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**Personal information:**

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**Present appointment:**

*September 2018 – present:* Research Fellow

**Previous appointments:**

*January 2017 – September 2018:* Senior Research Associate in Surgical Innovation and Bioethics

*August – December 2016:* Senior Research Associate in Healthcare Ethics, University of Bristol

* Balancing Best Interests in Medical Ethics and Law (BABEL) (0.8 FTE)

*December 2015 – August 2016:* Senior Research Associate in Healthcare Ethics, University of Bristol

* Balancing Best Interests in Medical Ethics and Law (BABEL) (0.3 FTE)
* Data storage and sharing in SPHERE: A qualitative study (0.5 FTE)

*August – December 2015:* Senior Research Associate in Healthcare Ethics, University of Bristol

* Dying Well with Reduced Agency (0.8 FTE)

*March 2000 – February 2012:* Staff Nurse, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust

*From 1991 – 1997 I had a variety of administrative roles, mainly in the housing sector.*

**Academic qualifications**

*2015* PhD in Ethics in Medicine *“Judging Best Interests in Paediatric Intensive Care: The Location, Scope and Basis of Decision-making”* (passed with minor corrections), University of Bristol

*2010* MSc in Healthcare Ethics and Law *“A nurse, nothing more. Legal and Ethical implications of nurses taking an active role in planned withdrawal of life sustaining treatment in the Intensive Care Unit.”* (passed with Distinction), University of Bristol.

*2007* BSc in Children's Critical Care (with 1st Class Honours), University of the West of England.

*2000* DipHe Nursing Studies with RN (Child), University of the West of England

**Publications**

Academic Journal Papers (refereed)

1. Birchley, G. Ives, J., Huxtable, R. and Blazeby, J. (2020) Conceptualising Surgical Innovation: An Eliminativist Proposal Health Care Analysis 28: 73–97 doi: 10.1007/s10728-019-00380-y

2. Birchley, G. Anything goes? Analysing varied understandings of assent *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*. [In-Press, Accepted 2nd August 2019]

3. Forsberg, E, Anthun, F, Bailey, S, Birchley, G, Bout, G, Casonato, C, Fuster, G. et al. (2018) Working with Research Integrity-Guidance for Research Performing Organisations: The Bonn PRINTEGER Statement. *Science and engineering ethics* Published Online 31st May 2018

4. Birchley, G. (2018) Charlie Gard and the weight of parental rights to seek experimental treatment. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 44(7): 448-52.

5. Birchley G. (2018) '...What God and the Angels Know of us?' Character, Autonomy, and best Interests in Minimally Conscious State. *Medical Law Review* 26(3):392-420.

6. Huxtable, R. & Birchley, G. (2017) Seeking Certainty? Judicial Approaches to the (Non-)Treatment of Minimally Conscious Patients. *Medical Law Review* 25(3): 428–455

7. Birchley, G, Gooberman-Hill, R, Deans, Z, Fraser, J, Huxtable, R. (2017) ‘Best interests’ in paediatric intensive care: an empirical ethics study. *Archives of Disease in Childhood.* 102(10): 930-935

8. Jones K, Birchley G, Huxtable R, Clare L, Walter T, Dixon J. (2016) End of life care: A scoping review of experiences of Advance Care Planning for people with dementia. *Dementia (London)*. Epub ahead of print 7 November 2017

9. Birchley, G, Huxtable, R, Murtagh, M, ter Meulen, R, Flach, P, Gooberman-Hill, R. (2017) Smart homes, private homes? An empirical study of technology researchers’ perceptions of ethical issues in developing smart-home health technologies, *BMC Medical Ethics* 18: 23

10. Birchley, G., Jones, K., Huxtable, R., et al. (2017) Dying Well with Reduced Agency: A Scoping Review and Thematic Synthesis of the Decision-making Process in Dementia, Traumatic Brain Injury and Frailty. *BMC Medical Ethics* 17: 46

11. Birchley, G. (2016) The harm threshold and parents’ obligation to benefit their children, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42(2): 123-126.

12. Birchley, G. (2016) Harm is all you need? Best interests and disputes about parental decision-making, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42(2): 111-115

13. Birchley, G. (2014) Deciding Together? Best Interests and Shared Decision-Making in Paediatric Intensive Care, *Health Care Analysis* 22(3): 203-222

14. Birchley, G. (2013) Dr? Who? Nurses, patient’s best interests and treatment withdrawal. When no doctor is available, should nurses withdraw treatment from patients? *Nursing Philosophy* 14(2): 96-108

15. Birchley, G., Cejer B. (2013) Nurses as withdrawers of life sustaining treatment in paediatric intensive care, *Nursing in Critical Care* 18(1): 43-51

16. Birchley, G. (2012) Angels of mercy? The legal status of withdrawal of life sustaining treatment by nurses in the UK, *Medical Law Review* 20(3): 337-361

17. Birchley, G. (2012), A clear case for conscience in healthcare practice, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 38(1): 13-17

18. Birchley, G. (2010), What limits, if any, should be placed on a parent's right to consent and/or refuse to consent to medical treatment for their child? *Nursing Philosophy* 11: 280–285

19. Birchley, G. (2009), Opioid and benzodiazepine withdrawal syndromes in the paediatric intensive care unit: a review of recent literature. *Nursing in Critical Care* 14: 26–37

Chapters in Edited Books

1. Birchley, G. (2019) The harm threshold: A view from the clinic In: *Parental Rights, Best Interests and Significant Harms: Medical Decision-Making on Behalf of Children Post Great Ormond Street Hospital v Yates* Goold, I., Herring, J. & Auckland, C. (eds.) (Oxford: Hart Publishing)

2. Birchley, G. (2015), ‘You Don't Need Proof When You've Got Instinct!’: Gut Feelings and Some Limits to Parental Authority, In*: The Voices and Rooms of European Bioethics* Huxtable, R. & Meulen, R. T. (eds) (London: Routledge)

3. Birchley, G., Huxtable, R. (2015), Critical Decisions for Critically Ill Infants: Principles, Processes, Problems, In: *Pioneering Healthcare Law: Essays in Honour of the Work of Margaret Brazier* Stanton, C., Hervey, T., Farrell, A. & Mullock, A. (eds) (London: Routledge)

Commentaries (not peer reviewed)

1 Ives, J., Birchley, G. and Huxtable, R. (2020) Implementation Science and Bioethics: Lesson from European Empirical Bioethics Research? *American Journal of Bioethics* 20(4):80-82.

