

**British Society for
Paediatric Endocrinology
and Diabetes**

BSPED November 2023



Thank you to all who attended the British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes (BSPED) 2023 meeting in Manchester!

The meeting successfully brought together 517 registered attendees, providing them with a platform to exchange knowledge, engage in insightful discussions, and strengthen collaborations with fellow paediatric endocrinology and diabetes professionals.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the event a success, including our Programme Organising Committee, speakers, chairs, abstract submitters, abstract markers and sponsors.

Conference Dinner

Guests enjoyed an evening of entertainment and relaxed networking at the Imperial War Museum. Guests were welcomed to the venue with a drink's reception, before a delicious three-course meal, wine and an incredible performance from AMC Gospel Choir. The evening finished with dance floor-filling tracks from a resident DJ. It was a great opportunity for colleagues and friends to relax, catch-up and enjoy the entertainment!



Abstracts

All abstracts from the meeting can be found here: <https://www.endocrine-abstracts.org/ea/0095/>

Evaluation survey and certificates

All delegates who attended BSPED 2023 have received a unique email link to complete their post event online evaluation form. The deadline will now be extended to Friday 8 December 2023. Please do complete the survey to help us continue to develop and improve the BSPED Meeting. Once you have completed the survey you will receive your **CPD certificate within 14 days of the survey closing date.**

BSPED 2024 Save the Date!

There is a change to the scheduling of the BSPED Meeting in 2024. The 51st Annual Meeting will take place from **Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th October 2024 at the Hilton Hotel Glasgow.**



Congratulations to all our award winners!

James M Tanner Award

Awarded to: Dr Malcolm Donaldson

Malcolm Donaldson graduated from Bristol University in 1973 and did a mixture of General Medicine, Obstetrics and Paediatrics jobs before settling on Child Health as a career. He was inspired to go into Paediatric Endocrinology by Dr David Grant at Great Ormond Street in 1978 and spent a research year (1979-1980) with Professors Maguelone Forest, Jose Saez and Jean Bertrand in Lyon, France where he worked in steroid biochemistry. Dr Donaldson was appointed Senior Lecturer in Child Health in Glasgow in 1989 where he developed endocrine outreach clinics in the West of Scotland, and specialist clinics for Turner and Prader-Willi syndrome in Glasgow. With Emma Jane Gault, Dr Donaldson led a United Kingdom study in Turner syndrome from 1999 - 2014, examining the adjunctive roles of Oxandrolone and delayed pubertal induction in improving the final height of girls receiving growth hormone treatment.



Dr Donaldson retired in 2012 and is now an Honorary Senior Research Fellow with Glasgow University. He divides his time between writing, research and teaching. He is an active member of the Turner Syndrome Working Group (TSWG) of the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE). He is also involved with international teaching, is a previous coordinator of both ESPE Winter School and Maghreb School and currently a teacher on the faculty of ESPE Caucasus and Central Asian School. He is also a member of the French-speaking 'Programme d'enseignement en Endocrinologie-Diabétologie pédiatrique pour l'Afrique Francophone' (PEDAF). Since 2021 Dr Donaldson has been working with the e-learning team of ESPE to create a three-part Masterclass in Growth and Puberty.

BSPED Research & Innovation Award

Two awards of £15,000 each:

Awarded to: Lucy Bray (Liverpool) Jarod Wong (Glasgow) & May Ng (Liverpool)

Title: Collaborative development of education standards and resources for the emergency management of Adrenal Insufficiency: A mixed method, multi-phase project

Awarded to: Sinéad McGlacken-Byrne (London)

Title: Exploring the role of the demethylase FTO in human ovary development and early-onset primary ovarian insufficiency

BSPED Paediatric Endocrine Nurse Award

Two awards of £1,500 each:

Awarded to: Christine Desmond (Southampton)

Title: Successful Integration of the Complex Excess Weight (CEW) nursing role into the Paediatric Endocrine Nursing Service

Awarded to: Kate Davies (London)

Title: The clinical validity and acceptability of alternative methods of monitoring in young people with CAH

Best Oral Communication (Basic)

Awarded to: Jordan Reed (London)

Abstract No: OC8.2

Title: Rare variants in the MECP2 gene in girls with central precocious puberty

Best Oral Communication (Clinical)

Awarded to: Naga Sai Manas Setti (Birmingham) Lauren Quinn (Birmingham)

