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**The British Society for
Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology**

Attending Annual BSCCP Conference with Babies and Children

We are a family orientated society and want to make it as easy as possible for parents and carers to attend BSCCP annual Conferences whilst ensuring the optimal educational experience for all attendees. The BSCCP has considered its policy and the general principals are outlined below.

General rules and guidance

- Babies under the age of 1yr are welcome to attend Conference with their parent. We encourage parents to sit at the back of the auditorium and if their babies cry, to leave the room until their babies are settled. We must also consider the experience for all participants and invited speakers and their need to be heard by the audience.
- Children aged between 1yr and 5yrs are welcome to make use of the Parent's Room with an accompanying adult, but won't be permitted access to the auditorium.
- Unfortunately there won't be space to bring buggies or car seats into the auditorium itself, so it may be helpful to bring a sling. Buggies and car seats can be left in the designated conference facilities.
- Babies and children must not be left unattended at any time.
- We would hope that you would be sensitive to any disruption a baby may cause if unsettled and would request that you position yourself where you may be able to exit discretely if the baby is crying.
- If you have any special circumstances that we should be aware of, please contact both conference organisers and the BSCCP secretariat so we can do our best to accommodate them.

Parent's Room

The BSCCP is a small society and annual conference facilities vary according to projected attendee numbers. The standard of conference facility varies from large, modern bespoke conference facilities to older halls that might lack some amenities.

We will endeavour to identify a parenting room but can't guarantee that such rooms have all the facilities that large conference centres might be able to provide. We would hope that such rooms will provide:

A base away from the Conference crowds, to care for the needs of your baby or child under the age of 5. The room will have:

- A private space for breastfeeding (although you are welcome to breastfeed anywhere at Conference)
- An adjacent bathroom with unisex baby changing facilities

Please do not leave your baby or child unaccompanied in this room or any part of Conference at any time.

Please note that the parent's room is a shared area so we cannot guarantee the absence of any allergens.

Children and babies within sessions

Babes in arms (under the age of 1) are welcome within the conference sessions, but we ask that parents be mindful of other delegates and take any babies out of the room if they are making noise.

Unfortunately, you won't be able to bring any children over 1 with you into the sessions.

Breastfeeding

You are welcome to breastfeed or bottle feed your baby anywhere at Conference.

Access for non-registered parents and carers

You may bring a friend or family member with you to help care for your child, whilst you are attending sessions. They will be free to access the Parent's Room in your absence, but will not be able to access any of the sessions or the exhibition hall. Unfortunately due to the capacity of the venue, we will not be able to provide them with lunch.

Children and babies at social events

The conference social events are not designed with children and babies in mind; however babies under 1yr may attend with a parent free of charge, if alternative childcare cannot be arranged. Children aged 1-12yrs are not permitted to attend due to the nature of the events. Children over 12yrs may attend, but there is no reduction on the ticket price available.

Please note that the social events will feature loud entertainment and alcohol will be served. Unfortunately we do not have space to accommodate buggies, pushchairs or car seats at any of the social event venues.