



Centre for
Child & Family
Justice Research

Children, Care and Inequality: a view from the North



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About the Centre for Child and Family Justice Research

- The Centre is a partnership between Department of Sociology & the Law School, working closely with the Data Science Institute
- Aims
 - To provide a supportive and vibrant scholarly environment for child and family justice researchers, nationally and internationally.
 - To progress new standards for methodological rigour and innovation in socio-legal research.
 - To collaborate with policy and practice colleagues as well as children and families to shape research policy and practice agendas.

For more information on the work of the Centre visit our website

<https://www.cfj-lancaster.org.uk/>

Born into care



"THE FOUNDLING," BY G. B. O'NEILL



Born into care

Newborns in care proceedings in England

Summary report, October 2018

Nuffield Family Justice Observatory for England & Wales

Professor Karen Broadhurst, Dr Bachar Alrouh & Claire Mason, Centre for Child and Family Justice Research, Lancaster University

Professor Harriet Ward & Dr Lisa Holmes, The Rees Centre, Oxford University

Mary Ryan & Dr Susannah Bowyer, Research in Practice, Dartington Hall



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Nuffield Family Justice Observatory

Currently under development, the Nuffield Family Justice Observatory aims to improve the use of data and research evidence in the family justice system.

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Why this seminar? Centre work on inequality

- Unequal chances of becoming involved in the child protection and family justice system is a strong theme in a number of Centre projects
- Housing and material deprivation is part of the story
- All create an added burden on family life and reinforce inequality
- Regional variation

Examples of projects flagging up inequality and regional variation:

- Care demand and regional variability report
- Born into care: newborns in care proceedings in England
- National study of supervision orders and special guardianship
- Permanently progressing? Building secure futures for children in Scotland

Speaker biographies

Paul Bywaters

- Professor of Social Work at Huddersfield University and has an honorary research fellowship with the University of Sheffield
- Longstanding career as a social work education and previously a practising social worker
- Co-founded the international Social Work and Health Inequalities Network
- Since retiring focused on developing research on child welfare inequalities
- Has had a number of research projects funded by the Nuffield Foundation and Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Published 5 books and over 50 peer reviewed articles and book chapters.

Anna Round

- Senior Research Fellow at IPPR North working on social policy
- Main areas of expertise are:
 - Education, skills and workforce
 - Public services and social policy
 - Economy and society in North East England
- Published several reports focussing on the economy of the North East of England