

RCPsych in Wales SAS and LED Conference 2026

Friday 2nd October, 09.30-15.30

Location: Clayton Hotel Cardiff

Address: Penarth Rd, Cardiff, CF10 1RH

Welcome and Introductions

09.30 – 09.45

- Dr Gathoni Kamau
Chair of RCPsych in Wales SAS Representatives
- Dr AntoNino Curatola
Vice-Chair of RCPsych in Wales SAS Representatives

Engagement and Awareness

9.45 – 10.20

- Professor Alka Ahuja MBE
Chair of Royal College of Psychiatrists Wales
- Dr Caroline Walters
Head of RCPsych Wales
- Oliver John
Head of Dyfodol, NCCMH

Q&A and discussion

10.20– 10.30

HEIW Role in Supporting SAS Doctors & Supervisor Role Support

10.30 – 11.05

- Dr Jane Gwilliam
Associate Dean for Postgraduate Education Support, HEIW
- Dr Ian Collings
Director of Medic Professional Support and Development

Q&A and discussion

11.05 – 11.15

Coffee Break

11.15 – 11.30

Introduction to the College

11.30 – 11.40

- Professor Subodh Dave
President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Professor Nandini Chakraborty
Dean of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Section 12 and AC Pathways

11.40 – 12.15

- Dr Geoff Tanti
Vice Chair of the AC Approvals Panel
- Dr Sharmi Bhattacharyya (virtual)
Chair, Faculty of Old Age Psychiatry in Wales

Q&A and discussion

12.15 – 12.25

SAS Engagement and Poster Presentations

12.25 – 13.10

Lunch Break

13.10 – 13.55

Start Well, Stay Well Initiative

13.55 – 14.30

- Speaker to be confirmed

Q&A and discussion

14.30– 14.40

Portfolio Pathway – What's new?

14.40 – 15.15

- Sarah Holmes
Specialist Registration & Equivalence Manager, Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Dr Somashekara Shivashankar
Head of School for Psychiatry

Q&A and discussion

15.15 – 15.25

Closing remarks and summary

15.25 – 15.30