

RCPsych in Wales Faculty of Old Age Psychiatry Conference 2026

Thursday 29 October, 09.30-16.00

Location: Wrexham Medical Institute

Address: 62 Croesnewydd Rd, Wrexham LL13 7YX

09:30 – 09:40

Welcome and Introductions

Prof Sharmi Bhattacharyya, Chair of the RCPsych Wales Old Age Faculty

09:40 – 10:10

Keynote Address

Rhian Bowen-Davies, Older People's Commissioner for Wales

10:10 – 10:40

Workforce and Recruitment

Dr Mohan Bhat, Chair of the RCPsych Old Age Faculty

10:40 – 11:00

Comfort Break

11:00 – 12:00

Novel Therapeutics in Dementia/Biomarkers

Dr Bob Barber, Newcastle University

12:00 – 13:00

Alcohol and Capacity Assessments

Prof Julia Lewis, Chair of the RCPsych Wales Addictions Faculty

13:00 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 14:15

Update on The Pathway & Competence Framework for Dementia Care in Wales

Oliver John, Head of Dyfodol Programme, NCCMH

Dr Laura-Louise Arundell, Senior Researcher at NCCMH

Hebah Bhatt, Research Assistant at NCCMH

14.15 – 14.45

Trainee Presentations

14:45 – 15.00

Comfort break

15.00 – 15:50

What Old Age Psychiatrists Need to Know from a Neurologist
Dr Rhys Davies, Consultant Neurologist

15:50 – 15:55

Poster Prize

15:55 – 16:00

Thanks and Close

