

**Royal College of Psychiatrists
West Midlands Division
Spring Academic Meeting**



**Village Hotel
Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 4TB**

Friday, 14th May 2010

9.00 a.m. ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9.30 a.m. Chair's Report
Dr Stephen Edwards, West Midlands Division Chair

9.45 a.m. Research Presentation Competition

10.45 a.m. REFRESHMENTS

**Morning Session – Influencing the Political Agenda
Chair – Dr Stephen Edwards**

11.15 a.m. How does the College influence the political agenda?
Dr Ian Hall, Chair of Westminster Parliamentary Liaison Committee, RCPsych

11.45 a.m. How can College members influence local politics?
Mr Neil Balmer, Public Affairs Manager, RCPsych

12.15 p.m. Discussion
Dr Stephen Edwards, Chair – West Midlands Division, RCPsych

12.30 p.m. Presentation of Thomas Bakewell Essay Prize
Presentation of Research Prize
Presentation of Poster Prize

12.45 p.m. LUNCH

**Afternoon Session – Back to the Future
Chair – Gabrielle Milner**

13.45 p.m. History of psychiatry and historical political influences
Professor Peter Nolan

14.15 p.m. Anti-psychiatry movement
Dr Cameron Shields

14.45 p.m. Future of the psychiatric profession
Professor Rob Howard, Dean, RCPsych

15.15 p.m. Plenary with discussion

15.45 p.m. REFRESHMENTS

16.00 p.m. CLOSE