Abstract No: OC9.2

Title: Screening for paediatric type 1 diabetes – A qualitative study of parents and stakeholders

Best Poster

Awarded to: Miho Ishida (London)

Abstract No: P70

Title: Novel insights into genetic causes of childhood growth failure from patients recruited to the 100 000 Genomes Project

Best CME Presentation

Awarded to: Rachel Varghese (London)

Title: Lessons learned from a case of fungal candida thyroiditis: a rare but serious condition

2nd place CME Day Presentation

Awarded to: Manju Chandwani (Nottingham)

Title: A complex case of Pituitary Gigantism: Overcoming Challenges in Diagnosis and Treatment

3rd place CME Day Presentation

Awarded to: Preetha Purushothaman (London)

Title: A novel maternally inherited GNAS variant in a family with hyperphagia and obesity

News from the BSPED Office

Welcome to BSPED's new Chair-elect, Secretary-elect & Programme Organising Committee Chair

At the BSPED AGM on 9 November 2023, Dr Talat Mushtaq (Leeds) was appointed as the BSPED's new Chair-elect. Talat will shadow Dr Tabitha Randell for the final year of her term of office as Chair and will take office himself in November 2024. Dr Talat Mushtaq is a Consultant in Paediatric Endocrinology and Honorary Senior Lecturer at Leeds Teaching Hospitals. He is current BSPED Clinical Committee Chair and was previously CSAC Chair for Paediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology.



Dr Senthil Senniappan (Liverpool) was appointed as the BSPED's Secretary - elect. Senthil will shadow Dr Melanie Kershaw final year of her term of office as Secretary and will also take office in November 2024.

Dr Senthil Senniappan is Clinical Director for Endocrinology & Associate Professor in Liverpool. He is the current Programme Organising Committee (POC) Chair and was previously BSPED CME Officer and ESPE Chair Clinical Fellowship Committee.

Dr Renuka Dias (Birmingham) will take office as the new POC Chair from January 2024. Renuka is a Consultant in Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes at Birmingham Children's Hospital and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer Institute of Metabolism and Systems Research, School of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, University of Birmingham. Renuka was previously the local convenor of BSPED 2018



We welcome them all to their new Committee roles and thank them for their commitment and dedication to the Society.

Current Committee Vacancies

BSPED Clinical Committee – Clinical Guidelines Officer

Applications are requested for the position of BSPED Clinical Guidelines Officer to join our Clinical Committee for a 3-year term from April 2024. Current Clinical Guidelines officer, Dr Jarod Wong is taking up a new role as Chair of the BSPED Clinical Committee.

The Clinical Guidelines Officer will attend 4 Clinical committee meetings a year and take specific responsibility for:

- responding to any Clinical Guideline queries
- overseeing the development of any new BSPED Clinical Guidelines.
- ensuring the review of all existing BSPED guidelines every 3 years
- Ensure that the guidelines on the website are up to date prior to every quarterly committee meeting.

For more information please see the [role profile on the website](#) or contact the BSPED office.

Applicants should send their CV including photo, together with a 200-word covering letter supporting their suitability for the position. All documents should be submitted electronically to the BSPED Office by **Wednesday 31 January 2024**

BSPED James M Tanner Award

We are currently welcoming nominations for the next recipient of the James M Tanner Award, which is given in recognition of an outstanding overall contribution to the field of paediatric endocrinology and diabetes. It is named after Professor James Mourilyan Tanner, the British paediatric endocrinologist best known for his seminal growth studies and development of the Tanner scale.



This award acknowledges many facets, including excellence in leadership, scientific research excellence, teaching and mentorship. It is awarded on an annual basis at the BSPED meeting. The deadline for nominations is **20 February 2023** and both nominees and their proposer should be BSPED members. [All details and the nomination form can be found on our website](#). We look forward to receiving your nominations for your inspirational colleagues.

BSPED funding available for new projects and grants – suggestions please!

The BSPED is now in a good position to provide funding for new projects and grants.

In the first instance, we would like to ask **our members to submit ideas and suggestions** for projects that BSPED could fund in the coming years. The key criteria being that a project would bring benefit to BSPED and the wider Endocrine community.

Examples of previous funding include the sponsorship of an overseas trainee, patient leaflets/information and large-scale grants.

