

The Old Age Liaison Network

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Who are we?

- ▶ RCPsych faculties
 - ▶ Old age psychiatry
 - ▶ Liaison Psychiatry
- ▶ Interested professionals from a range of medical and non medical specialties from around the world interested in the care of older people with mental health needs in the acute hospital

Why did we set up this network?

- ▶ Liaison psychiatry services for older people are a growing area of practice
- ▶ In England service development has been driven by:
 - ▶ the NHS long term plan for 100% coverage of core 24 liaison services for all adults by 2028
- ▶ At the last liaison survey (England) in 2018 coverage was 33% Core 24

Our vision in setting up a network is:

- ▶ Peer support (inclusive of disciplines and geography)
- ▶ Access to CPD opportunities
- ▶ Raising the profile of old age liaison psychiatry
- ▶ Development of the subspecialty and better collaboration and integrated with related disciplines and pathways
- ▶ Lobbying for improvements in mental health services for older people in the general hospital

Progress to date

- ▶ >300 people have joined the network
- ▶ Held first event 4th November 2021 - online webinar via Zoom including an update on the new Liberty Protection Safeguards
- ▶ Sessions at both OA Faculty Liaison Faculty annual conferences
- ▶ Webinar – Delirium in the Emergency Department – Thursday 28th April 4pm via Zoom – recording available
- ▶ Aiming for half day educational event later this year (November) - details to follow

Introduction to next session

- ▶ An example of the sort of CPD we offer!
- ▶ Old Age Faculty essay prize winner Dr Shannon Hilton - Eating Disorders in Older People
- ▶ Please let us know in the chat box what other topics you would be interested in learning more about and suggest any potential speakers