



London, UK.

10th September 2025 Teachers Branch Study Day
11th and 12th September 2025 Conference



DAY ONE – THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025

08:15 DELEGATE REGISTRATION

09:15 Welcome and opening address

Session 1: Managing Neurodiverse children

09:20 Managing Neurodiverse children

Paula McGowan OBE

10:00 Questions for the Speaker

Session title to be confirmed (update on epidemiology, definitions, etc. around neurodiversity)

10:10 Dr Richard Pender, Clinical Research Fellow, Department of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, University College London

10:50 Questions for the Speaker

11:00 REFRESHMENTS, POSTER & EXHIBITION VIEWING

Running a neurodiverse friendly service

11:30 Dr Sadie Hughes BDS MFDSRCPS MSc, Consultant in Special Care Dentistry / HSCDS Sedation Lead / SAAD President / STAC chair, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

Using Therapy animals to support treatment

11:55 Laura Walter, Spreadasmile

12:20 Questions for the Speakers

12:30 LUNCH, POSTER & EXHIBITION VIEWING

12:30 Closed Poster Prize

12:30 BSPD Annual General Meeting

13:30 Prize Presentations – Clinical Governance

14:30 Prize Presentations – Clinical Research



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15:30 REFRESHMENTS, POSTER & EXHIBITION VIEWING

15:45 Prize Presentations – Clinical Cases

16:45 Closing Remarks

17:00 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE DAY 1

19:30 Gala Dinner - De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms

DAY TWO – FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

08:00 DELEGATE REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS, POSTER & EXHIBITION VIEWING

08:20 CONNECT Meeting

09:15 Welcome and opening address

Session 2: Dental anomalies and genetics: what might the future hold

09:20 Preimplantation Genetic testing - Referral to pregnancy
Eshika Hague, Consultant Genetic Counsellor and Clinical Science Specialist,

10:05 The Genetics of Dental Anomalies
Dr Alan Mighell

10:50 Questions for the Speakes

11:00 REFRESHMENTS, POSTER & EXHIBITION VIEWING

11:30 Poster Presentations

12:30 LUNCH, POSTER & EXHIBITION VIEWING

12:30 COMPANY SYMPOSIUM

Session 3: The importance of appearance



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Psychological interventions to manage appearance related stress

13:30 Dr Maia Thornton, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Appearance Research, University of the West of England

Teeth and appearance, patient and parent perspective

14:10 Ms Cheryl Somani, Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry, University College London NHS Foundation Trust

How the appearance of teeth can be affected in children

14:30 Prof Susan Parekh, Professor/Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry, University College London

14:50 REFRESHMENTS, POSTER & EXHIBITION VIEWING

Restorative techniques to improve appearance in children

15:20 Mr Ashok Vijayakumar, Consultant in Restorative Dentistry King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

15:50 Questions for the Speakes

The environmental impact of nitrous oxide in paediatric dentistry: national results

16:00 Ms Lexy Lyne, Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry, UCL / UCLH Eastman

16:15 BSPD Outstanding Innovation Award

16:30 Presentation of Poster Prizes and Closing Remarks

17:00 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE



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