Please get in touch with your suggestions or submit a proposal to bsped@endocrinology.org

Virtual peer review – ensure your centre has an up to date review and get involved as a reviewer

BSPED are now running a [virtual peer review process](#) with a number of reviews taking place in early 2024.

There are now at least 10 UK centres overdue for a peer review, this list will shortly be available on the website with the date of their last review.

Please get in touch to let us know who would be the best person to contact in your centre.



We are also looking for individuals who would help with the review process, which includes DGH paediatricians and nurses. If you would also like to observe the review process, in preparation of your own centre's review, please let us know.

Further details of the review process and what it entails can be provided.

Please do get in touch with Peer Review Officer **Dr Guftar Shaikh** on Guftar.Shaikh@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Medical colleagues – if the nurses working with you do not receive this newsletter, please encourage them to join the BSPED, and contact the BSPED nurse representatives for further information: Peter Laing peter.laing@alderhey.nhs.uk and Karen Thompson karen.thompson@belfasttrust@hscni.net

Make the most of your membership benefits

The BSPED is an official endorsing society of the journal [Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism Case Reports](#) (EDMCR). EDMCR is a unique, open access resource that publishes and links together case reports, enabling practitioners to communicate findings, share knowledge and convey medical experiences efficiently and effectively; furthering both medical education and clinical practice.



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CASE REPORTS

Members of BSPED receive a 25% discount on the Article Publication Charge (APC) when their paper is accepted for publication in *EDM Case Reports*.

Help us keep in touch

As the BSPED communicates with members by email, please ensure that you notify the BSPED Office if your email address changes at bsped@endocrinology.org.



Join us on X

BSPED will soon be starting to do X tutorials and X segments to introduce you to the Committees and Special Interest Groups and give brief updates on our guidelines and BSPED events. It would be great if members joined the **X** account to keep up to date on opportunities.



If you are a member of **X**, please make sure you follow **@Britsped**. A brief guide on how to join can be [found here on the BSPED website](#).

Trainee Update


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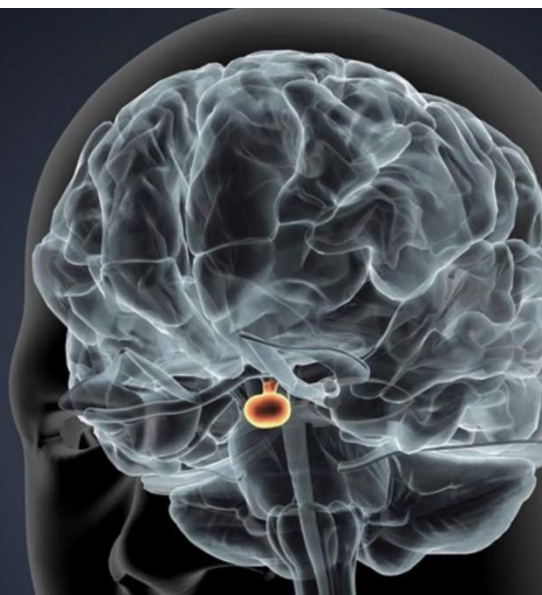
- The Inaugural Hypothalamo-Pituitary Axis Tumour (HPAT) Clinical Study Day
- 13th March 2024
- Sheffield: Venue to be confirmed
- Cost: Free – **MAXIMUM 50 PLACES**

We have invited HPAT subject matter leaders from across the country to speak about key research, medical and surgical issues relating to tumours of the Hypothalamic-Pituitary Axis

Programme and registration at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/O3MKMM/>

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Monogenic Diabetes Training Course, 6-7 December 2023

The next Monogenic Diabetes Training Course “Right diagnosis, right treatment” hosted by Prof Andrew Hattersley and Prof Maggie Shepherd will take place online in a virtual format. Registration is now live and can be booked here: <https://store.exeter.ac.uk/conferences>

This two-day training course on Monogenic Diabetes is aimed at consultants, SpRs and experienced DSNs; and is designed to help busy clinicians recognise and treat patients with MODY and other forms of monogenic diabetes. It will focus on the current practices and new developments in the management of monogenic diabetes.

Virtual rate for Specialist Registrars: £60

Diabetes UK Summer Camps

A great CPD opportunity, spending time with patients outside of a clinic setting and seeing their diabetes in real time.

