



**QUEEN'S
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BELFAST**

**SCHOOL OF
NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY**

Programme for Carers' Week – Monday 6th – Friday 10th June 2022

“Make caring visible, valued and supported”

**Please come along and join us at our series of virtual lunchtime chats from 12.00 – 13.00
each day via MS Teams**

Monday 6th June 2022 12.00 – 13.00

Theme – Adult Nursing

[A conversation with Adult Professional Lead, Maggie Bennett and Susan Abraham, PCEP followed by an update of Research with Carer's by Dr Olinda Santin, QUB](#)

Susan Abraham PCEP Member, SU & EBE - My lived experience invests knowledge in Severe Brain Injury, Trauma, Rehabilitation and Recovery.

Dr Olinda Santin is a Reader in supportive cancer care. Her research focuses on understanding the impact that cancer can have on patients and their informal carers. Over the past 6 years her programme of research works with carers across the globe to develop feasible and effective digital solutions which can help with some of the challenges that carers face.

Thursday 9th June 2022 12.00 – 13.00

Theme – Mental Health Nursing

[A conversation with MH Professional Lead, Dr Derek McLaughlin and Dr Scott Peddie, PCEP followed by update of Research with families by Dr Karen Galway](#)

Scott Peddie PCEP Member, I am a Psychotherapist in private practice, as well as having lived experience of Bipolar Disorder. Given this dual role I am able to see the complex, and often unacknowledged, difficulties faced by carers and patients alike.

Dr Karen Galway is a Senior Lecturer in Mental Health. Karen's research focuses on suicide prevention and mental health promotion. Currently her work is focused on developing evidence on the impact of community based support, social prescribing and social enterprises. Karen will be talking to Families Voices Forum who represent those bereaved by suicide to government and decision makers with the express aim of bringing about improvements in services and hope for those bereaved by suicide.

Tuesday 7th June 2022 12.00 – 13.00

Theme – Learning Disability Nursing

[A conversation with QUB LD Professional Lead Joanne Blair and Maria Somerville, PCEP followed by an update of Research with Carer's by Dr Lynne Marsh, QUB](#)

Maria Somerville PCEP Member, I am mummy to Luke who is 26yrs old. He has a rare neurogenetic disorder. He is physically & learning disabled. He has complex health needs. He does not walk or talk. He is a wheelchair user. As parent carers we meet all Luke's needs.

Dr Lynne Marsh is a Senior Lecturer in Learning Disabilities Nursing. Her research has focused on families experiences of caring for their children with intellectual disabilities with a particular interest on fathers' experiences. One of Lynne's current research project with carers, as part of a research project, seeks to capture those experiences with the aim of developing a programme to help reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friday 10th June 2022 12.00 – 13.00

Theme – Children's and Young People's Nursing

[A conversation with CYP Professional Lead, Doris Corkin and Nicola Dynes, PCEP followed by an update of Research on Cerebral Palsy by Dr Claire Kerr](#)

Nicola Dynes PCEP member, I am a mother of 6, I am a full-time carer to my 3rd child mason who has charge syndrome and 24-hour nursing needs, our daughter Mya sadly passed away in 2017 with dandy walker syndrome. I worked up until 2014 as a carer assistant in a nursing home for many years.

Dr Claire Kerr is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Claire's research focuses on the health and well-being of people with disabilities. Claire will be joined by Monica Acheson, who works with the Cerebral Palsy Register to ensure that its research is of relevance to people with cerebral palsy and to advocate for health and social care services for people with this lifelong condition.

Wednesday 8th June 2022 12.00 – 13.00

Theme – Midwifery

[A conversation with Lead Midwife for Education, Dr Jenny McNeill and Emma Fraser, PCEP followed by an overview of maternity service user involvement in Breastfeeding research by Mary Jo Chesnel](#)

Emma Fraser PCEP Member, mum of two, MSLC Co-Chair, doula and antenatal teacher. I have been supporting parents accessing maternity services in Northern Ireland over the past 6 years.

Mary Jo Chesnel, is a final year PhD Midwifery candidate in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, QUB. Mary Jo's research focuses on factors that drive breastfeeding support practice and what breastfeeding support means to women. Mary Jo's PhD project was a qualitative study of breastfeeding support provision from the perspective of trained providers, and women's lived experience of being supported to breastfeed in Northern Ireland

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