

## Divisional Poster Prize Autumn 2026 – Regulations

### South West Division

1. The South West Divisional Poster Prize will take the form of a competition in which psychiatric resident doctors and SAS doctors will be invited to submit a poster along with a written abstract on any area of psychiatry, including Quality Improvement projects. The posters will be displayed at the 2026 Autumn Conference and their respective abstracts published in the conference booklet. The number of posters will be limited to 11 and these will be selected according to the date of their arrival at the Division office.
2. All entrants must be [Specialist Associates, Affiliates, PMPTs or Members](#) of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and working within the [South West Division](#) area on the closing date.
3. Mental health nurses and foundation year doctors may co-contribute with a psychiatric resident doctor or SAS doctor who would be acting as the principal contributor.
4. Written abstracts should be accompanied by a completed entry form, which should be emailed to [division.events@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:division.events@rcpsych.ac.uk) by the closing date of **30 September 2026, at 9am**. Postal entries will not be accepted.
5. Entrants will be invited to present their poster to judges during the breaks at the Autumn Conference on **13 November 2026**.
6. Written abstracts should be produced in Montserrat 11pt typeface on 1 sheet of A4 with 2.5 cm margins. Handouts that mirror the poster presentation but give greater detail may be displayed by the poster on the day (it is the entrant's responsibility to supply and transport all handouts).
7. Posters should be produced on 1 sheet no larger than size A1 (portrait) to fit onto a display board.
8. All entrants must be explicit in their entry about their contribution to the submitted work and that of all other named contributors. Entrants must have made a substantial contribution to the work to qualify for selection. Only one poster may be submitted per applicant.
9. Entries will be assessed by a panel of three Judges, one of whom will be a member of the Executive Committee.
10. The areas marked will be (1) Scientific content, (2) Innovative ideas, (3) Sustainability and combatting climate change, (4) Methodology, (5) Clinical application, and (6) Quality of presentation.
11. The prize will be awarded only if, in the opinion of the judges, at least one entry is of a sufficient standard to merit the prize.
12. The Judges' views will be final. The Judges will not be available for correspondence with entrants on any subject related to the assessment of entries.
13. A First Prize certificate and £100 will be awarded to the overall winner and also to the presentation demonstrating the greatest innovation. Further Judges Prize certificates may be awarded at the discretion of the Judges.
14. There is an expectation that anyone entering the prize will be able to attend the Autumn Conference on 13 November 2026. Entrants (up to two per submission) must register to attend the meeting and have their poster on display by 9am on the day. Where authors are unable to present, the poster will be withdrawn from the competition.
15. Announcements will be placed on the [Prizes and bursaries in the south west](#) web page and in the following divisional e-newsletter to note the winning entrants.