

**Royal College of Psychiatrists Neurodevelopmental Psychiatry Special Interest
Group Summer Conference**

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Speaker Information

**Doctor Peter Carpenter, Chair of the Neurodevelopmental Psychiatry Special
Interest Group**



Peter Carpenter was one of the first medical students at Leicester University. He trained as a Mental Handicap Psychiatrist in Bristol and was consultant there until he retired in 2012 to work with the Public Guardian. He has been closely involved in Autism for many years and is now the chair of the NDPSIG.

**Associate Professor Samuel Tromans, Academic Secretary of the
Neurodevelopmental Psychiatry Special Interest Group**



Samuel Tromans is Associate Professor of Psychiatry in the SAPPHIRE Group, Department of Population Health Sciences at the University of Leicester, as well as an Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist in the Adult Learning Disability Service at Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. His research interests include Neurodevelopmental Conditions and Psychiatric Epidemiology, and he is currently working on the 2023 Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey, amongst other projects. He is an editor of the book 'The Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability Across Cultures' (Oxford University Press).

Doctor Annie Swanepoel, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Northeast London NHS Foundation Trust



Dr Annie Swanepoel is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the SET CAMHS Learning disability team in the Northeast London Foundation Trust. She is the co-chair of the World Psychiatric Association Evolutionary Psychiatry Section and the newsletter editor of the Evolutionary Psychiatry Special Interest Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. She holds a PhD in Human Physiology and has a special interest in developmental trauma and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Doctor Liz O’Nions, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Bradford Centre for Health Data Science and University College London



Liz currently works at the Bradford Centre for Health Data Science, part of the Bradford Institute for Health Research. Before this she worked as a post-doctoral researcher at UCL on the Dunhill Medical Trust-funded AUDIT-50 project, which looked at health outcomes and healthcare for older autistic adults in the UK. She has a BSc in Psychology and a PhD in Social, Genetic & Developmental Psychiatry.

Mr Chris McQuade, Expert by Experience



Dad of 3 amazing boys, the eldest two have full mutation Fragile X syndrome. With the day job as a Marketing and Operations Manager for one of the UK largest IT companies, now finding himself as the co-founder and parental co-creation lead for a new and exciting project in Leicester to develop the first and only Fragile X specific service within the NHS. Building holistic care and basic prescription services for Fragile X with clear goals of raising awareness across the UK. With experience and over time, the service will grow to cover all intellectual disability within a specialist hub bringing the best possible support to individuals with intellectual disability and the wider family unit who are all impacted and needs often forgotten.

Doctor Jayne Spiller, Lecturer in Psychology, University of Leicester



Jayne Spiller is Lecturer in Psychology. Her primary research interests are sleep in children with neurodevelopmental conditions or risk factors, to include sleep and the associations with behaviour and mental health in children with rare genetic syndromes and sleep in children born extremely preterm. Prior to starting her lectureship, she completed postdoctoral positions at the University of Leicester and Loughborough University. She completed her PhD at the University of Birmingham.

Doctor Rory Sheehan, Senior Clinical Lecturer, King's College London



Dr Rory Sheehan is a senior clinical lecturer at King's College London. His work includes investigating and addressing health inequities experienced by people with neurodevelopmental conditions; as part of this, he has worked with the Learning from Lives and Deaths (LeDeR) mortality review academic collaboration since 2021. Dr Sheehan has a clinical role as a consultant psychiatrist in a community forensic learning disability and autism service in south London.

Doctor Bernadette Grosjean, Retired Associate Clinical Professor, University California Los Angeles



Dr Grosjean sees herself fundamentally as a clinician and educator. She worked as a psychiatrist in Belgium then California for over 30 years, in private practice, community hospitals and in the field, in particular in Los Angeles with the homeless population. She was Associate professor of Psychiatry at UCLA between 2005 and 2016. Since 2003 she has been working with a non-profit in Los Angeles working mostly with undocumented immigrants, victim of tortures and trauma. She has a lifelong interest in working with patients with BPD, and, for the last 10 years, has focused her work with autistic adults without intellectual disability. She co-authored "Le Manuel du Borderline" (2014) "Le Manuel du Bipolaire" (2017) and "Le Manuel de l'Autiste" (2022) (Eyrolles, Paris.) the first comprehensive guides -in French- about BPD, Bipolar disorders and Adult Autism for patients, their families and their providers. She has given numerous lectures nationally and internationally.