Register your interest here: <https://eu.eventscloud.com/esurvey/hcp> Or find out more: <https://eu-admin.eventscloud.com/docs/200007869/HCP>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BSPED would welcome trainee involvement in regional diabetes networks. An advert for regional diabetes network trainee representatives will be circulated soon.

Trainee Update

VPET (Virtual Paediatric Endocrine Teaching) VPET now runs on the second Tuesday of every even month and second Friday of every odd month. If you would like to be added to the VPET mailing list or would like further information, please email vpet.trainees@gmail.com

BSPED Trainee Mailing List

We send regular email updates on courses, job opportunities and information on training to trainees who are on our mailing list. Please email bspedtraineeep@gmail.com for further details of how to join or if you have feedback on any training issues.

CSAC Diabetes and Endocrine Trainee Representatives:

Katherine Hawton

Salma Ali

Nicola Heddy

News from the Clinical Committee

National reaudit of DSD standards

The DSD SIG group has agreed to proceed with a national reaudit of DSD standards. This cycle of Audit will be re-run and led by Liz Crowne Liz.Crowne@uhbw.nhs.uk and Danielle Eddy Danielle.Eddy2@wales.nhs.uk. We shall keep the centres and the clinical committee updated with the progress over the next three months.

Zainab Mohamed -Disorders of Sex Development (DSD) Special Interest Group Coordinator

Emergency and perioperative management of adrenal insufficiency in children and young people: British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes consensus guidance.

Publication and updated BSPED AI card

The paediatric adrenal insufficiency working group are pleased that the full paper has been published in Archives of Disease in Childhood and can be accessed [here on the BSPED website](#) or via this link:

[Emergency and perioperative management of adrenal insufficiency in children and young people: British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes consensus guidance | Archives of Disease in Childhood \(bmj.com\)](#)

The [BSPED Adrenal insufficiency card](#) has also been updated so that the pdf includes fillable fields.

Please use this latest version, which is also available at [BSPED | BSPED Adrenal Insufficiency Consensus Guidelines](#).

Use of and comments regarding guidelines

BSPED guidelines have been commissioned and endorsed by the BSPED and reflect the Society's views on best practice for the majority of patients with that condition. However, each patient should be considered as an individual in the context of their condition and other medication and therefore the readers' discretion is required in the application of their use. Every effort has been made to ensure the factual accuracy of the contents but no liability can be accepted for any litigation, claims or complaints arising from the use of the guidelines.

If you have a query or comment, or would like to raise a concern regarding a BSPED guideline or any guideline on our website, please contact the [BSPED Office](#) who will ensure your message is passed to the BSPED Clinical Guidelines Officer and Clinical Committee.

Survey on Service Provision for Patients with Turner Syndrome

A group of us would like to look at the way services are managed for patients with Turner Syndrome in Paediatric Endocrine Centres.

The information gathered from this survey will hopefully help us to better understand the national landscape for the care of patients with Turner Syndrome, which might enable us to identify needs for service improvement as well as formulate research questions relevant to our patients.

The service was developed with the support of the Turner Syndrome Support Society (TSSS), UK.

We would be grateful for your time in taking this survey; it takes about 15 minutes to complete.

<https://form.jotform.com/223294422603046>

We would only require one response per centre, kindly agree with your colleagues who will answer for your centre to avoid multiple responses.

Many thanks for your help!

James Law, Elspeth Ferguson, Nadia Amin, Sasha Howard, Harshini Katugampola, Jan Idkowiak and Nils Krone

Surveys

If you would like to include a survey in a BSPED newsletter to encourage responses from BSPED members, please submit it to the [BSPED Office](#). The survey will be reviewed at the next Clinical Committee meeting and included in the newsletter if approved. Survey owners should agree to report their findings back to the Clinical Committee 6 months after the survey closes. The BSPED should be acknowledged in any output (guidelines, publications, presentations, etc.) resulting from the survey and the BSPED Office informed of the output.



