BACCH Trainee Update

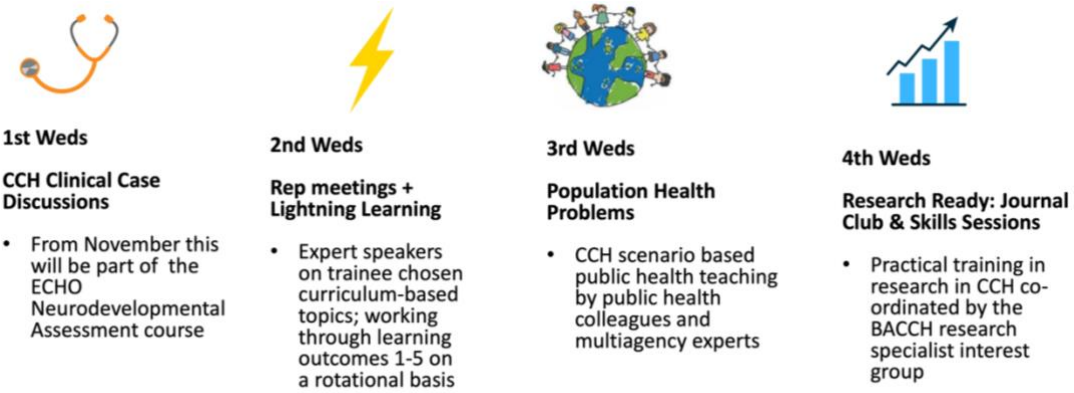
September 2026

We hope you all had a wonderful summer! A huge welcome to all the new Community Child Health subspecialty trainees who have recently joined us.

We thought it would be useful to share a quick update from the trainee perspective, including upcoming teaching, courses, opportunities to get involved, and some important changes on the horizon.

- Claire & Kim
BACCH National Trainee Representatives

Wednesday Subspecialty Teaching



Link for all these sessions: [BACCH Trainee Wednesday Teaching Sessions | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams]
Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/343105570110863?p=408tbtq1JUdaDLzRgC
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All sessions are recorded and available to watch any time on line in the members area of the BACCH website

From November 2026, our first Wednesday of the month subspecialty teaching sessions will be changing.

With START coming to an end, these sessions will no longer focus specifically on preparation for the START assessment. Instead, we are delighted to be partnering with colleagues in America to run an ECHO Neurodevelopmental Assessments programme.

ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an interactive, case-based learning model that connects clinicians with a multidisciplinary specialist panel. It operates in over 40 countries, but BAACH is now bringing it to the UK! Rather than traditional lectures, participants bring real-world clinical scenarios for discussion, allowing everyone to learn from each other and develop practical approaches to managing complex cases – the principle is “moving knowledge, not patients.”

Our programme will focus on neurodevelopmental assessment in its broadest sense, exploring some of the more complex and “grey” cases we encounter in clinical practice. Discussions will include the overlap between ADHD, autism, trauma, intellectual disability and other neurodevelopmental and behavioural presentations.

If you attend at least 6 of the 9 first-Wednesday sessions (these are free!), you will receive an ECHO course certificate.

Interested? Please register your interest using the form below. We only need your name, role and current Trust.

👉 ECHO Neurodevelopmental Assessments – Registration

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/NtiVLdFe9x



National Study Mornings & Courses

There are a couple of upcoming dates to put in your diary.

National Trainee Study Morning: Audiology

📅 **25 November 2026**
🕘 **09:00–12:30**

This national virtual study morning will cover audiology, including some of the areas that can be harder to access through day-to-day training.

Registration is through the BACCH website and is free for members.

👉 https://www.bacch.org.uk/events/trainee-study-morning-audiology

Palliative Care with APPM Short Course

📅 **8 December 2026**
🕘 **09:30–16:30**

BACCH will also be running a palliative care short course in partnership with APPM. Registration is again through the BACCH website.

👉 https://www.bacch.org.uk/events/palliative-care-with-appm-short-course

Please get both dates on your radar!

National Trainee Day – “How to Be Brilliant”

Following the success of last year’s event, we are delighted that How to Be Brilliant will be returning in 2027.

We anticipate that the day will take place around April/May, again at the RCPCH, with further details to follow.

