

Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Conference

Date: Thursday 25 and Friday 26 September 2025

Venue: Radisson Edwardian Hotel, Manchester, UK

Day One – Thursday 25 September 2025

Time	Session		
08.00am	Registration and refreshments		
09.00am	Welcome: and introductions Dr Guy Northover, Prof Ian Kelleher, Rhiannon Hawkins and Toni Wakefield, Participation group members		
09.10am	Faculty Business Meeting		
09.40am	Chair: Professor Ian Kelleher The Australian Child Maltreatment Study Professor James Scott, University of Queensland, Australia		
10.10am	Discussion and Q&A		
10.30am	Morning break and poster viewing		
11.10am	Lessons from the Manchester Arena bombing Professor Prathiba Chitsabesan		
11.40am	Discussion and Q&A		
12.00pm	Lunch and poster viewing		
	A choice of three parallel sessions – please select one to attend		
1.30pm	Digital psychosocial intervention for adolescents with depression and anxiety on the waitlist for CYPMHS Dr Anne-Marie Burn Professor Ian Goodyer Dr Matthew Hodes	Prescribing and discontinuing medications in early psychosis Prof James Scott, University of Queensland, Australia	Health, justice and values; embedding, ethical thinking and practice Dr Heidi Hales (Chair) Dr Jeremy Burn Dr Hannah Wishart Dr Michael Jewell

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	Dr Raphael Kelvin Prof Tamsin Ford (Chair)		
3.00pm	Afternoon break and poster viewing		
	A choice of three parallel sessions – please select one to attend		
3.30pm	Child psychiatrists - the need for leadership, innovation and sustainability Dr Elaine Lockhart (Chair) Dr Anupam Bhardwaj Dr Dush Mahadevan	Eating disorders: from community based research to improving services Dr Benjamin Geers Dr Clara Faria Dr Katherine Holland Dr Robyn McCarron Prof Tamsin Ford (Chair)	Developing clinical care pathways for psychiatry care in children with rare disorders: examples from UK Centre for Interventional Paediatric Psychopharmacology and Rare Diseases (CIPPRD) and CHI Crumlin Clinics for 22q11DS, Romano-Ward Syndrome, and SCID Dr Veselina Gadancheva Dr Laura Bond Dr Sinead Murphy Prof Paramala Santosh Prof Fiona McNicholas (Chair)
5.00pm	Close of conference		
5.00pm	Drinks reception – all delegates welcome Prize winner - announcements		
6.30pm	Close of day one		
7.00pm	Conference dinner – ticketed event		

Day Two – Friday 26 September 2025

Time	Session	
08.00am	Registration and refreshments	
09.00am	Welcome: and introductions Dr Guy Northover, Prof Ian Kelleher, Rhiannon Hawkins and Toni Wakefield, participation group members	
09.15am	Social media and youth mental health Dr Amy Orben, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge	
09.45am	Discussion and Q&A	
10.05am	The future of AI in health services Prof Aldo Faisal, Professor of AI and Neuroscience, Imperial College London	
10.35am	Discussion and Q&A	
11.00am	Morning break and poster viewing	
11.30am	Improving physical health care for young people in child and adolescent mental health services Dr Shermin Imran (Chair) Dr Rebekah Carney Dr Naomi Wilson Dr Ed Beveridge, RCPsych Presidential Lead for Physical Health	Adolescents in the wild web: bringing order to chaos through research Prof Fiona McNicholas (Chair) Dr Laura Bond Dr Iris Dongying Ji Lukas Gunschera
1.00pm	Lunch and poster viewing	
2.00pm	A choice of two parallel sessions – please select one to attend	
	Innovations in neurostimulation in child and adolescent mental health Dr Aldo Conti Prof Stephen Jackson Prof Steven Marwaha Dr Shruti Garg (Chair) Dr Suefen Tan	Navigating during a storm: Improving information provision about CAMHS services for young people and parents/carers Dr Josephine Holland (Chair) Dr Shuo Zhang Dr James Roe Dr Pallab Majumder
3.30pm	Afternoon break	
3.45pm	Brain on Fire: The psychiatry of paediatric neuroinflammatory conditions Dr Ashley Liew and colleagues	
4.15pm	Closing comments	

4.20pm

Close of conference

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