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Cavendish Conference Centre,
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COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH (SPRING)

Chairs: Dr Katarina Harris, Dr Nicole
Horwitz, Dr John Loftus

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 3 April 2025

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Dr Theresa Renwick

10:00 Newer treatments in epilepsy
Dr Pooja Harijan

10:45 Coffee Break

11:05 Respond, an integrated health system for people seeking asylum and refugees
Dr Sarah Eisen

11:50 Child and Adolescent Vaccination: An Update
Prof Helen Bedford

12:35 Lunch Break

13:35 Advances in Epilepsy Genetics
Dr Richard Brown

14:20 Exercise as lifestyle strategy for ADHD - what does science tell us so far?
Dr Stone Hsieh

15:05 Coffee Break

15:25 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy - Multidisciplinary care and novel therapies
Dr Anna Sarkozy

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Dr Jo Saul

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Ms Maria Rodriguez Perez

11:50 Children with medical complexity: Improvement through partnerships
Dr Mary Salama and Dr Hannah Nicholson

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13:35 Spotting the Signs of Child Exploitation
Dr Simone Last

14:20 “Ready Steady Go” - how to start and improve transition to adult care for disabled children in the UK
Dr Arvind Nagra

15:05 Coffee Break

15:25 ARFID – fear, disinterest and disgust
Dr Gabriel Whitlingum

16:10 End of day 2: Close of Meeting

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