

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 and refreshments – Lower Library		
	Plenary 1 - Integrating physical and mental health care for children and young people Chair: Dr Alex Thomson Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre		
9.30am	Welcome and introduction Dr Alex Thomson		
9.35am	Integrating physical and mental health for children: Cambridge Children's Hospital - a whole new way Professor Isobel Heyman MBE		
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	State of play: child and adolescent psychiatry in the UK Dr Guy Northover, Chair of RCPsych FCAP		
11.05am	Morning refreshment break – Lower Library		
	Please choose one to attend		
	Parallel session 1 Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre	Parallel session 2 Location: Peter Lowe Theatre	Parallel session 3 Location: Princess Alexandra Room
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	Embedding equity in emergency department psychiatry Dr Rajesh Mohan,

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	Chair: Dr Maytal Wolfe	Chair: Dr Nida Munawar	Dr Isabel Millard and Dr Ashwin Moothedath Asok Chair: Dr Rajesh Mohan
12.30pm	Lunch break – College Hall		
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	Parallel session 4 Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre	Parallel session 5 Location: Princess Alexandra Room	Parallel session 6 Location: Peter Lowe Theatre
1.30pm	Diagnosing psychosis in the general hospital: At crossroads Dr Nida Munawar, Dr Maria Oto Chair: Dr Nida Munawar	Motivational interviewing for lifestyle change in health care (this session won't be livestreamed, but the recording will be available) Sue Smith Chair: Dr William Lee	Improving patient flow, care quality, and patient experience in the emergency department Dr Raja Badrakalimuthu, Ms Emma McAllister and Dr Alex Thomson
2.30pm	Afternoon refreshment break – Lower Library		
	Plenary 2 – Suicide prevention in acute hospitals Chair: Dr Nida Munawar, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre		
3.00pm	Understanding suicide risk 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	Time space compassion Haylis Smith, National Delivery Lead for Suicide Prevention, Scottish Government		
4.30pm	Panel discussion Chairs: Dr Murray Smith and Emma McAllister		

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5.00pm	Close of conference
6.00pm	Civic drinks reception at the Glasgow City Chambers All welcome
7.30pm	Conference Dinner – pre-booked tickets – please check with conference team for availability Mharsanta, 26 Bell Street, Glasgow, G1 1LG

Friday 8 May | Day 2

Time	Session
7.00am	Liaison 5K run around Glasgow - Open to all
8.30am	Registration and refreshments – Lower Library
	Plenary 3 – Research in Liaison Psychiatry Chair: Professor Elizabeth Sampson, FLP R&D Lead Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre
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
	Rapid fire New Research presentations
10.00am	Psychiatry & Emergency Medicine Education in Real-World Simulation: The PEERS Interspecialty Programme (pre-recorded presentation) Dr Cedar Andress
10.10am	Non-specific abdominal pain among adults presenting to acute surgical care: prevalence, clinical correlates and symptom subgroups Dr Anna Taylor
10.20am	Observational Analysis of Mental Health Attendances to the Emergency Department via Ambulance when there is No Medical Need Dr Michael Farrall
10.30am	Morning refreshment break – Lower Library

	<p>Plenary 4 - Care quality, rights, and patient experience in acute hospitals</p> <p>Chair: Dr Annabel Price</p> <p>Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre</p>
11.00am	<p>Care quality, rights, and patient experience in acute hospitals</p> <p>Professor John Crichton, Medical Director, Mental Welfare commission for Scotland</p>
11.30am	<p>Beyond the waiting room: understanding mental health care in emergency departments</p> <p>Dr Arun Chopra, Chief Inspector for Mental Health, Care Quality Commission</p>
12.00pm	<p>Q&A</p>
12.15pm	<p>Lunch break – College Hall</p>
	<p>Plenary 5 - Integrating physical and mental health care for older adults</p> <p>Chair: Dr Raja Badrakalimuthu</p> <p>Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre</p>
1.15pm	<p>Conceptualising, detecting and managing distress in delirium</p> <p>Professor Alasdair MacLullich</p>
1.45pm	<p>Improving access to physical health care for older people in mental health settings</p> <p>Dr Lucy Beishon</p>
2.15pm	<p>A patient in conversation</p> <p>Dr Killian Welch and Keri King</p>
2.45pm	<p>Afternoon refreshment break – Lower Library</p>
	<p>Plenary 6 - Clinical and research updates in liaison psychiatry</p> <p>Location: Maurice Bloch Theatre</p>
3.05pm	<p>Reproductive hormones in mental health</p> <p>Dr Rachel Jones</p>
3.35pm	<p>The FRESH-START and SAFE-PIT studies</p> <p>Professor Elspeth Guthrie</p>
4.05pm	<p>Medicolegal aspects of functional neurological disorder</p>

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