

Forensic Faculty Conference 2026

3 September 2026 | Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh
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Morning Programme Chaired by: Dr Stuart Doig and Dr David Walsh	
09:00 – 09:20	Registration & refreshments
09:20 – 09:30	Welcome and introduction to the morning from the Chairs Dr Stuart Doig, RCPsychiS Forensic Faculty Chair Dr David Walsh, RCPsychiS Forensic Faculty Vice Chair
09:30 – 10:00	Documenting torture Dr Daniel Jary, Lead Doctor (North East England & Scotland), Freedom from Torture
10:00 – 10:30	Mental Health Needs of Asylum Seekers in custody Dr Stephen Davidson, Visiting Psychiatrist to Dungavel Removal Centre, NHS Lanarkshire
10:30 – 10:40	Discussion and Questions
10:40 – 10:55	Comfort Break
10:55 – 11:40	Beyond Ideology: International evidence on effective assessment and interventions for violent extremism Dr Sarah Marsden, Director of Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, University of St Andrews
11:40 – 12:20	Multi Agency responses to Counter terrorism Risk Detective Chief Inspector Michael Nelson, National Lead for Counter Terrorism Clinical Consultancy Service (CTCCS), National Lead for Interventions Centre of Expertise (ICE) Dr Richard Taylor, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, National Clinical Lead for Counter Terrorism Clinical Consultancy Service (CTCCS)
12:20-12:40	The way forward for Scotland. Development of a multiagency service in Scotland and the role of the NHS clinician. Panel discussion Chaired by: Dr Craig Marsh, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, NHS Lanarkshire Dr Jo Brown, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Clinical Director, NHS Lothian
12:40 – 13:30	Lunch

Afternoon Programme Chaired by: Dr Stuart Doig and Dr David Walsh	
13:30 – 13:45	<u>Scottish Court Simulation: an update</u> Dr Elizabeth Askew, ST5 Forensic Psychiatry
13:45 – 14:45	Panel Debate – Treated and returned. Does recovery from major mental illness mean the end of hospital treatment for transferred life sentenced prisoners?
14:45 – 15:00	Comfort Break
15:00 – 15:15	Reflections on debate. Do we need to agree principles of practice? Dr David Walsh, NHS Tayside Dr Stuart Doig, NHS State Hospitals board for Scotland
15:15 – 15:45	From machetes to microphones...reflections on a career as a forensic psychiatrist Dr Rhona Morrison, Retired forensic psychiatrist/author/public speaker
15:45 – 16:00	A Brief History Of Forensic Psychiatry on Film Dr Conor McAvoy, Core Psychiatry Trainee 3, NHS GGC
16:00 – 16:05	Close
From 16:05	Informal drinks reception, followed by dinner for those who have confirmed attendance

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1 point per hour of educational activity can be allocated, pending peer group review*