

Saint Mary's Centre 22nd Annual Conference 2025

Building Bridges: Collaborative Approaches to Addressing Sexual Violence

Tuesday 29 – Wednesday 30 April 2025

Location: Midland Hotel, Manchester

Programme – Tuesday 29 April – Morning

9.40am	Welcome and Introduction Lisa Waters, Head of Operational and Strategic Performance, Saint Mary's Centre & SAFEPlace Merseyside
9.45am	A Shared Vision: Working together for change Dr Michelle Carroll, Clinical Director, Saint Mary's SARC & SAFEPlace Merseyside
Chair:	Kathy Cowell OBE DL, Chairman, Manchester University Foundation Trust
10.00am	The benefits of collaboration to the forensic outcomes of sexual offence cases. Paula O'Rourke, Forensic Account Manager and Commercial Team Sexual Offences Lead, Cellmark
10.20am	Child sexual abuse in the family environment: addressing challenges in practice and what needs to happen next Dr Natasha Sabin, Practice Improvement Advisor, Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse
10.45am	The Quilt model: a "Conversation we've never had" about a new theoretical framework designed to support healing from child sexual abuse. Dr Gemma Halliwell, CEO & Director, The Green House & Bluestar Project Candice Harris, Candice Harris Lived Experience Consultant and author of Indescribable
11.10am	Questions
11.20am	BREAK
Chair:	Keeley Roe, SAAS Senior Programme Manager, NHS England
11.50am	Transforming GMP's Response to Rape Kevin Vanterpool, Transformation Consultant, Greater Manchester Police Ric Hunt, Detective Superintendent, Greater Manchester Police
12.15pm	SARC Regulations: Do they go far enough? Dr Helen Mills, Clinical Director, Saint Mary's SARC & SAFEPlace Merseyside
12.50am	Questions
01.00pm	LUNCH



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Chair	HH Judge John Potter, Circuit Judge, Manchester Crown Court (Crown Square)
02.00pm	Update on the statutory regulation of forensic science including the preparation and consultation on version two of the statutory Code and the level of compliance with the Code by SARCs. Dr Chanda Lowther-Harris, Head of the Office of the Forensic Science Regulator, Home Office
02.25pm	Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Children Referred for SARC Counselling Services – A Review Dr Alex Chard, Director, YCTCS Ltd
02.50pm	Making Change Meaningful for Prisoner Survivors of Sexual Assault: An Evaluation of the OUT Spoken Talking Therapy Programme Professor David Gadd, Professor of Criminology, University of Manchester Jessica Glynn, Research Associate, Criminology, University of Manchester
03.10pm	Questions
3.25 – 5.30pm	Workshops



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Chair:	ACC Stephanie Parker, Greater Manchester Police
09.30am	Kate Green, Deputy Mayor for Policing, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire. Greater Manchester
09.55am	<p>IICSA recommendations, how they involve greater collaboration between different authorities and the situation regarding implementation or lack of regarding those recommendations.</p> <p>Kim Harrison, Head of Operations, Abuse Law & Public Inquiries, Slater and Gordon Lawyers</p> <p>Richard Scorer, Head of Abuse Law & Public Inquiries, Slater and Gordon Lawyers</p>
10.20am	<p>Congregations to Courtrooms: The Church of England's Role in Survivor Justice</p> <p>Tio Duffield, Authorised Lay Minister, Church of England (Lancaster Priory)</p>
10.45am	QUESTIONS
10:55am	BREAK
Chair:	HH Judge Nicholas Dean K.C. Honorary Recorder of Manchester
11.25am	<p>The imbalance in 'he said, she said' discussions of consent in cases of rape</p> <p>Professor Jane Monckton-Smith, Professor of Public Protection, University of Gloucestershire</p>
11.50am	<p>Drawings and Child Sex Abuse Assessment with Young Children</p> <p>Professor Elspeth McInnes, Professor of Sociology in Education, Centre for Research in Education and Social Inclusion University of South Australia</p>
12:15pm	<p>Care for the caregiver</p> <p>Zoe Lodrick, Director, Zoe Lodrick Ltd</p>
12.40pm	Questions

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Chair:	Isla Chilton, Senior District Crown Prosecutor - Unit Head of North West Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Unit at the Crown Prosecution Service
01.45pm	Trauma burden among survivors of sexual violence and abuse accessing SARCs, and outcomes one year later: findings from the Multidisciplinary Evaluation of Sexual Assault Referral Centres for better Health (MESARCH) cohort study Professor Lorna Doherty, Professor of Trauma and Health, Coventry University
02.10pm	A Qualitative Study to Identify the Barriers and Facilitators for Sex Workers Accessing Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) Dr Rabiya Majeed-Ariss, Researcher, Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre Holly Pridmore, Research Assistant, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
2.35pm	Questions
2.45 - 2.50pm	Closing Remarks Lisa Waters, Head of Operational and Strategic Performance, Saint Mary's Centre & SAFEPlace Merseyside
2.55 - 5.00pm	Workshops

Tuesday: 3.25pm – 4.25pm	WORKSHOP A Derby Suite	WORKSHOP B Chester Suite	WORKSHOP C Lancaster Suite	WORKSHOP D Stanley Suite
	Building Bridges: SARC ISVA and Greater Manchester Police RAOSO Clinics	Towards Inclusive Responses to Sexual Violence. Alisha's Story	'How do you bring it up?' Building confidence in communicating with children when you have concerns of child sexual abuse	Forensic Sampling: Update, Q&A and FFLM recommendations
Tuesday: 4.30pm – 5.30pm	Saint Mary's SARC ISVA Team and Greater Manchester Police Rochdale representatives	Dr Alison Jobe, Associate Professor in Sociology and Criminology. Director of Postgraduate Research Dr Helen Williams, Associate Professor of Vulnerability and Criminal Justice, University of Sunderland	Dr Natasha Sabin, Practice Improvement Advisor, Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse	Rachel Morgan, Forensic Reporting Scientist and Sexual Offences Scientific Lead, Cellmark Forensic Services Dr Bernadette Butler, President, The Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians
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