We would also love some trainee help with coordinating the day. If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact Claire directly, or email:

📧 **bacch@rcpch.ac.uk**

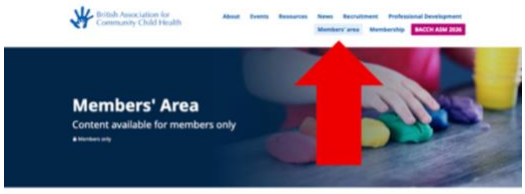
It is a fantastic day to be involved with, so please do get in touch if you are interested.

Updated BACCH Website & Learning Resources

Have you explored the updated BACCH website yet?

The members’ area is where you can find recordings of our training sessions as well as the online learning library. We strongly recommend having a look and familiarising yourself with the resources available.

We have included screenshots below showing how to access the members’ area.





👉 www.bacch.org.uk

BACCH Buddies

We are really excited to be launching **BACCH Buddies** again!

The scheme is designed to connect people interested in applying for CCH subspecialty training with current trainees who can share their experience and provide some friendly guidance through the process.

If you know anyone who is considering applying, please encourage them to register.

Interested in applying for CCH?
Or **a current trainee interested in becoming a buddy?**

👉 BACCH Buddies 26/27 – Fill in form

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8tn3Fqss4Y





Please sign up and we will pair applicants with buddies.

Considering Community? Recruitment Talk by Current Trainees

📅 **30 September 2026**
🕐 **13:30–14:00.** *(Straight after our lightning learning but applicants are welcome to join from 13:00 to see what this is like too!)*

We also have a recruitment event for prospective CCH applicants on 30 September, taking place straight after Lightning Learning. This is a great opportunity for anyone considering applying to CCH subspecialty training to hear more about the programme, meet current trainees and ask questions about the application process and life as a CCH trainee.

Please do spread the word to any colleagues who might be interested in applying – we would love to see them there!

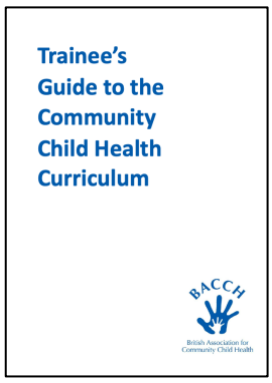
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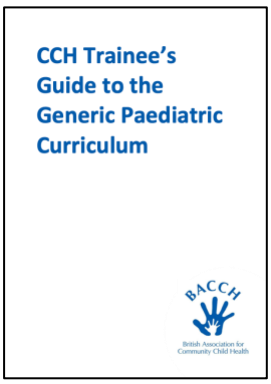
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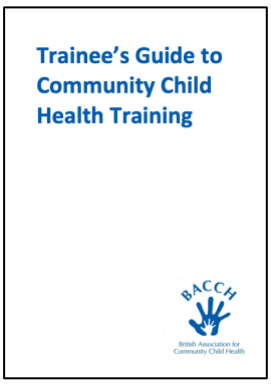
Generic/CCH Curriculum & CCH Training Guides

These guides should already have been circulated to trainees but are also available to download from the members area of the BACCH website!

Please take some time to have a look through them – they are a useful resource for understanding the curriculum and helping to plan your training.







Improving Child Healthcare Communities

We are just finishing this year's e-bike and e-scooter project and are already starting to think about the next one.

If you would like to be involved in next year's project, please join our launch meeting:

📅 **Tuesday 6 October 2026**
🕐 **13:00**

It would be great to have lots of trainee involvement, so please come along if you are interested.

👉 Improving Child Health in Communities launch | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams
Microsoft Teams meeting join:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/344734827539442?p=gByPWFR1ytkPju4qP6
Meeting ID: 344 734 827 539 442
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Could You Be Our Next National Trainee Rep?

Claire will finish her 2yr post in November and Kim will be CCTing at the end of the year so we are looking for new national trainee reps!

You do not need to be a senior trainee or have lots of previous representative experience. This is something you can take on from ST5, and enthusiasm, ideas and the energy to help coordinate things are what matter most.

We would strongly encourage anyone who might be interested to consider applying! Please email:

✉ **bacch@rcpch.ac.uk**

Meetings with CSAC, RCPCH and CCH Supervisors – We Need Your Views!!

There has been lots of valuable discussion on the trainee WhatsApp group, particularly around out-of-hours training, as well as conversations at the BACCH conference about the upcoming changes to assessments.

