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# TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE

## RESEARCH BRIEFINGS SEMINAR SERIES 2013-14

*The focus of these seminars is to present recent research and related findings and to explore their potential implementation in policy and practice. This seminar is aimed at staff with policy, operational or training responsibilities for the development and delivery of adult and children’s social work and social care services, as well as those working in housing, health and education.*

**Substance misuse and ‘whole family’ interventions**

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**Niall Casserley,** Consultant Social Worker, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil IFST

**Jay Goulding,** Consultant Social Worker, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil IFST

**Date**: Thursday 5th September 2013 **Time**: 1.30pm to 4.15pm *(coffee and registration from 1pm)*

**Venue**: The Pavilion Hotel, York

**Families with parental substance misuse and child protection concerns: research evidence from a family preservation service – Sally Holland**

Option 2 is a crisis intervention service aimed at families where serious child protection concerns are related to parents’ use of drugs or alcohol. It uses a combination of Motivational Interviewing, Solution Focussed and innovative family work to help create positive changes for families and thereby reduce the need for children to enter care.

This seminar will report findings from two evaluations of the service. Option 2 is now the best evaluated service to prevent children entering care in the UK. The intervention is successful in doing this and as a result saves local authorities and other public services significant amounts of money. Measuring outcomes is a complex issue and the seminar will address questions about the difficulty of tracking families’ progress over time and of attributing outcomes to one intervention. It will present parents’ and children’s narratives about receiving services and the impact of substance misuse on family life.

***Applying Evidenced based practice with complex families* – *Niall Casserley and Jay Goulding***

This seminar will describe the development and use of the IFST model of practice and roll out across Wales. The Integrated Family Support Teams created following the success of Option 2, have been created and legislated for by the Welsh Government, with the task of working with complex families, experiencing multiple adversities, specifically drug and alcohol misuse. Aimed at practitioners from adult and children services it will invite delegates to consider how they work with complex, often reluctant clients and consider their own beliefs about how change occurs within a professional relationship.

At this seminar, delegates will have the opportunity to reflect on what they have heard, and to discuss with researchers and peers the practical implications arising from a number of research projects.

**Sally Holland** is a Reader in Social Work at Cardiff University. A former social worker, she researches, publishes and teaches about a wide range of child and family welfare issues, including assessments, substance misuse, looked after children, adoption, family support, work with fathers and child protection. Her current research projects include a four nations study of social workers’ communication with children and research on neglect assessment tools.

**Niall Casserley** is a consultant social worker in the Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil IFST. Niall has a background in drug and alcohol services and the probation service, as well as research and development. Niall was one of the first Consultant social workers in Wales, whose role is to bridge the gap between social work practice and academia. Niall is currently researching outcomes for children on the child protection register in Rhondda Cynon Taff.

**Jay Goulding**, also a consultant social worker in the Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil IFST is a practitioner, trainer and supervisor. Jay has worked within adult and children services in drug and alcohol services and within children services as well as an Emergency Duty Team. Also one of the first cohort of consultant social workers in Wales, Jay has a particular interest in the transformational change agenda, of supporting colleagues across the social work profession to engage in Evidence based practice.

***The seminars in this series*** *are free for nominated staff from member agencies of Making Research Count (University of York) (see overleaf for details) and open to staff from other agencies at a fee of £50 per seminar. A Booking Form can be found overleaf – please return to your Making Research Count (York) contact in your agency if you come from a member agency.*

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#### Substance misuse and ‘whole family’ interventions

#### Sally Holland, Niall Casserley and Jay Goulding

#### Tuesday 5th September 2013

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