 13:15

Raising the Paediatric Profile and Strengthening the Voice for Children and Young People

Karen Portas – Northern Trauma Network Manager

Julie Bloomfield – Paediatric Critical Care / Paediatric Surgery in Children Network Manager

Louise Cullen – PCC/PSIC Network Clinical Educator

How paediatric trauma can strengthen its voice and influence through collaboration between the Paediatric Surgery in Children, Paediatric Critical Care and Northern Trauma Networks.

13:15 – 13:35

Connecting Major Trauma Centres and Trauma Units

The Paediatric Major Trauma MDT

Lee Thompson – Clinical Lead, NEAS

Becky Tweddle – Paediatric Lead, Northern Trauma Network

Dr Kate Allen - Consultant in Emergency Medicine & Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine

South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust

Developing effective links between Major Trauma Centres and Trauma Units to support consistent, coordinated care for children and young people across the region.

13:35 – 13:50

Interactive Discussion

What Does Good Regional Collaboration Look Like?

13:50 – 14:00 | Closing Remarks

Working Together for Better Outcomes for Children and Young People

Mr Philip Henman

14:15 - 16:15 Business Meeting (Members Only)