

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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |

Please note this programme is subject to change

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