

# Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

We are delighted to welcome **Dr Raja Mukherjee**, Lead Consultant Psychiatrist from the Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Service, to run this presentation on FASD.

Foetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) describes the range of disorders caused by prenatal alcohol exposure to the developing foetus. Research suggests that more than 7000 babies are born every year in the UK with FASD. Some local authorities estimate that around 70% of the children needing adoptive families have drug/alcohol misuse in their background or have been exposed during pregnancy. Prenatal exposure to alcohol can have a significant impact on areas of cognition, language, behaviour, social skills, attention and the sensory system.

Dr Mukherjee will cover the following:

- FASD and risk
- Identification and diagnosis
- Neurocognitive presentation
- Support and management
- Prognosis and life course

## **Suitable For:**

This presentation will be suitable for therapists and professionals working with adopted and fostered children and other young people that may be affected by FASD.

## **About the Trainer:**

Dr Raja Mukherjee is a Consultant Psychiatrist for Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, with interest in the management of developmental disorders across the lifespan. He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at St George's, University of London.

In September 2009 he started the first NHS based specialist FASD behavioural clinic and since then has seen over 150 cases for specialist second opinion. The clinic is currently being expanded to offer more comprehensive national opinion on the diagnosis and behaviour management of FASD.

Dr Mukherjee completed his PhD on the subject of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome in 2014. He has also acted as an advisor to the BMA board of science, the Department of Health and the World Health Organisation on the subject of FASD. He continues to be an active member of the international scientific panel on FASD for **NOFAS UK**, for the international conference held biannually in Vancouver and for the European meetings related to FASD. Alongside colleagues he has helped set up the first professional network in the UK for FASD to improve training and knowledge about the subject.

**Date:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Time:** 10.00am – 3.00pm

**Venue:** Adoptionplus, Moulsoe Business Centre, Moulsoe, Nr. Milton Keynes,  
MK16 0FJ

**Price:** £140.00 + VAT (£168.00 inc VAT)  
Lunch and refreshments are included

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