

The hidden costs of Covid-19: Protecting our most vulnerable children

Thursday 25th June, 12pm – 1.30pm

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Tam Baillie

Vice-Chair, Child Protection Committees Scotland and ex-Commissioner for Children & Young People, Scotland

Tam was Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People from May 2009 to May 2017, where his main duty was to promote and safeguard the rights of children and young people in Scotland. Tam has over 40 years experience working with and on behalf of vulnerable children and young people.

Tam's current activities include:

- Vice-Chair of Child Protection Chairs, Scotland (CPCS)
- Chair the Shetland Public Protection Committee
- Chair of the Orkney Public Protection Committee (Interim)
- Chair of the Western Isles Child Protection Committee



Joanne Smith

Policy and Public Affairs Officer, NSPCC Scotland

Joanne Smith is the policy and public affairs officer at NSPCC Scotland, where she leads the organisation's work on mental health. Joanne has a wealth of experience in children's policy in Scotland following over a decade as a parliamentary researcher at both Westminster and Holyrood. She has a particular interest in infant and perinatal mental health and the application of evidence based practice across all tiers of health and social care to ensure every child has the best possible start in life. Joanne is also the Scotland campaign lead for the UK-wide, Maternal Mental Health Alliance campaign, Everyone's Business.



Stuart Allardyce

Director – Stop It Now! Scotland

Stuart Allardyce qualified as a social worker in 1998. As a Director at Lucy Faithfull Foundation he has

responsibilities for Stop It Now! services in Scotland as well as research and international development across the UK.



He has worked with young people who have displayed harmful sexual behaviour for almost 20 years and was formerly chair of NOTA Scotland (National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse). He is currently vice chair of NOTA UK and Ireland as well as chair of the NOTA Policy-Practice Committee.

He is a visiting researcher at Strathclyde University, an associate at the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice and a trustee at White Ribbon Scotland. He is co-author of 'Working with Children and Young People Who Have Displayed Harmful Sexual Behaviour' (Dunedin Press, 2018) as well as several peer reviewed papers and book chapters on child sexual abuse and sexual offending. He was a member of the Scottish Government's expert working group on preventing sexual offending amongst children and young people.