Sydenham’s Chorea

Wednesday 18 March 2015; 6:30 – 8:30pm, registration from 6.00pm

Teacher Building, 14 St. Enoch Square, Glasgow G1 4DB

OVERVIEW

Sydenham’s chorea (SC) is a movement disorder that is a subtype of Rheumatic Fever. It is understood to be an auto-immune disorder arising in vulnerable children following Group A Beta Haemolytic Streptococcal infection (a common cause of sore throat). This is normally a rare disorder but there has been significant experience of SC in the West of Scotland in recent years. It is well known that there is psychiatric comorbidity in SC but there is variation in the literature regarding the nature and prevalence of psychiatric diagnoses associated with SC. The mechanisms of SC are thought to be similar to those described in PANDAS (Post Streptococcal Auto-immune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections).

This twilight lecture will be illustrated with clinical material reflecting the presenters’ experience of SC at Yorkhill. The patient experience has been at the forefront of both clinical and research work that is ongoing at Yorkhill. The increased number of cases in the West of Scotland led to the development of a support network, that has provided deeper insight into the neuro-psychiatry of SC. This in collaboration with Neuroscience, Rheumatology, Cardiology and Psychiatry Teams has helped services at Yorkhill to better detect and treat all aspects of SC. There will be an exploration of recent evidence underlying the growing importance of knowledge of auto-immune disorders in relation to child mental health. Increased understanding should support early diagnosis and treatment of auto-immune disorders that may present to CAMHS.

SPEAKERS

Dr Michael Morton is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. He studied in Cambridge and Edinburgh and after training in Psychiatry in Edinburgh and the Borders, he went for higher training in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry in Manchester where Professor David Taylor’s expertise in Neuropsychiatry was formative. Experience with Neurologists and other Paediatricians developed his interest in liaison and he continued this interest as a Consultant in Dumfries. In 1996, he moved to RHSC, Yorkhill, in Glasgow, as Head of Service in the Child Psychiatry Inpatient Unit. He led the development of Liaison Psychiatry at RHSC and this became his principal activity with a particular focus on Neuroscience. He established a Neuropsychiatry service within the Liaison Team at Yorkhill and as part of this process has worked closely with voluntary bodies such as Tourette Scotland and the new Sydenham Chorea Association. He recently retired from full-time clinical practice but retains his academic interests.

Nadine Muchet studied Learning Disability Nursing at Stirling. Following this she worked as a Team Leader in Adult Learning Disability Services in FVPC NHS. She developed her interest in working with vulnerable support groups and completed an honours degree in Health & Social Care through the Open University. She moved to the Specialist Tier 4 CAMHS services in GGC NHS, with the Liaison Psychiatry Team at RHSC & LDCAMHS, as a Nurse Therapist. Her work on the ‘Hospital Admissions Booklet’ for children with Learning Disabilities got her recognition and an award for excellence in practice from the Scottish Learning Disabilities Nursing Network (SLDNN). Nadine worked closely with the team psychiatrists to develop a special interest in Neuro-Psychiatry and Complex Neuro-Disabilities. Nadine has continued to run support groups with patients & families, and develop better information for patients. Her enthusiasm led her to begin research into the Neuro-Psychiatric features of SC with Dr Morton. She studied Group Analysis, with the Group Analysis Institution in Glasgow, and certificates in Systemic Relationships & Family Therapy, KIDDIE SADS, VABS & mentoring. In her voluntary time Nadine led the development of the Sydenham’s Chorea Association and website.
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