

**An Introduction to Neonatal Graduates in the Community Setting
- an holistic and evidenced based approach
APCP 2017 Programme**

Objectives

- To consider and understand the theoretical frameworks underpinning infant development
- To understand the implications of neonatal development associated with prematurity
- To identify which infants will most benefit from early neonatal/infant assessment/intervention
- To identify the factors which may influence neuro-motor assessment within the NICU setting and in follow-up
- Consider and discuss the interactions between, and influences of various systems on the development of NICU graduates
- Discuss implications for own role and reflect on current practice
- Discuss the implications for the infant, and family and carers of the infants stay in the NICU and the longer term sequelae of prematurity or stormy full term neonatal events
- To consider the benefits of a holistic approach to early assessment and intervention
- To consider the reliability and validity of various assessment and evaluation tools for high risk infants
- To enable participants to effectively decide which evidenced based tools would be most appropriate, cost effective, reliable, and specific when evaluating developmental outcome of high risk infants
- To be able to identify criteria necessary to be able to deliver a 'gold standard' follow-up service to client group