



Connect Centre Research Seminar Series 2018 / 2019 Semester 2

3 April 2019, 4-5.30 pm

UCLan Preston Campus, Brook Building, Room 009

Evidence informed justice: a new Nuffield Family Justice Observatory for England and Wales What can it contribute?

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The Nuffield Foundation is investing £5million in establishing a Family Justice Observatory, the only one of its kind in the UK. It is a hugely exciting development which aims to deliver better justice to children and families caught up in the family justice system by improved use of data and research evidence. This talk will discuss the rationale for the Observatory and identify both opportunities and challenges. Examples will be given of key new insights that have already emerged from the Observatory and how its work is helping set new agendas for family justice. The talk will draw on a new study *Born into Care* which has revealed a hidden population of vulnerable infants in the care system. The talk will also discuss an ongoing rapid evidence review of special guardianship commissioned by the Observatory to assist the work of the Family Justice Council in preparing new guidance following a recent Court of Appeal judgment, Re P-S.

Seminar is free. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

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