

## International Symposium

# Decisions, Assessment, Risk and Evidence in Social Work

### Programme (provisional)

**Monday 28 June 2010**

- 11.00am Registration
- 12.00pm Light lunch
- 1.30pm *Introduction*  
Dr Brian Taylor, Senior Lecturer in Social Work,  
University of Ulster
- 1.45pm *Welcome*  
Sean Holland, Chief Social Services Officer, Department of Health, Social  
Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland
- 2.00pm *Plenary*  
***Safeguarding, Choice, Accountability, Risk-Taking: Social Work Decision  
Making in Context***  
Professor Jill Manthorpe, Director, Social Care Workforce Research Unit,  
King's College London
- 3.00pm Tea and coffee
- 3.30pm *Seminar Session (plenary)*  
***Skills and Using Knowledge in Making Decisions and Managing Risk***  
Four presentations followed by questions and discussion
- 5.00pm Finish
- 7.00pm  
for  
7.30pm Dinner

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Tuesday 29 June 2010

- 9.00am      *Seminar Sessions – choose one from:*  
*Group U: Understanding Decision Making*  
Four presentations followed by discussion with a focus on researching, conceptualising and understanding decision making  
*Group S: Supporting Decision Making*  
Four presentations followed by discussion with a focus on supporting professional decision making through teaching and organisational systems
- 10.30am     Tea and coffee
- 11.00am     *Plenary*  
***Competence and Credibility: Developing Assessment Tools to Support Professional Judgement in Child Protection Work***  
Martin C Calder, MA, CQSW, Calder Training and Consultancy
- 12.00pm     Light lunch
- 1.00pm      *Discussion Groups* – choose one from:  
*Group R: Priorities and collaboration in **research** on decision making, risk, assessment and use of evidence*  
*Group T: Priorities and collaboration in **teaching** on decision making, risk, assessment and use of evidence*  
*Group D: Priorities and collaboration in **organisation development** on decision making, risk, assessment and use of evidence*
- 2.00pm      *Plenary*  
Feedback from discussion groups, general discussion and close
- 3.00pm      Finish