

Wednesday 10th April 2019

NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY

UPDATE: SIBLINGS, CONTACT AND THE LAW: AN OVERLOOKED RELATIONSHIP?

This update is being sent to individuals and organisations who have shown an interest in our research.

You also can keep updated on our work by following us on Twitter: [@SiblingsLaw](https://twitter.com/SiblingsLaw)

Since the launch of our findings in November 2018, we have been busy disseminating them to practitioners and beyond, speaking to over 1200 people at events and publishing as widely as we can.

So far we have spoken to: Cafcass Guardians in London and Sheffield; the Association of Lawyers for Children; the Law Society Children's Sub-Committee; the Sussex Family Justice Circle; family lawyers at an event organised by 42 Bedford Chambers and another organised by Best Solicitors, Sheffield; to academics, practitioners and campaigners at Strathclyde University; to social workers at events organised by the London boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea and Hounslow; to the Hampshire Family Justice Council and the Greater London Family Panel.

We will be addressing the President of the Family Division's Annual Conference in May and the Family Law Judicial College training day in June.

If you would like to invite us to speak to you and your colleagues, please email: J.Macvarish@bbk.ac.uk

If you have any stories from cases involving siblings, please email us: J.Macvarish@bbk.ac.uk or D.Monk@bbk.ac.uk

Project reports

The [Summary Report](#) was published in November 2018 and the [Full Report](#) in January 2019. Both are available for free download at our Nuffield Foundation [project page](#).

Further news

April: We presented at the CoramBAAF workshop *Beyond Together or Apart: brothers and sisters are for life*, following on from a similar [event](#) in London. While in Leeds, we also gave a paper as part of the Family Law and Policy strand at the [Socio-Legal Studies Association](#) conference.

March: We were delighted to be awarded the [Birkbeck Public Engagement Award for Transforming Culture or Public Life](#).

February: [Article](#) published in Family Law.

November 2018: [Article](#) published on LocalGov.co.uk and [another](#) on Children and Young People Now.

Please let us know if your details have changed or if you would prefer not hear our news in the future.

All the best,

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