

Faculty of Liaison Psychiatry Annual Conference 2026

When: Thursday 7 – Friday 8 May 2026

Where: 1599 at the Royal College, Glasgow, G2 5RJ

Thursday 7 May | Day 1

Time	Session		
9.00am	Registration		
9.30am	Welcome and introduction		
	Plenary 1 - Integrating physical and mental health care for children and young people Chair: Dr Alex Thomson		
9.35am	Integrating physical and mental health for children: Cambridge Children's Hospital - a whole new way Professor Isobel Heyman		
10.05am	Facing the future – how we can transform mental health care for children and young people Professor Steve Turner, President of RCPCH		
10.35am	Dr Guy Northover, Chair of RCPsych FCAP		
11.05am	Morning refreshment break		
11.30am	Neurocognitive Assessment in Acute Settings Ruth Hind, Anna Macrae and Dr Maytal Wolfe	Acceptance and commitment therapy for medical problems Professor Chris Graham	Same symptoms, different care: hidden inequities in Liaison Psychiatry Dr Rajesh Mohan, Dr Isabel Millard and Dr Ashwin Moothedath Asok
12.30pm	Lunch break		
1.30pm	Medical investigation of organic psychosis Dr Nida Munawar, Dr Maria Oto	Motivational interviewing for lifestyle change in health care	Improving patient flow, care quality, and patient experience in the

		Sue Smith, Dr Sridevi Sira Mahalingappa	emergency department Dr Raja Badrakalimuthu, Ms Emma McAllister and Dr Alex Thomson
2.30pm	Afternoon refreshment break		
	Plenary 2 – Suicide prevention in acute hospitals Chair: Dr Nida Munawar		
3.00pm	Self-harm and suicide prevention in acute hospitals Professor Rory O'Connor, Professor of Health Psychology, University of Glasgow		
3.30pm	Risk and safety assessment for self-harm and suicide prevention: evidence, innovation, and clinical caveats Dr Leah Quinlivan, Research Fellow, University of Manchester		
4.00pm	Haylis Smith, National Delivery Lead for Suicide Prevention, Scottish Government		
4.30pm	Panel discussion Chairs: Dr Murray Smith and Emma McAllister		
5.00pm	Close of conference		
6.00pm	Civic drinks reception at the Glasgow City Chambers All welcome		
7.30pm	Conference Dinner Mharsanta, 26 Bell Street, Glasgow, G1 1LG		

Friday 8 May | Day 2

Time	Session
8.30am	Registration
	Plenary 3 – Research in Liaison Psychiatry Chair: Professor Elizabeth Sampson, FLP R&D Lead
9.00am	Mental Health EDs: who, when and where? Dr Jane Grassie, Dr Deon Louw and Dr Rajendra Raman
9.45am	Into the Brain: Exploring the Brain-Mind Interface in Psychiatry as a Liaison Faculty Psych Star Jess Byun
10.00am	Rapid fire New Research presentations TBC

10.30am	Morning refreshment break
	Plenary 4 - Care quality, rights, and patient experience in acute hospitals Chair: Dr Annabel Price
11.00am	Care quality, rights, and patient experience in acute hospitals Professor John Crichton, Medical Director, Mental Welfare commission for Scotland
	Beyond the waiting room: understanding mental health care in emergency departments Dr Arun Chopra, Chief Inspector for Mental Health, Care Quality Commission
12.00pm	Q&A
12.15pm	Lunch break
	Plenary 5 - Integrating physical and mental health care for older adults Chair: Dr Raja Badrakalimuthu
1.15pm	Conceptualising, detecting and managing distress in delirium Professor Alasdair McLullich
1.45pm	Improving access to physical health care for older people in mental health settings Dr Lucy Beishon
2.15pm	A patient in conversation with Dr Killian Welch Dr Killian Welch
2.45pm	Afternoon refreshment break
	Plenary 6 - Clinical and research updates in liaison psychiatry Chair: Dr Sri Sira Mahalingappa
3.05pm	Reproductive hormones in mental health Dr Rachel Jones
3.35pm	The FRESH-START and SAFE-PIT studies Professor Elspeth Guthrie
4.05pm	Medicolegal aspects of functional neurological disorder Professor Alan Carson
4.35pm	Close of conference