

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

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