



Jane Wynne 1944-2009

Paediatrician and Safeguarding Expert

Jane Wynne was born in Leicester, but her family moved to Leeds where she was educated at Lawnswood High School before graduating from Leeds University with honours in medicine.

After posts in Adult Medicine she went into Paediatrics and became a registrar in Nottingham, following which she obtained a job at Leeds University as a lecturer in Medicine.

She ran clinics for disabled children and joined Michael Buchanan, the Leeds pioneer in the field of child abuse. In 1984 she was appointed as one of the new breed of consultant Community Paediatricians at the Infirmary, becoming more involved in child abuse work.

After the Cleveland Inquiry into child abuse where her work was supported in the report of the inquiry, she and Chris Hobbs established the Child Protection Special Interest Group.

The Cleveland Inquiry led many paediatricians to become anxious about carrying out child protection work and they started to ask Jane and Chris for training. The courses they put together were never advertised but were always full and attended by paediatricians from across the world.

In 1999, Jane and Chris worked with Clinical Psychologist Helda Hanks, to produce the book 'Child Abuse and Neglect: a Clinician's Handbook' and also published 'Physical Signs of Child Abuse' in 2001 which was globally acclaimed.

