

RCPsych Wales Faculty of Addictions International Conference 2024

Date: Thurs 21st – Fri 22nd November 2024

Venue: Angel Hotel Cardiff

Day One – Thursday 21st November

*Venue open from 11am for arranging academic poster display

12.00-1.00pm Lunch and poster viewing

Session 1

1.00pm

Welcome and introduction to the conference

- Prof Jan Melichar, Faculty Chair, RCPsych Wales
- Dr Haitham Barkouk, Aneurin Bevan UHB

1.05pm

Ministerial address

- Sarah Murphy MS, Minister for Mental Health & Wellbeing, Welsh Government

1.15-2.00pm

Needle exchange: Keeping people alive since 1985

- Dan Rowley, Harm Reduction & Training Lead for Substance Misuse, ABSDAS, Aneurin Bevan UHB

2.00-2.15pm

Break

Session 2

2.15-3.50pm

How Buvidal is shaping the future of addiction treatment.

Brief presentations showing how the roll-out of Buvidal was a success in Wales (Prof Melichar), looking at its distinct biological mechanisms (Prof Husbands), at specific psychological treatments that work well alongside (Dr James) & at the benefits in primary care (Drs Bagshaw & Rankine)

- Prof Jan Melichar, Faculty Chair of Addictions Psychiatry, RCPsych Wales

- Prof Stephen Husbands, University of Bath
- Dr Lucie James, Buvidal Psychological Support Service, Cardiff
- Drs Mel Bagshaw & Jennie Rankine, Cardiff & Vale UNB

3.50pm -4.00pm Break

Session 3

4.00 – 5.00pm

- Professor Valire Voon, University of Cambridge

This Talk will focus on Professor Voon's work in the field of psychosurgery, especially on what we can learn about using this technique in the area of substance misuse.

Close of Day One

Day Two – Friday 22nd November

Morning Session (arrival from 9.30 am)

Session 4

10.00 – 11.00am	Golden years, Hidden struggles: Alcohol and drug misuse in later life • Dr Raja Adnan, Frenchay Brain Injury Unit (BIRU), Bristol
11.00-11.30am	ADHD and Substance Misuse: Bridging the gap between impulse and recovery • Dr Ismail Memon, Aneurin Bevan UHB
11.30am-12.00pm	Substance use challenges in the LD population • Dr Abdellatif Elkhatab, Swansea UHB
12.00-12.15pm	Break

Session 5

12.15-12.45pm	Co-occurring clinics – How to run them well • Dr Faye Graver, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB
12.45-1.30pm	Lunch

1.30 – 3.00pm Workshops

Workshop 1	From vision to reality: How we made the Buvidal Psychological Support Service work • Dr Lucie James, Cardiff & Vale UHB • Mr Lewis Jones, Cardiff & Vale UHB
Workshop 2	Navigating new frontiers: Ketamine and urology • Ms Rebecca Saunders, Urology Directorate, Aneurin Bevan UHB • Dr Harrison Saunders, Urology Directorate, Aneurin Bevan UHB • Dr Mohammed Anjam, ABSDAS, Aneurin Bevan UHB • Dr Hafessa Sameem, Cardiff & Vale UHB

Workshop 3	Breaking the Cycle: Addressing gambling, porn, and gaming addictions • Dr Laura Pearson, Swansea Bay UHB • Dr Omar Atta, South London and the Maudsley • Dr Noha Abosamra, South West London & St George's NHS trust
3.00-3.15pm	Break
3.15-3.30pm	Academic Poster Prize Giving
3.30-4.30	Art & Alcohol • Prof Julia Lewis, Aneurin Bevan UHB
4.45pm Close of Conference	