

RCPsych Women and Mental Health Special Interest Group Conference

'Drawing the line: boundaries, women's mental health, and the politics of care'

Date: Friday 23 January 2026

Venue: RCPsych, Prescot Street, London

In-person and Live-streamed

Time	Session in
8.30am	Registration, refreshments and poster exhibition viewing
9.10am	Welcome and introductions – Dr Stella Kingett
Session 1: Dr Syeda Ali	
Women, boundaries and mental health diagnoses	
9.15am	Considering complexity: working in a system that seeks simplicity with patients who present with complex emotional needs Dr Mary Murphy Ford
9.35am	Starvation and selfhood: ethical boundaries in eating disorder responses Dr Victoria Smith
9.55am	A missed opportunity: research challenges in managing psychosis in women Professor Paola Dazzan
10.15am	Questions
10.30am	Break, refreshments and poster exhibition viewing
Session 2: Chair – Dr Stella Kingett	
Lesbian mental health	
11.00am	What do lesbians want from mental health services? Professor Helen Killaspy
11.20am	A question(ing) of identity: a closer look at sexual orientation in women's health outcomes Dr Diane Stoianov
11.40am	Panel Discussion

Conference Programme

12.00pm	<p>Lunch, poster exhibition viewing</p> <p>Art installation by Carol Harris "Stolen Voices"</p>
1.00pm	<p>Presentation of essay and poster prizes Pro-Presidential leads for women Philippa Greenfield and Cath Durkin</p>
<p>Session 3: Chair Dr Saadia Muzaffar</p> <p>Women and international boundaries</p>	
1.10pm	<p>Where protection ends: international borders, trauma, and women's mental health Maggy Moyo</p>
1.30pm	<p>No safe place: migrant women, boundaries of care, and the bordered mind Dr Salome Mbugua</p>
1.50pm	<p>In conversation with Tahmina Hail and Khatera Amin – mental health and wellbeing services: Afghanistan vs United Kingdom</p>
2.30pm	<p>Questions artist Carol Harris will join Q&A panel</p>
2.45pm	<p>Break, refreshments and poster exhibition viewing</p>
<p>Session 4: Chair Dr Philippa Greenfield</p> <p>Boundary Violations</p>	
3.15pm	<p>Sexual misconduct: our responsibility Miss Anna-Louise Pouncey</p>
3.35pm	<p>Boundary violations, trauma and the continuum of abuse Dr Jane Clare Jones</p>
3.55pm	<p>First we saw it then we didn't - how institutions loose sexual violence Prof Liz Kelly</p>
4.15pm	<p>Questions</p>
4.30pm	<p>Conference close by Dr Cath Durkin</p>

Please note this programme is subject to change

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