Announcements

CONSULTANT IN PAEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY AND DIABETES (up to 10PAs) at BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN



**University Hospitals
Bristol and Weston**
NHS Foundation Trust

We invite applicants for a full-time substantive consultant post, replacement following retirement, in the Regional Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes services at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, UHBW. The post holder will join the existing team of 4 full time consultants who deliver a comprehensive Specialist Paediatric Endocrinology services to the South West Region at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and a network of regional shared-care clinics, and the large multidisciplinary diabetes team. Bristol is one of the four nationally commissioned, NHS England funded complex Osteogenesis Imperfecta service and has an expanding specialist endocrine bone service and the post holder will join the specialist Endocrine Bone service or another sub-speciality team. Bristol has the largest Paediatric Diabetes clinic in the UK (patient numbers=500) and a large paediatric diabetes MDT which includes an additional HEFC funded University of Bristol Consultant and 2 general paediatricians with an interest in diabetes. We maintain excellent links with our subspecialist and adult colleagues with specialist referrals, joint clinics, an evolving transition pathway and an active research programme.

The successful applicant will have a strong clinical commitment and have clinical, research and administrative skills that complement those of the existing team. Applicants must be eligible for full registration to practice with the GMC and hold or be within 6 months of CCST or equivalent in Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes. There are excellent facilities for personal development.

For more detailed job description and person description follow the link below

[Job vacancy: Consultant in Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust, Bristol](#)

RCPCH Volunteering Opportunities



We are currently seeking a dedicated individual to serve as the Clinical Lead for our Clinical Quality in Practice Committee. This committee plays a pivotal role in supporting the development of standards and guidelines while fostering a culture of continuous quality improvement within our organisation.

Please find attached a link to the volunteer application form and the required criteria:

[Clinical lead: Evidence-Based Clinical Practice - Clinical Quality in Practice Committee - volunteering opportunity | RCPCH](#)

Please forward this on to relevant members of your organisation who would be interested.

Paediatric Endocrine Nurse Role

The Pituitary Foundation are [recruiting for a paediatric endocrine nurse](#) to run their helpline service. The Nurse will be paediatric endocrine clinical lead amongst the staff team and part of the organisation's Medical Committee. The role includes working closely with the Head of Patient and Family Services and Endocrine Specialist Nurses, to provide medical information and guidance for parents, and contribute overall to the charity's patient and family support services.



[For more information about the role click here](#)

TSSS (UK)

The **Turner Syndrome Society** is carrying out a survey to generate an up-to-date list of the clinicians and where they are now based. To be added to our Paediatric Growth Clinic List. Please complete our 1-minute survey, thank you



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GROWTHCLINICS>

Research Fellowship and Research Funding Opportunities



JDRF and NNUKRF are offering a jointly funded Research Fellowship in Type 1 diabetes for 2024.

The award is now open for applications and details and online application forms can be found here [The Novo Nordisk UK Research Foundation | NNUKRF](#)

EnprEMA: paediatric cross-border clinical trials initiative



The **European Network of Paediatric Research** at the European Medicines Agency ([Enpr-EMA](#)) is a network of research networks and centres with recognised expertise in performing clinical studies in children, aiming to promote research into medicines for children.

A working group of Enpr-EMA analyses the obstacles and hurdles that children and families face, when a child participates in cross-border clinical trials (*i.e. travels to another country for participating to clinical trial*).

The main goal of this working group is **to develop consensus guidance to facilitate the inclusion of paediatric patients in cross-border clinical trials in Europe, aiming to avoid discrimination based on language, culture, or other factors**. This may be especially relevant for children living with rare diseases. To achieve this goal, **the working group aims to identify current practices on inclusion and exclusion of potential child participants from abroad** in a clinical trial by collecting paediatric clinical study data from the period of 2017-2022. Additionally, the group will analyse if there are explanatory reasons from a scientific and ethical perspective and identify good practices.

If you are a Clinical Research Unit (CRU) Coordinator or have a similar role, please complete this [questionnaire for CRU](#). Deadline for completion is **30th December 2023**.

Additionally, please share these 2 questionnaires to the staff of your CRU / Organisation. Each site can report a maximum of 10 studies. It is essential to get accurate data from various trial experiences. This project has been approved by the Ethics Committee at Sant Joan de Déu Research Foundation (Barcelona, Spain), regarding study protocol, anonymising, and analysing the data to guarantee the confidentiality of the personal data and information collected.

For the confidential data analysis, **you need to create a site specific 6 DIGIT CODE at the beginning of each survey** (e.g. 123456) that you and the rest of the staff of your site have to use in each survey. Questions with no data, please use N.A. Completing each questionnaire takes up to about 15 minutes. You can also download the questionnaires before filling them in via the web interface to ease the process. Deadline for completion these questionnaires is **30th December 2023**.

