

PROGRAMME

BAPM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

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**The Royal Welsh College
of Music & Drama**

**Monday 8 and Tuesday 9
September 2025**

**Transition: Leading Together to Improve
Newborn Care**



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Day 1: Monday 8 September 2025

07:00	Conference Run – A Social 5k (Optional)	
08:00 – 08:55	Registration, Refreshments and Exhibition	
	Theme: Transition to enteral, oral feeding, developmental care	
08:55 – 09:00	Welcome to Day 1	Beverley Hicks and Professor Alicia Spittle
09:00 - 09:45	Evidence-based neurodevelopmental care: past present and future	
09:45 - 10:15	Early enteral feeding for preterm babies – the evidence and what next?	Professor Shalini Ojha
10:15 - 10:45	Oral feeding on non-invasive ventilation: evidence-based practice	Nicoll Bell
10:45 - 11:15	Refreshment Break, Exhibition and Poster Display	
	Theme: Transitioning Nanopreterms	
11:15 - 11:30	UK experience: Data-driven approach to informing national guidance: Revision of the BAPM extreme preterm framework and The 22 week study	Dr Cheryl Battersby
11:30 - 12:15	The Sweden experience on the management of babies born 22 to 23 weeks	Professor Richard Sindelar
12:15 - 12:40	Panel Discussion: How can we work together internationally to make sense of the different approaches to managing babies born 22 and 23 weeks?	Panel Discussion: Professor Steve Abman, Dr Cheryl Battersby, Professor Matthew Rysavy and Professor Richard Sindelar
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Walk	
13:40 - 14:10	Sponsored Session	
	Theme: Respiratory Transition	
14:10 - 15:05	Founder’s lecture: Interdisciplinary approach to optimising respiratory health in preterm babies: The BPD collaborative and the role of pulmonary hypertension follow up programs	Professor Steve Abman
15:05 - 15:35	Refreshment Break, Exhibition and Poster Display	
	Theme: Transition from Neonatal Care	
15:35 - 16:00	Transitioning from neonatal to Paediatric services	Dr Tim Watts
16:00 - 16:25	How can we support babies and families through transition: A Parent’s perspective	Abbie Mason-Woods
16:25 - 16:50	Follow up programs: what makes sense?	Panel Discussion: Professor Steve Abman, Abbie Mason-Woods, Beverley Hicks, Dr Tim Watts, Professor Richard Sindelar
16:50 - 17:30	BAPM AGM	
20:00 - Late	BAPM Annual Conference Dinner	

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Day 2: Tuesday 9 September 2025

07:30 – 09:00	Registration, Refreshments, Exhibition and Poster Display	
08:00 - 08:45	Affiliate Group Lecture: BANNFU Launch of the 4 year follow up guidance	Dr Louise Leven and Dr Katie McKinnon
08:00 - 08:45	Affiliate Group Lecture: NTG Supporting Parents during transitions between hospitals	TBC
08:00 - 08:45	Affiliate Group Lecture: NPPG Transition of care involving medicines, from hospital to home	Thomas Wyllie
08:55 - 09:00	Welcome to Day 2	
	Theme: Patient safety	
09:00 - 09:25	Safe by design, safe by choice	Dr Louise Leven
09:25 - 09:50	Use of POCUS in a collapsed or deteriorating neonate	Dr Jayanta Banerjee
09:50 - 10:15	Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations (MNSI) findings and learning	Dr Cora Doherty
10:15 - 10:50	Keynote lecture Neonatal Safety: Speaking truth to power	Michele Upton
10:50 - 11:20	Refreshment Break, Exhibition and Poster Display	
	Theme: Neuro transition	
11:20 - 11:50	Neonatal neuroprotection and neurointensive care: latest evidence and potential future therapies	Professor Nicola Robertson
11:50 - 12:15	Management of babies with grade 4 IVH and post haemorrhage hydrocephalus: An update and the UK ENLIVEN clinical trial	Mr Kristian Aquilina
12:15 - 12:25	Annual Photograph	
12:25 - 13:25	Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Display	
13:25 - 13:45	Sponsored Session	
13:45 - 14:20	BAPM Awards	
14:20 - 14:30	Free Paper Session	TBC
14:30 - 14:40	Free Paper Session	TBC
14:40 - 14:50	Free Paper Session	TBC
14:50 - 15:00	Free Paper Session	TBC
15:00 - 15:10	Free Paper Session	TBC
15:10 - 15:20	Free Paper Session	TBC
15:50 - 16:10	Refreshment Break, Exhibition and Poster Display	
16:10 - 16:20	Winner of Free Paper and Prizes	
16:20 - 17:00	Advances in fetal surgery: improving outcomes for infants with congenital diaphragmatic hernia and spina bifida	Professor Jan Depreset
17:00	Summary and Closing Remarks	

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