

NAGALRO AUTUMN 2025 ONLINE CONFERENCE

‘Children who slip through the net’

Friday, 10 October 2025, 09.30 am – 13.30 pm

This conference hopes to examine

- The level and prominence of children who not only slip through the net by their needs not being recognised and given due consideration; hence continuing to endure neglect in all areas of their life throughout their childhood. We aim to examine the consequences for children but also the long lasting impact of such neglect.
- We examine the continuing neglect during care proceedings when the assumption is that the issue is merely about “cleaning up” rather than the factors that led to neglect in the first place. How traditional views of neglect continues to allow children slip through the net?
- The impact of cultural factors in concealing child abuse, identifying the particular circumstances in the case of Sara Sharif and how these assumptions contribute to harm for children from ethnic minorities.
- The consideration of Neglect as a psychological construct.
- What we can learn from the Research Experience undertaken in the Republic Ireland on children falling through the “cracks” in care proceedings.

The highly experienced presenters who will challenge and hopefully channel our thinking have been chosen from differing perspectives and include:

Conference Chair

- **The Conference Chair is Elpha LeCointe, barrister at One Garden Court Chambers, and deputy District Judge of the Family Division sitting in London and holding tickets in Private and Public law.**

Speakers

- **Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division has agreed to speak at the conference and give a broad overview on children who slip through the net.**
- **Dr Dominique Newsome, Psychologist will speak about "Neglect as a psychological construct."**
- **Dr Maria Corbett, Children’s Rights Alliance (Republic of Ireland) to present on two research studies she co-authored, “Falling Through the Cracks: An Analysis of Child Care Proceedings from 2021 to 2024” (Child Law Project) and the 2025 “Report of the External Review Group on Special Care” (commissioned by the Child and Family Agency, Tusla). She will discuss key findings about neglect and practical lessons for professionals.**
- **Genet Amare, solicitor. Drawing from both professional expertise and lived experience, Genet will explore how children ‘slip through the net’ when their holistic and cultural needs are overlooked, and the life-altering consequences that follow. Her talk will highlight the systemic and cultural silences that can obscure abuse, particularly within diaspora communities, and the urgent need for professionals to listen deeply to children’s voices. She will also share insight from her forthcoming short film Broken Childhood, Unbroken Spirit, which tells her own story of surviving hidden abuse and turning trauma into purpose through the law.**

- **Dr Aisha Gill, Professor in Criminology at Roehampton University.** Has agreed to present her research on the intersection of multiple overlapping structural inequalities and on the impact of cultural factors in concealing Child Abuse, particularly in relation to what we can learn from the case of Sara Sharif.
- **Carolyn Willow, Founder and former Director of Article 39** will focus on 'Protecting the rights of children in plain sight', lessons from child abuse scandals within the family and institutional settings'.

The Conference will attract 4 CPD hours and be of interest to academics, barristers, solicitors, family court advisers, children's guardians, independent social workers, local authority social workers, family support workers and mediators, judges, administrators, magistrates, social workers, mental health workers, researchers and IROs.

Please note there is a **bundle discount offer for this conference jointly with our Nagalro on-line Training Course (remote): **'A Year of Public and Private Law in Review'** on Wednesday, 10 September 2025, 14:00 – 16:00 by Zoom *(see prices below)**

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A Year of Public & Private Law in Review

Remote training opportunity on Wednesday, 10 September 2025, at 14:00 – 16:00 by Zoom (more information on the application flyer)

A review of the most important and interesting cases of the last 18 months.

Led by barristers from Coram Chambers: **Catherine Nicholes, Gill Honeyman and Anarkali Musgrave**

Bundle discounts for this Autumn Conference AND ‘A Year of Public Law and Private Law in Review’ training courses are:

- ☐ **£80** (RRP £110) for full member
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- ☐ **£100** (RRP £130) For Family Court Advisor/other Social Worker
- ☐ **£25** (RRP £35) For student/retired member
- ☐ **£115** (RRP £145) For non-member