



**SESSION**

**Monday**

**B 11.30 am and B 4.15 pm**

**Elsbeth Cameron**

## **Musculoskeletal Disorders in Endoscopy Nursing Staff**

The impetus for the work was the publication of the document 'Handle with Care' by the Office of the Scottish Children's Commissioner which sought to identify the problems associated with manual handling from the perspective of young people themselves. The report indicated a lack of a consistent approach across Scotland. While there were areas of good practice, in many areas young people felt that their needs were not being met, their views were not being taken into account, and often their needs were not fully considered, only those of the paid staff handling them.

The purpose of our work is to identify if the same problems exist in Wales. Initial research carried out in the Vale of Glamorgan indicated that the same perceptions existed amongst young people and their informal carers / parents. We are now carrying out research in other areas of Wales to give us a better picture of the national situation

The proposed work that this abstract relates to covers the handling of children and young people in local authorities in Wales as opposed to the NHS. In most circumstances the handling of children with complex handling needs in the community is undertaken by staff employed by local authorities or contracted to provide care on their behalf.

The work is being carried out by a small group of Manual Handling Coordinators and other professionals within Wales who have formed a Paediatric Handling Group as a subgroup of the All Wales Syniad Manual Handling Forum which operates under the auspices of the WLGA. Some of the work carried out already by the group has been incorporated into the revised Local Authority version of the All Wales Manual Handling Training Passport and Information Scheme which has been adopted by all local authorities in Wales and is the standard by which we are assessed and inspected by the HSE. The aim of the ongoing work is to inform an All Wales strategy on the handling of children and young people. This work will be carried out with the support of the Office of the Childrens Commissioner for Wales