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**Transcript of “Your Child Has Died” – Using simulation training to improve care for bereaved families’ conference film clip recording**

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Hello there. My name's Gill Burton and I'm the Acting Executive Director for Scottish Cot Death Trust. I'm here to speak a little bit about our planned parallel session called "Your Child Has Died" - Using simulation training to improve care for bereaved families. As a trust, we provide support directly to families across Scotland that have lost a little one suddenly and unexpectedly. And in our times with them, they share their stories with us. One of the things that we tend to hear about within those stories are their experiences of interactions with professionals, both the good and the not so good. As a result of this, we provide a number of different training opportunities for police, health and Scottish ambulance service colleagues, including SUDI awareness training, as well as an immersive experiential learning opportunity called SUDI simulation training, which is what this session will talk about.

Simulation training can make professionals quite apprehensive for a variety of reasons, particularly when simulation scenarios are around bereavement and loss, because these are incredibly difficult subjects to grapple with.

In the workshop, we'll give an outline of what happens within a simulation session, how we structure it. We'll share with you the research evidence behind simulation provision as a training tool, and we'll give you a flavor of the evaluations that we've received through the sessions we've run, and we'll provide an emphasis on parent lived experience.

Ultimately, we hope that you'll leave the session convinced that simulation training really helps staff and as a result really helps bereaved families. We'll talk about how to keep the lived experience of bereaved families at the heart of training and as a result at the heart of service provision for them, and we'll talk you through why it can be a useful session to run in your locality. I look forward to seeing you at the session.

The film was produced in October 2024 and can be found at <https://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/conference/> or <https://vimeo.com/1020609615>

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