We want to make sure that every trainee has the opportunity to share their views, raise any concerns and have their questions answered.

We would therefore be very grateful if all trainees could complete our short feedback form. There are just a few free-text questions, giving you the opportunity to share any experiences, questions or concerns that you would like us to take forward to our upcoming meetings with CSAC, RCPCH and CCH Supervisors.

The form is completely anonymous. We will collate the key themes, raise these on your behalf, and then share the responses and answers afterwards so that everyone can see what has been discussed.

👉 Capturing CCH trainee views to feedback to CSAC, RCPCH and CCH supervisors – Fill in form

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wbFyqD6qZJ



For more information about the upcoming assessment changes, please also see the RCPCH assessment information below:

👉 https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/education-careers/training-assessment/assessment-review-information-updates

Thank you!

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes to teaching, represents trainees, shares ideas and gets involved with BACCH activities.

And once again, a very warm welcome to all our new CCH trainees. We hope you have a brilliant start to your subspecialty training.

- Claire & Kim
BACCH National Trainee Representatives

Save the Dates for CCH Trainees

Every 1st Weds 1-2 = CCH Clinical Case Discussions / ECHO Neurodevelopmental Assessment UK - **Structured approaches to complex cases**

Every 2nd Weds 1-1:30 = Lightning Learning - **Expert speakers on trainee chosen curriculum-based topics ;** *This is immediately followed by our BACCH regional reps meeting 1:30-2*

Every 3rd Weds 1-2 = Population Health Problems - **CCH scenario based public health teaching**

Every 4th Weds 1-2 = Research Ready - **practical training in conducting and understanding CCH research**

Red = Book online at BACCH.org.uk and remember to book your study leave!

All BACCH trainee-run events are virtual & recorded to ensure every trainee can benefit

SEPTEMBER:

- 9th *1-1:30* = Lightning Learning CCH LO4 = **Managing School Non Attendance as a Child Health Issue**
- 16th & 17th = **BACCH National Conference**
- 16th 1-2 = **Population Health Problems: Housing concerns**
- 23rd 1-2 = Research Ready: **How to ask a CCH research question**
- **29th 1-2 = Last meeting of the 25/26 BACCH Improving Child Health in Communities collaborative 25/26 theme: E-bikes/E-scooters**
- 30rd 1-1:30 = Lightning Learning *(catch up from postponed LO3 session)* **= Translating Childhood Experiences into Statements of Risk for Children in Care**
- 30th 1:30-2 = Applying to CCH Subspecialty by current trainees & **launch of 26/27 BACCH Buddies**

OCTOBER:

- *6th 1-2* = **26/27 BACCH Improving Child Health in Communities QI Collaborative Launch** 26/27 theme: **Screening programme quality assurance**
- *7th* 1-2 = CCH Clinical Case Discussions START style!
- 14th 1-1:30 = Lightning Learning CCH LO5 = **Managing Sleep Problems in Children with Neurodisability**
- *21st* 1-2 = **Population Health Problems: Exposure to Violence**
- 28th 1-2 = Research Ready: **Navigating journeys into research in CCH**

NOVEMBER:

- 4th 1-2 = ECHO Neurodevelopment Assessment - UK Course Session 1/9 (live Teams attendance at 6 req for course certificate)
- 11th 1-1:30 = Lightning Learning CCH LO1 = Topic vote opens Sept!
- 18th 1-2 = **Population Health Problems: Disease Outbreak**
- **25th 9-12:30 = National BACCH Trainee's Study Morning: Audiology**
- 25th 1-2 = Research Ready: **Critical appraisal & how to inform CCH clinical practice / guideline development**

DECEMBER:

- 2nd 1-2 = ECHO Neurodevelopment Assessment - UK Course Session 2/9 (live Teams attendance at 6 req for course certificate)
- 8th 9:30-4:30 = **BACCH Short Course in Palliative Care**
- 9th 1 -1:30 = Lightning Learning CCH LO2 = Topic vote opens Sept!
- 16th 1-2 = **Population Health Problems: Parental Mental Health**
- 23rd 1-2 = Research Ready: **Deep dive into a recent topical CCH publication**

Whilst aimed at CCH trainees, all BACCH trainee events are free to attend and open to medical students, AHPs, SAS doctors and any doctors in training or working on SHO/SPR rotas, regardless of training pathway.