

Faculty of Liaison Psychiatry annual conference

Date: Wednesday 14 – Friday 16 May 2025

Venue: RCPsych London/Live stream

Wednesday 14 May

Time	Session
12.00pm	Registration and lunch (in-person)
1.00pm	Welcome Dr Alex Thomson, Faculty Chair
	Plenary 1: Alcohol across the lifespan, neurodevelopment and endocrine
1.00pm	Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder Dr Raja Mukherjee
1.30pm	Better care and treatment for alcohol dependence and withdrawal Professor Julia Sinclair
2.00pm	Alcohol related brain damage Dr Kaanthan Jawahar
2.30pm	Neurodiversity in acute hospital care Dr Jessica Eccles
3.00pm	Break
	Plenary 2: Ethics of assisted dying policy
3.30pm	Ethics of assisted dying Professor Julian Hughes
4.00pm	Physician-Assisted Death in Eating Disorders: Clinical, Ethical, and Policy Considerations Chelsea Roff
4.30pm	Psychopharmacology in liaison psychiatry Dr Siobhan Gee
5.00pm	Devolved Nation Chairs Updates
5.45pm	Close of day 1
5.45-6.30pm	Drinks reception

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Thursday 15 May 2025

Time	Session
08.30am	Registration and refreshments
	Plenary 3: Developing liaison psychiatry services
9.00am	Clinical challenges at the interface of mental health and acute hospitals' Dr Janet Butler, Ex-Chair, PLAN AG
9.30am	Partnership between the mental health service and acute hospital Dr Duncan Murray (Acute Hospital) Dr Amanda Thompsell (NHSE) Dr Girish Kunigiri
10.30am	Break
	Plenary 4: Medically unexplained symptoms
11.00am	Stories of Mind, Body and the Public: Communicating about liaison psychiatry Dr Alastair Santhouse
11.30am	Persistent physical symptoms in outpatient care: RCP and liaison psychiatry Interface Dr Theresa Barnes
12.00pm	What can paediatrics tell us about persistent physical symptoms? Dr Benjamin Baig Dr Sreena Das Dr Joanna Begent
1.00pm	Lunch
	Plenary 5: Factitious disorder: are we doing more harm than good? Chair: Dr Amrit Sachar
2.00pm	Specialist assessment of suspected feigning Dr Derek Tracy
2.15pm	Differential diagnosis of suspected feigning Dr Alex Thomson
2.30pm	Lived experience presentation Dr Emma McAllister
2.45pm	The assessment and management of factitious disorder Dr Sara McNally and Dr Chris Bass
3.15pm	Q&A
3.30pm	Break
	Plenary 6: High intensity service use

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4.00pm	The FUSED study Professor Else Guthrie
4.30pm	Identifying & prioritising High Intensity Users – findings from the NWL HISS programme Dr Peter Greengross
4.45pm	Frequent ED attendance as a prognostic marker and the value of advance care Dr Asha Katwa
5.00pm	The realities of high intensity use case working or an overview of the type of work done by ED case workers Dr Difna Bandaralage
5.15pm	Q&A
5.30pm	Close of day 2
6.30pm	Conference dinner

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08.30am	Registration and refreshments		
	Plenary 7: Psychopharmacology in medical treatment		
9.00am	Ketamine treatment of resistant depression. How might it work in acute hospitals? Dr Rupert McShane		
9.30am	New therapies for Alzheimer's disease – the implications for liaison psychiatrists Dr Mohan Bhat		
10.00am	Women's health in liaison psychiatry Dr Rachel Jones		
10.30am	Break		
	Plenary 8: The next generation		
11.00am	New Research Presentations		
11.40am	The value of Psych Socs Sabine Tromp		
11.55am	Move to workshops		
12.00pm	Workshop 1a (training) Simulation training part of the ALSG APEx Paeds version Dr Ginny Davies, Dr Mark Buchanon Sinead Kay, Dr Sarah Davies and Beth Rodgers	Workshop 1b (clinical practice) Dementia assessment in Liaison Psychiatry- Barriers, Facilitators and what represents a Formal Diagnosis? Helen Croft, Dr Kaanthan Jawaher and Dr Simon Thacker	Workshop 1c (service development) Functional neurological disorder in the emergency department Dr Mohammad Arbabi
1.00pm	Lunch		
2.00pm	Workshop 2a (training)	Workshop 2b (clinical practice)	Workshop 2c (service development)

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	Respond multiagency mental health simulation training – Crisis in the Emergency Department Dr Oriana Bezzina and Steve Baker	Teaching acute hospital colleagues about delirium Dr Debbie Bull and Dr Janet Butler	What do medical students want from their liaison psychiatry placements? Sabine Tromp, Lauren Griffiths and Shailpriya Nand, PSYCH STARs
3.00pm	Break		
	Plenary 9: Paediatric liaison psychiatry		
3.30pm	Treatment of mental health problems in children with long term physical ill health in paediatric settings Dr Isobel Heyman		
4.00pm	Paediatric liaison psychiatry		
4.30pm	Prizes and closing remarks Dr Alex Thomson		
4.45pm	Close of conference		

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