

Abstract presentations

1. *'Breastfeeding experiences of mothers with HIV from two UK centres' by Paula Seery – Winner*

This highlighted that women who breastfeed face challenges and one concern identified was that breastfeeding could be part of 'keeping HIV a secret' from partners/family and community healthcare professionals. This could lead to conflicting advice around breastfeeding that doesn't apply to HIV infected mothers. Encouraging and supporting breastfeeding mothers to inform partners/community workers is important to allow appropriate support.

2. *'The cascade of care for children with HIV in the UK and Ireland in 2015' by Jeannie Collins*

As compared to the UNAIDS 90-90-90 target, in 2015 87% of children were on ART of whom 91% were suppressed which equates to 77% of the total population being suppressed.

3. *'Experiences of stigma and support: Findings from the Young People's Stigma Survey UK' by Irina Lut*

300 participants completed the survey; a key conclusion was that young people feel education in schools is the most important way to address stigma and discrimination.

4. *'Malignancy and mortality; incidence in adolescents and young adults living with perinatally acquired HIV' by Sara Ayres*

There is a more than ten-fold increased risk of all-cause mortality and of malignancy (predominantly lymphomas) in this cohort compared to peers. Vigilance is key as presentation is often non-specific.