

## Virtual Conference Programme

**Chair: Dr Graham Whyte, Consultant in Palliative Medicine / Associate Postgraduate Dean for Grief and Bereavement, Marie Curie Hospice, Glasgow / NHS Education for Scotland**

09:15 **Welcome & Opening Plenary**

**The Deepest Wound: Healing and Hope in the Midst of Hurt –  
Grief and Bereavement in a Pandemic Age**

**Dr Donald Macaskill**  
Chief Executive, Scottish Care

10:05 **Bereavement During COVID-19: The experiences of those bereaved  
and the voluntary sector services supporting them**

**Dr Emily Harrop**  
Research Associate, Cardiff University

**Dr Lucy Selman**  
Senior Research Fellow, University of Bristol

10:45 **Stories and Experiences During the Pandemic**

Short Presentations and Panel Discussion

- Dr David Christie, Intensive Care Consultant, NHS Dumfries & Galloway
- Alyson Vale, Business & Operations Director, Abbotsford Care
- Yvonne Manson, Care & Clinical Director, Abbotsford Care
- Paul Cuthell, Funeral Director, Thomas Cuthell & Sons

11:25 **Break**

11:45 **Parallel Sessions**

**1. What Happens to Your Digital Assets After You  
Die and How Do You Plan For a Digital Legacy?**

**James Norris**  
Founder  
Digital Legacy Association

**2. Psychological Perspectives on Bereavement, Loss and Grief:  
Proactive approaches to support others and the importance of  
compassionate resilience for staff wellbeing**

**Dr Victoria Thomson**  
Principal Educator  
Psychology  
NHS Education for Scotland

**3. Palliative Care Patients with Children: Supporting the Family**

**Donna Hastings**  
Family Support Worker, St Columba's Hospice Care

**Dr Catriona Macpherson**  
Children and Families Practitioner  
Fife Specialist Palliative Care, NHS Fife

**4. Spiritual Care, Faith and Mourning Rituals:  
Understanding how to support people around the  
time of death**

**Linda Dunbar**  
Practice Educator  
Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy  
NHS Education for Scotland

12:30 **Poster Viewing**

12:45 **Lunch Break**

**Chair: Dr Kenneth Donaldson, Medical Director / Associate Postgraduate Dean for Grief and Bereavement, NHS Dumfries & Galloway / NHS Education for Scotland**

13:25 **Plenary Session**

**Poster Winners Announced**

**The Impact of Structural Inequalities on Mortality Rates of Ethnic Minorities during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Dr Gwenetta Curry**

Lecturer of Race, Ethnicity, and Health  
College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine  
University of Edinburgh

14:15 **Parallel Sessions**

**5. Bereavement Matters in Kinship Care**

**Anne Wilson**

Head of Development  
Children's Health Scotland

**6. Bereavement Support for Families After Critical Illness**

**Dr Nazir Lone**

Senior Clinical Lecturer in Critical Care  
University of Edinburgh / Honorary Consultant in Critical Care  
NHS Lothian

**Janine Wilson**

Deputy Charge Nurse, Critical Care Unit  
NHS Lothian

**7. Rituals, Memories and Preparing for Death:  
Exploring Good Practice and Barriers**

**Mark Evans**

Head of Spiritual Care and Bereavement Lead  
NHS Fife

**8. Managing Legal Processes Following a Death - including Medical  
Certification of Cause of Death and interaction with the  
Procurator Fiscal**

**Dr George Fernie**

Senior Medical Reviewer  
Death Certification Review Service  
Healthcare Improvement Scotland

**Sarah Mobsby**

Procurator Fiscal Depute, Scottish Fatalities Investigation Unit (West)  
Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service

15:00 **Break**

15:15 **Closing Plenary**

**A Doctor at the Heart of the Pandemic: What I Learned about Death, Bereavement and Wellbeing**

**Dr Matthew Walton**

London NHS Hospital

16:00 **Closing Comments**