

Embracing Neurodiversity: Supporting Neurodivergent Medical Students

Date: Wednesday 29 April 2026

Venue: Online via Events Air

Time	Session
9.15am	Welcome and introduction Professor Subodh Dave, RCPsych Dean
Session Chair: Dr Sherlie Arulanandam	
9.30 – 9.40am	From accommodation to empowerment: rethinking support for neurodivergent students Sulaiman Ghiyas, Medical student
9.40 – 10.05am	Understanding neurodiversity and promoting inclusion Dr Khurram Sadiq
10.05 – 10.30am	Neurodiversity, physical health interface and impact on students Dr Jessica Eccles, Consultant Psychiatrist, Brighton and Sussex Medical School
10.30 – 10.45am	Q&A session
10.45 – 11.15am	Break
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11.15 – 11.45am	Suggestions for improving the learning environment and teaching on neurodiversity within medical education Dr Joanne Morrison, City St George's University of London
11.45 – 12.15pm	Inclusive clinical spaces and supporting neurodivergent medical students – programme directors perspective Dr David Rogers, Co-Programme Director, Bristol Medical School, Clinical GP, Bruton Surgery
12.15 – 12.45pm	Supporting neurodivergent students - GMC perspective Ms Tista Chakravarty-Gannon, GMC, Head of Outreach Strategic Delivery and National Engagement
12.45 – 1.00pm	Q&A session
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch

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1.45 – 2.05pm	Neurodiversity - fostering strengths and interests Professor Raja Mukherjee
2.05 – 2.15pm	Q&A session
2.15 – 2.45pm	Talk title to be confirmed Dr Mary Doherty
2.45 – 2.55pm	Q&A session
2.55 – 3.25pm	Break

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3.25 – 4.05pm	Supporting neurodivergent doctors to thrive at work - postgraduate support initiatives Dr Charlotte Heaps, TPD for LTFT, Flexible and accessible working, West Midlands School of Psychiatry
4.05 – 4.15pm	Learning from the workplace Dr Muzaffer Kaser
4.15 – 4.35pm	Panel discussion
4.35pm	Closing comments

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