A programme of practice development seminars and conferences organised by Making Research Count at the universities of King's College London and Bedfordshire for those working in children’s social work. For further details please visit: www.kcl.ac.uk/scwru/mrc/index.aspx

Monday 16th May 2016
1pm - 4pm
King's College London SE1
Working with Trafficked Children

Wednesday 18th May 2016
10.30am - 12.30pm
University of Bedfordshire Luton LU1
Strengthening Child Protection: Sharing information in multi-agency settings

Wednesday 18th May 2016
1.30pm - 4pm
University of Bedfordshire Luton LU1
The Internet and Social Media: Challenges for child and family social work

Wednesday 8th June 2016
5.30pm - 7.30pm
King's College London
Social Work History Network: Children Act 1989

Tuesday 14th June 2016
10am - 4pm
King's College London SE1
Secondary Trauma and Social Work

Tuesday 14th June 2016
1.45pm - 3.45pm
King's College London SE1
Using RCTs to Evaluate Complex Interventions

Wednesday 13th July 2016
2pm - 4pm
King's College London SE1
Autism: Family and beyond

Monday 26th September 2016
10am - 1pm
King's College London SE1
The Recruitment, Assessment, Support and Supervision of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Foster Carers

Wednesday 28th September 2016
10am - 1pm
King's College London SE1
Sexually Exploited Young People’s Involvement in Decision-making about Their Care

Tuesday 4th October 2016
10am - 1pm
King's College London SE1
Reaching for Resilience

Tuesday 4th October 2016
1.30pm - 4pm
King's College London SE1
Making Justice Work: Experiences of criminal justice for children and young people affected by sexual exploitation

Friday 14th October 2016
10am - 1pm
King's College London SE1
A Lot Going On: The Links between forced marriage, going missing and child sexual exploitation

Monday 28th November 2016
10am - 1pm
King's College London SE1
The Role of the Supervising Social Worker in Foster Care

Monday 30th January 2017
10am - 1pm
King's College London SE1
Foster Carer Reviews: Making the most of a development opportunity

Monday 15th May 2017
10am - 1pm
King's College London SE1
Transitions to Permanence and Post-Adoption Contact
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**Unit Publications**

**How do we make social work offices more ‘normal’?**

Recognising the importance of place and how place is constructed through relationships between people, as well as through the physical environment, can be key to creating offices that combat the stigma attached to out-of-home care for children and young people. Nicky Stanley, Cath Larkins, Helen Austerberry, Nicola Farrelly, Jill Manthorpe and Julie Ridley argue that those leading and managing children’s services should explore ways of involving local communities in planning social work offices and turn attention to making these offices accessible, welcoming, places.

*Health & Social Care in the Community.*

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**How do fast track *Step Up to Social Work* students compare with other social work graduates?**

Mary Baginsky and Jill Manthorpe report on the findings from a survey of the first *Step Up to Social Work* student cohort, who graduated in 2014. Of the 130 respondents who started working in children’s social work departments upon qualification, 106 were still employed in such settings today, and 76 were working where they had trained. These data provides the opportunity to begin to measure the effectiveness of such a fast track route on retention in children’s social work.

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