2. Birchley, G. Huxtable, R., Ives, J. and Blazeby, J. (2019) Have We Made Progress in Identifying (Surgical) Innovation? *American Journal of Bioethics*, 19(6): 25-27.

3. Birchley G. (2018) The Harm Principle and the Best Interests Standard: Are Aspirational or Minimal Standards the Key? *American Journal of Bioethics*, 18(8):32-4.

Reviews of single academic books

1. Birchley, G. Empirical ethics: Thinking about doing: Review of "Jonathan Ives, Michael Dunn and Alan Cribb (eds) Empirical bioethics: theoretical and practical perspectives. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016." *Prometheus: Critical Studies in Innovation* [In-Press, accepted 28th August 2019]

1. Birchley, G. (2017), Bioethics: A Philosophical Introduction, Second Edition by Stephen Holland, Published by Polity Press, Cambridge, UK, *EACME Newsletter (April),* 45: 13-14

2. Birchley, G. (2013), Book Reviews: Lynn Hagger and Simon Woods (eds.), A Good Death? Law and Ethics in Practice. *European Journal of Health Law*,20: 528-531

Media Contributions

1. Birchley G, Science Media Centre: Expert reaction to Tafida Raqeeb ruling from high court October 3rd 2019: <https://www.sciencemediacentre.org/expert-reaction-to-tafida-raqeeb-ruling-from-high-court/>

2. Birchley G, Science Media Centre: Expert reaction to the Charlie Gard case

July 24th 2018: <http://www.sciencemediacentre.org/expert-reaction-to-the-charlie-gard-case/>

July 5th 2018: <http://www.sciencemediacentre.org/expert-reaction-to-the-charlie-gard-situation/>

3. Birchley, G. Paediatric Bioethics: King’s v ZT and the failures of children’s end of life decision making March 9th 2015: <https://paediatricbioethics.wordpress.com/2015/03/09/kings-v-zt-and-the-failures-of-childrens-end-of-life-decision-making/>

**Research**

Impact of research

1. Expert comments to Science Media Centre during Charlie Gard case (above) quoted in 5 local and national newspapers. For example Robinson M, *Daily Mail* 6th July 2017 <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4671586/Jeremy-Corbyn-sympathy-fo-Charlie-Gard-s-parents.html>

2. Joint winner (with colleagues from the Centre for Ethics in Medicine) of 2015/16 University of Bristol Public Engagement Award.

3. Finalist (with colleagues from SPHERE project) for National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement “Engage” award 2016

Research Grants

*2018* **Alan Turing Institute** Turing ResearchFellowship:

Co-applicant The Data Donation Project (Lead applicant A Skatova) £188,854 over 2yrs

*2018* **Wellcome Trust** Collaborative Award in Ethics and Society:

Co-applicant BABEL project (Lead applicant R Huxtable) £1,531,442.00 over 5yrs

*2018* **EPSRC** SPHERE Partnership Resource:

Co-applicant SPHERE-CARED project (Lead applicant R Huxtable) £21,000 over 9 months

*2012* **Wellcome Trust** Fellowship in Biomedical Ethics for Health Professionals and Scientists:

Lead Applicant BIPIC project (Doctoral fellowship, Supervisor R Huxtable) £159,160 over 3yrs

Other Prizes and awards

*2010* Joint Winner of the 2010 Philosophy of Nursing Postgraduate Essay Prize

*2006* Variety Club Children's Charity annual nursing awards scheme (£1600, 1 year)

Indications of External Recognition

*2017 – 2018* Invited member, expert consensus panel, PRINTEGR project

*2017* Invited expert participant in roundtable meeting on “Novel medical treatments: innovation, hope and headlines”, Nuffield Council on Bioethics

Invited lectures and seminars *27 since 2011*. Recent examples:

*2019* Institute of Medical Ethics, London

Lewis Headley Public Lecture: “Complex Decisions in Paediatric End of Life Care”

*2018* Oxford Law School,University of Oxford

“The harm threshold in medical decision-making: a view from the clinic”

*2018* Oxford School of Paediatrics,John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

The Big Paediatric Ethics Debate (with Dr. Ariella Binik)

*2017*  Department of Philosophy, Oslo University

“Assent: claiming the middle ground?”

*2017*  Policy, Ethics & Life Sciences (PEALS), University of Newcastle

“Involving patients in minimally conscious state in end-of-life decisions.”

**Academic Citizenship**

*Since 2018* Member of Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Ethics and Law Advisory Committee

*Since 2018* Trustee of the UK Clinical Ethics Network

*Since 2017* Member of the Child Health Ethics and Law Special Interest Group

*Since 2016* Editor, newsletter of the European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics

*2015-2018* Member of SPHERE A3 (User centred design) group

*Since 2011* Membership of Bristol Acute Hospitals Clinical Ethics Advisory Group