Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry Special Interest Group Annual Conference 2026

The adolescent mind on trial: neurodivergence, adversity and conduct disorder in young people who present life-threatening violence

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2026
Venue: RCPsych, 21 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB (in-person only)

Time	Session
9.00am	**Registration and refreshments**
9.30am	**Welcome and introductions** Dr Richard Church, Chair, Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry Special Interest Group
9.45am	**What is Conduct Disorder and why should you consider using this diagnosis in your clinical practice?** Professor Graeme Fairchild, Department of Psychology, University of Bath
10.15am	**Neurodiversity and Conduct Disorder: Differential and Dual implications for violence fixations** Dr Rachel Worthington, Senior Lecturer Manchester Metropolitan University, Reader (Hon) Cardiff Metropolitan University
10.45am	Morning refreshments
11.15am	**Conduct Disorder or Autism-Related Challenging Behaviour? Navigating a Complex Clincal Interface** Dr Moj Fekshi, Consultant Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatrist
11.45am	**Conduct Disorder: discussion panel**

	Dr Dr Ramya Srinivasan, Associate Professor in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, UCL Division of Psychiatry and North London Foundation Trust Dr Andrew Todd, Forensic Psychiatrist, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Dr Richard Church, Chair AFPSIG
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	**Autism spectrum disorder and the criminal courts: from arrest to sentencing** Professor Keith Rix
2.15pm	**GMC: New draft guidance on the care of children and young people** Harriet Foxwell, Policy Manager, Standards and Ethics and and Chris Lawlor, Outreach Team, General Medical Council
2.45pm	Afternoon refreshments
3.15pm	**Update: learning from The Southport Inquiry** Dr Duncan Harding, Consultant Adolescent Forensic Psychiatrist, specialist member, Parole Board for England and Wales
3.45pm	**Clinical and training implications** Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Trainers
4.15pm	**Concluding discussion – reflections from today**
4.45pm	**Closing comments –** Dr Richard Church
5.00pm	**Close of conference**

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