

## MEET THE SPEAKERS

### James Gardner

#### **Allergy Nurse Consultant & Director of Nursing at the Food Allergy Immunotherapy Centre, London**

James is a Paediatric Nurse and has worked for 18 years in allergy. He worked in many of the allergy centres in London as both an allergy and asthma Nurse Specialist. For several years was the Nurse Consultant in Allergy at Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle and is now the Nurse Consultant in Children's Allergy and Director of Nursing at the Food Allergy Immunotherapy Centre in London offering pioneering oral immunotherapy for food allergy and novel treatments.

James previously completed his MSc in Allergy from the University of Southampton and focused on the use of component resolved diagnostics in peanut allergy.

He was for many years chair and member of the Allied Health working group in the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and is current Chair of BSACI Nurses Group.

He has been involved in several European task force groups through the academy including expert panel for the anaphylaxis guideline. Other work includes competencies for allied health working in allergy, M-health and social media. His main research interests are in food allergy, allergic rhinitis and MHealth.

He is involved with many food allergy support groups and regular on various allergy social media (Twitter/Instagram @allergynurseuk)



## Anne McDonnell

### **Nurse Specialist (Children and Young People (CYP): Allergy Immunology) Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne**

Anne McDonnell is a Nurse Specialist (Children and Young People (CYP): Allergy Immunology) based at the Great North Childrens Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne and is in her final year of a two-year NIHR ICA Pre-doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (PCAF). Anne is currently undertaking a MA in Research Methods (MARM) (Health) at the University of Nottingham. Anne 's research area of interest is the emotional and mental health needs of parents and caregivers of CYP with food allergy.

Anne's masters level dissertation is a qualitative study exploring psychological models of uncertainty and the impact or uncertainty, 'not knowing', on the psychological wellbeing of parents and caregivers of children with food allergy.

## Dr Deborah Marriage

### **Consultant nurse for allergy and asthma, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, UK**

Deb Marriage is a consultant nurse for allergy and asthma at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children where she has worked since 2002. She previously worked in allergy at St Mary's Hospital, London. Deb has completed the MSc in Allergy at Southampton University and a Professional Doctorate in Health at the University of Bath.

Deb manages the Paediatric Allergy Service and is involved in local training programmes for GPs and practice nurses, and asthma and allergy teaching in schools and primary care. She is an advocate for nurse-led services and in promoting the extended role of nurses.

She is a joint Asthma ICS Lead for the Bristol BNSSG ICB and has recently been involved in setting up a new model of community-based asthma care. Deb has recently been offered the role of Core20PLUS5 Ambassador which focuses on addressing healthcare inequalities.

She enjoys research and her particular interests are in asthma, egg and peanut allergy, and looking at alternative ways of delivering healthcare.





## Phoebe Mouldale

### **Allergy Nurse Specialist, Worcester Acute Hospital**

Phoebe is a paediatric allergy specialist nurse at Worcester Acute Hospital.

She has previously worked in allergy in Melbourne, Australia and Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. Before allergy, she worked as an infectious diseases and immunology specialist nurse and also in infectious diseases and vaccine research, in Bristol.

She has a Masters in Public Health and is an independent prescriber.



## Katherine Knight

### **Clinical Nurse Specialist, Children's Allergy, The Food Allergy Immunotherapy Centre**

Katherine qualified as a children's nurse at the Nightingale Institute in 1998. She worked at St Thomas' hospital initially before moving on to a ward sister post then community children's nursing. It was in this role that she led on the development of an at home acute asthma service and developed an interest in asthma and allergy.

She joined the Evelina allergy service in 2013 as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. She has experience in nurse led allergy services, food and drug allergy, pollen and venom immunotherapy. Katherine holds an allergy masters from Southampton University and is an independent nurse prescriber. Katherine now works at the Food Allergy and Immunotherapy Centre in London providing oral immunotherapy.

Katherine is a member of the BSACI and regularly teaches on allergy focused courses as well as being a co-director on the allergy academy 'allergy in practice' course. She has twice been nominated and shortlisted for the Guys and St Thomas' hospital specialist nurse of the year.

## Rebecca Batt

### **Senior Clinical Lead, The Evelina Children's Hospital**

Rebecca is an RGN/RSCN and has a BSc (Hons) in Paediatric Intensive Care Nursing. She worked at Great Ormond Street and The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and was a Practice Educator in PICU before becoming a Nurse Specialist at Asthma UK.

She began her career in allergy in 2007 when she became a Paediatric Allergy CNS at King's College Hospital. She gained the MSc in Allergy from Imperial College, London in 2011 with distinction and the Non-Medical Prescribing course in 2019 from London South Bank University.

Rebecca was an Advanced Nurse Practitioner for five years before becoming a Nurse Consultant at The Evelina London Children's Hospital. Rebecca is the Senior Clinical Lead for the nursing team and regularly speaks at national study events and conferences.

She lectures on the ANP Pathway and the Non-Medical Prescribing Course at LSBU and on the Allergy MSc at Imperial College. She is a Course Director for the Allergy Academy and is vice chair of the BSACI Nurses Committee.



## Joanne Miles

### **Paediatric Allergy Clinical Nurse Specialist, Luton and Dunstable Hospital**

Joanne Miles qualified with a BA Hons in Children's Nursing in 2001 from Oxford Brookes University. Joanne worked for many years in Paediatric intensive care at Great Ormond Street Hospital NHS Trust before becoming a Clinical Nurse Specialist in various roles. She took on the unique role of Infant lung function nurse specialist where she began her advanced nurse practice qualification.

From there she became the complex asthma CNS at Great Ormond Street Hospital NHS Trust which sparked her enthusiasm for allergy. Joanne graduated from London South Bank University in 2019 with a postgraduate diploma with distinction in Children's Advanced Nurse Practice and a postgraduate certificate with distinction in non-medical prescribing.

Joanne joined the allergy team at Luton and Dunstable Hospital in 2020 taking on the role of paediatric allergy clinical nurse specialist. Here Joanne has established nurse-led asthma clinics and works as part of the team to provide nurse-led challenges, skin prick testing, and supporting consultant clinics.