

## ACADEMIC CHILD HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

### **Glasgow Paediatric Research Day**

The Glasgow Paediatric Research Day is a free event which will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Teaching & Learning Centre, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Campus. The invited speakers' plenary session will focus on paediatric respiratory medicine and will feature presentations from Professor Andrew Bush, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College, London and Dr Ian Sinha, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool. [Registration](#) and [abstract submission](#) are now open. For further information, visit [GPRD2025](#) or contact [Karyn Cooper](#)

### **Academic Child Health Comes Of Age**

For the centenary of the Samson Gemmell Chair of Child Health, a viewpoint of Professors Ahmed, Weaver and Cockburn was published in the Archives of disease in Childhood in June 2025. In summary, academic paediatrics and child health has thrived for over a century due to its close ties with hospitals, universities, and research centres. Its strategic location has fostered collaboration, resource sharing, and integration of clinical care, research, and teaching. Despite challenges like evolving diseases, technologies, funding pressures, and shifting management structures, Academic Child Health has maintained its mission and adapted successfully. Multidisciplinary collaboration, involving both paediatric and non-paediatric specialists, has enriched research and improved child health outcomes. Continued success depends on adaptability, strong academic leadership, and nurturing the next generation of academics. The future lies in leveraging technology and maintaining a collaborative, child-focused research, training and education environment. (Ahmed SF, Weaver LT, Cockburn F. Academic child health comes of age: lessons from the first 100 years of the first University Chair of Child Health in the UK. *Arch Dis Child*. 2025 Jun 19;110:575-576)

### **Undergraduate Prizes**

- **RCPCH Medical Student Prize** This prize is advertised annually by the RCPCH and open to all MBChB students with a special interest in paediatrics to apply for nomination to attend the RCPCH annual conference. This year's prize was awarded to Maryam Sahibqaran. Notification of the application process for the 2026 prize will be circulated towards the end of 2025.
- **Yorkhill Portfolio Prize** This prize of £750 combined with the Yorkhill Medal, is awarded annually for the best paediatric portfolio by a year 5 MBChB student. Runner up prize is £250. This year, the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize was awarded to Elizabeth Watt with the runner-up prize awarded to Heather Newport.
- **Yorkhill Essay Prize** This prize of £750 is awarded annually for the best essay of 2500 words on any aspect of paediatrics submitted by an MBChB student in year 1 or 2. Runner up prize is £250. This year, the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize was awarded to Fedora Lau for the essay entitled, "***Should we operate on extremely preterm infants from a clinical and ethical point of view***". The runner-up prize was awarded to Isaac Yu for his essay entitled, "***More than just baby fat : The Overlooked consequences of childhood obesity***"
- **Hall Prize in Child Health** This prize of £500 is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Samson Gemmell Professor of Child Health on the basis of the class examinations and the final professional examination in Child Health for an MBChB year 5 viva. This year's prize was awarded to Cara Jane McCauley.

### **Postgraduate Prizes**

- **Harry Stewart Hutchinson Prize** The 2025 prize was awarded to Dr Xanthippi Tseretopoulou for the paper, "*Validation of a parent-reported outcome measure for young boys with a condition affecting sex development (PRO-CSD)*"
- **Yorkhill Prize for Postgraduate Research** This prize will be advertised on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August with a closing date of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The prize is awarded for a research or audit project in which the applicant is named first on a peer-reviewed paper published over the last year.

For further details visit [Child Health Prizes](#)

### **Glasgow Academic Training Environment (GATE)**

GATE is a joint undertaking between the University of Glasgow and the West Region of the Scotland Deanery of NHS Education for Scotland (NES) allowing trainees to benefit from exposure to excellence in both the research environment and clinical training. All trainees appointed to the first year of the West of Scotland training programme in paediatrics are eligible to apply. Visit [Clinical Academic Training \(GATE\)](#) for further information.

### **Newsletter January 2026**

The next Academic Child Health Newsletter will be circulated January 2026.

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