



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The National Association of Health Play Specialists (NAHPS) is pleased to announce our

44th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting Friday 28th June 2019 at UCLH

The Value of Play & Recreation to Children & Young People's Health

We welcome abstract submissions from Health Play Specialists working within children and young people's health, and submissions from other individuals or groups of professionals working alongside Health Play Specialists within the multidisciplinary team.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Friday 15th March 2019

Successful submissions will be notified on 12th April

- Presenters are limited to a maximum of two abstract submissions
- Abstracts will be selected through a review process by the NAHPS Executive Committee
- If your abstract submission does not follow the submission guidelines, your submission may be eliminated from the selection process

Abstract review process

All Abstracts will be considered by evaluating the following:

- The quality of their expected content
(i.e. the submission clearly outlined background/literature review, purpose, outcomes; relevance to conference themes, evidence of efficacy in the workplace, a contribution to the multidisciplinary team and good reflective practice)
- The quality of the abstract organisation, as it is received by NAHPS
(i.e. the submission complies with content and presentation guidelines)
- The quality of writing that is demonstrated

Submission guidelines

Topic: *Abstract topics should reflect the overall conference theme – a celebration of the work of Health Play Specialists over the past 40 years and pushing the boundaries for a greater presence of play for children and young people in hospitals and healthcare settings. Abstract submissions should focus one or more of the following sub-themes:*

- **Involving children/young people in their health care**
- **Improving Patient experience**
- **Innovation in the workplace/New projects**
- **Service development and leadership**
- **Resilience and coping**
- **Therapeutic play**
- **Supporting children/young people's mental health**
- **Supporting children/young people with additional needs**

Please present to us:

Title: *This should reflect the topic you are discussing*

Outline of your presentation: *an abstract (maximum 600 words), including each of the following sub-sections:*

- Introduction including background/literature review
- Purpose of presentation clearly explaining the purpose for the presentation – why it is important/relevant to practice
- Significance to sub-themes: specify the sub-theme(s) to which the abstract relate to
- Research/evidence-based submissions including research methodology and results
- Non-research submissions: explain the outcomes or impact of your idea/programme or topic

The type of presentation: *specify **Poster Presentation, Oral presentation** - 25 minutes plus 5 minutes questions or **Interactive workshop** - suggested time 45mins*

Equipment requirements: *please specify anything required **in addition** to PowerPoint facilities (e.g. DVD, flip chart)*

Details of references: *All abstracts should include at least two references to support your submission (please use the Harvard format for references)*

Contact details: *all correspondence will be by email. Where there is more than one author, one person should be designated as the primary contact*

[Peg Belson Lecture](#)

Peg Belson MBE and Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health made a significant contribution to NAHPS through her relentless work in enabling others to recognize that play services for sick children is a fundamental part of health care provision. Peg was instrumental in the early development of the hospital play specialist field in the United Kingdom, and facilitated the introduction of similar programs for family involvement and play to other countries. NAHPS is proud to host this lecture in memory of such an inspirational patron.

This lecture will be the key note lecture of the conference and chosen from the abstract submissions (anonymized for this purpose) by an impartial and independent Health Play Specialist colleague.

There is an expectation that the lecture chosen to receive the Peg Belson Memorial prize will be written up for the winter edition of the NAHPS Journal.

[Confirmation of Submission](#)

The primary contact author will receive email confirmation of receipt of the abstract. *(If you do not receive this within one week of submission, please email admin@nahps.org.uk)*

You will be notified via email of acceptance or decline of each abstract submission by [12th April 2019](#)