- Link to [questionnaire of clinical trials to collect good practices](#) and
- Link to [questionnaire of cases of discrimination in clinical trials](#).

For any additional information, please contact Begonya Nafria (Chair of the Paediatric Clinical Trials Cross-Border Access – Enpr-EMA Working group): begonya.nafria@sjd.es

GACI/ENPP1 clinical trials update



[Click here to read a press release](#) outlining the clinical trials program with ENPP1 enzyme replacement therapy for patients with Generalised Arterial Calcification of Infancy (GACI)/ENPP1 deficiency.

Circulating this information to your network in clinical genetics, neonatology, and paediatric cardiology, intensive care and endocrinology would greatly help increase awareness of our work with this very rare condition.

ENERGY 1 Ages 1-12 months, 8 patients Phase 1b, underway, recruiting NCT05734196

ENERGY 2 Ages birth-12 months, up to 12 patients, pivotal study

ENERGY 3 Ages 1-12, up to 30 patients, commencing October 2023

ENERGY 4 Ages 13+, up to 30 patients, under regulatory discussions

A brief description of GACI and the 'red-flag' presenting symptoms are included on the [Think GACI card](#)

If a case of GACI is suspected, rapid genetic testing via the Rady Institute is available to facilitate participation in the trials program. Clinicians should contact catherine.nester@inozyme.com

SPRINGER NATURE

[Springer Healthcare IME](#) is the Independent Medical Education unit of Springer Healthcare, part of the [Springer Nature](#) group, providing healthcare professionals the very latest clinical information from the world's leading experts in key therapeutic areas.

This programme is an online hub intended for healthcare professionals to explore the latest news on paediatric endocrinology including features such as [expert reviews](#) and [case studies](#).

This programme is made possible thanks to an educational grant received from Merck Healthcare KGaA."

Meetings and courses

[Bitesize webinar: Advice & Guidance and Patient-initiated follow-up](#)



Wednesday 6 December 17:30-18:00 (GMT).

In the next Bitesize webinar Dr Rupa Ahluwalia will discuss Delivering Endocrine Services: Transforming for a new era: Advice & Guidance and Patient-initiated follow-up. [Click here to register](#)

[Bitesize webinar: Non-functioning pituitary microadenomas: how to deal with them](#)



Wednesday 14 December 17:40-18:10 (GMT).

In the next Bitesize webinar Professor Niki Karavitaki will discuss Delivering Endocrine Services: Transforming for a new era: Non-functioning pituitary microadenomas: how to deal with them [Click here to register](#)



Thyroid Education Day 26th January 2024 in Birmingham

The first Thyroid Education day is an interactive event aimed at adult and paediatric endocrinologists, thyroid surgeons and oncologists. It will discuss the latest developments and guidelines in the management of thyroid disorders with internationally renowned experts in care of thyroid disorders.

Link: <https://www.thyroideducationday.com>

Early Bird Deadline: Friday 15th December (£195)

TSSS (UK)

Turner Syndrome Support Society UK

[Meet the Experts Day](#)

9th February 2024

Bolton Stadium Hotel, De Havilland Way, Bolton, (near Manchester) BL6 6SF

An Education Day open to all Healthcare Professionals involved in the Care of a girl or a woman with Turner Syndrome

The Turner Syndrome Support Society [UK] is proud to be hosting this event with support from Novo Nordisk. This is a day that was planned for the 10th Turner Syndrome International Conference [TSI2020] but it had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. Our Clinical Advisory Board are helping us plan the programme we are pleased to confirm we have some wonderful speakers.

[Click here for the full programme information and to register](#)

[Turner Syndrome Seminar Day](#)

10th of FEBRUARY 2024

Bolton Stadium Hotel, De Havilland Way, Bolton (near Manchester) BL6 6SF.

A Turner Syndrome Seminar Day on Heart & Fertility Risks in TS is open to adults with TS, their partners and families. Teens with TS may attend if they are fully informed of all implications of a TS diagnosis. Please note we are not able to provide any childcare facilities

[Click here for the full programme information and to register](#)

See more meetings and Courses on the [Other Meetings](#) page on the BSPED website.

If you have any meetings, courses or events that you would like to add to this page, please [submit them for review here](#).

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<https://www.kyowakirin.com>



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For more information, please visit: www.omnipod.com/en-gb/hcp

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