**What did you like about the conference?**

1. The length of the presentations and the overall format
2. The short presentations and time for discussion really worked well
3. Liked the short presentations and discussions
4. The format, a lot of time for discussions
5. After discussions excellent!
6. Short presentations and QA sessions
7. I have really enjoyed the conference, the short presentations and time for discussion great
8. Really enjoyed the laidback approach. Short presentations and longer discussions very good
9. Very good organising and structure, done in a very friendly way. So, the atmosphere was good, both for taking in the presentations and discussing with each other. The structure of presentations and questions/discussion was good
10. The format, a lot of time for discussing
11. We loved it all. Discussions were excellent. Hope to be invited again
12. I liked powerpoint before conference and short presentations
13. Thank you! Quality of presentations, lots of time to discuss, quality of discussions, access on the website to pwp and papers, time for informal discussion/networking
14. The presentations and esp the nice group of people I met. Lots of new colleagues
15. Excellent conference. Good presentations, interesting discussions, Good networking
16. Great networking. Excellent presentations
17. Good networking opportunity and chance to learn from each other experiences
18. Meeting other people
19. The people – I learned from many conversations
20. Good network
21. Having a different chair for each [session] was good & roving mics
22. Good to have spacious venue and round tables. However, first evening worked well even though cramped
23. The topics
24. I was very impressed with the different topic[s], also the Glasgow ladies from FASS inspiring to listen to. Well done.
25. I particularly enjoyed the room for failed implementation and negative results. Gives a great opportunity to learn from others
26. International aspect and sharing innovations in research & practice
27. The format of short talks clustered by theme worked very well. International perspective and cultural differences too
28. The organisation, knowing the international context, the themes & messages being similar, having family member presentation was grounding. Thanks very much!
29. Great organisation (pre- and during the conference), every aspect was considered
30. Paperless pack was a good idea
31. Best atmosphere [at] a conference I ever experienced
32. I loved all! Thanks!!
33. The bursaries are appreciated beyond words
34. Marlene was courageous and her story was very powerful. Include more from AFMs themselves at future events.

**What would you like to be different at the next conference?**

1. Social media. Video, #afinet etc.
2. Facebook group for AFINet members.
3. Not over a weekend
4. I would prefer to have the conference on a weekday rather than over a weekend
5. The actual set-up excellent. The food – excellent. The weather – not excellent! Perhaps AFINet should host a summer conference
6. Next conference not in the UK and attach to another conference to aid and increase attendance
7. Paperless works but a FEW handouts! May be just issues from each session or summaries??
8. Maybe have poster presentations
9. 15 min presentations instead of 10
10. 15 minute rather than 10 minutes
11. Longer sessions with fewer speakers
12. Next time – could have part of it as a theme, could have a debate, more round table discussions and feeding back so would involve more people – not just those who feel happy speaking up
13. Insist that the floor ask a question rather than comment on what speakers have said
14. End session was a bit disorganised and didn’t promote discussion. Better to have given each table or a group some questions or chairs as facilitators
15. Declaration of conflict of interest should be included in presentations
16. Even clearer themes per session & day (like: prevalence of problem/feedback from AFM from different contexts/implementation of interventions/ 5-Step past present future/perhaps gambling separate session/day)
17. A theme about methodological challenges in the field and/or success stories of good practices implementation (large scale)
18. Perhaps also focus on similarities/differences in needs of different types of AFMs. Children/partners/parents/siblings – do different types need different things?
19. More emphasis on practical implementation and learning from clinical work to balance academic focus
20. How can we merge the work that provider members are offering with the research members? How and to what extent to we involve family members?
21. How do we integrate meeting the needs of AFMs alongside other initiatives and drivers like Think Family and ACES?
22. Provider presentations would be great
23. Expand to invite operational services, projects and service users
24. More engagement from people with living or lived experience – those with addiction problems and AFM
25. Special thanks to Gill for all your hard work in making the 1st AFINet conference possible!
26. Restaurants lovely. Good that all in for food and drink
27. I enjoyed the conference very much. Nice to be with ‘like minded people’. Hope to be at 2019 conference (somewhere warm). Learned a lot of stuff
28. We enjoyed the whole conference, learnt a lot of ‘new’ things. Look forward to next conference. FASS – Marie, Marlene, Mary
29. Thank you, good job! Go forward!!

**Any other comments?**

1. To always have AFMs at the conferences
2. Something about the order of the presentations – experience presentation first instead of last
3. Family member’s speaking very important. Lady from Australia’s comments were excellent
4. Open and close the conference with brief talks by AFMs to help keep the focus of the conference on the people
5. Maybe too many talks on Saturday. (10 min presentation and discussion is good)
6. Liked the format of short talks & discussion
7. A suggestion to enhance and strengthen the dialogue between presentations may be for the presentors to be in the middle, where they also could talk with each other. This would be an addition to the dialogue to/from presenters and audience
8. Could have the chairs facilitate discussion at the tables for some sessions and they feed back. Avoids all sessions having the ‘roving mic’
9. Deprivation also has a big impact on families
10. I missed the topic sexual abuse as a harm to AFMs. Is the 5-Step Method suitable for such harm
11. Topic for a future congress: “Strategies to raise awareness on the rights and needs of family affected member”
12. Maybe doing a call for abstracts/presentations about a specific theme in addition to an ‘open’ call – to go in depth on some issues
13. It would be nice to hear more about different practical work
14. Many research based talks which is important and great! But a little more with practice is advisable
15. Why not offer the 5-Step training at the conference as well?
16. How do we recruit young researchers into AFINet? To expand interest
17. On weekdays and in an international location. Perhaps highlight the work of early career researchers or practitioners new to the field
18. Need to choose a desirable place to go to next time as well - Newcastle is desirable to go to
19. I wish I could better understand English (but.....it’s my problem), I felt difficult to understand some things (especially during the debate/question time). People speaking so fast.
20. Very reasonably priced conference – could put the price up where people have a workplace that pays
21. Way to accept card payments for conferences etc.
22. Venue lovely but cold and food a little 2nd rate
23. Gill – marvellous, looked after every detail – warm, friendly and charming
24. A lot of ideas....a lot of contacts
25. Thank you!
26. You make a really good job thanks
27. Thank you, you are doing a good job, good luck xx
28. I’d like to develop and educational programme for students of universities of applied sciences. Anybody interested? (Dorine van Namen)