



NEUROSCIENCE CAN INSPIRE PEOPLE TO 'CHOOSE PSYCHIATRY'

'Recruitment into psychiatry is hampered by its image of being 'unscientific'. Integrating neuroscience into psychiatry grants a legitimacy that fights against this stigma. The rapid advances in neuroscientific research are both tremendously exciting from a research perspective and are also enabling fresh insights into some of the most complex problems in psychiatry.

By integrating these two disciplines, it will be possible not only to deliver better diagnoses and improved treatments, but also to tackle a practical problem: ensuring there are enough psychiatrists to deliver the modern care that neuroscientific research is developing. Because through integrating neuroscience, there is an opportunity to engender added enthusiasm about psychiatry early on in sixth-formers, medical students and foundation trainees, helping to restore the image of our specialty as a modern, scientifically-based branch of medicine. It is imperative that we use this opportunity to not only improve psychiatric care, but to also inspire those who will one day provide it.'

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