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Further Details:
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For further information please contact Carol Boys, Chairman, Down’s Syndrome Association, 155 Mitcham Road, London SW17 9PG. Tel: 0181 682 4001 Fax: 0181 682 4012.

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28 November 1997 at the RCGP

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Thursday, 21 May 1998 at Regents College, London

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Accidental Injuries in Childhood
Presented by: Professor Yvonne Carter
MD FRCGP
Wednesday 17 December 1997

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For further details and an application form, please contact: Miss Yvonne Morris, Dermatology Postgraduate Centre, University of Wales College of Medicine, Grove Mews, 1 Coronation Road, Birchgrove, Cardiff CF4 4QY.
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King’s Fund Urban Primary Care Network and the RCGP Inner City Task Force
20 November 1997
Venue: King’s Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London
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