

Quality Network for Prison Mental Health Services Annual Forum 2026

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescot Street, London, E1 8BB



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Programme

- 09:30 Registration and refreshments**
Join us for refreshments before the event starts and some early networking. Admittance to the event is restricted to the registration period and within the allocated breaks.
- 10:00 Welcome and introduction**
Professor Andrew Forrester, Professor of Forensic Psychiatry and Co-Chair of the QNPMHS Advisory Group
- 10:10 Updates from the Network**
Chido Musoni, Project Officer, and Isha Wornes, Project Officer, QNPMHS
- 10:30 Forensic Network Scotland Developments and Issues**
Professor Lindsay Thomson, Medical Director, The State Hospital; Director, Forensic Network and School of Forensic Mental Health; and Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, University of Edinburgh
- 11:00 Refreshment break**
- 11:15 Intellectual Disability and Prisons**
Dr Harm Boer, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist for People with Learning Disabilities, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust
- 11:45 Do Counselling and Therapy Services Work for Those at Risk of Self Harm or Suicide in Prisons?**
Dr Sara Ireland, CEO and Clinical Lead, and Alex Wyld, Forensic Therapy Services Lead, Atrium Clinic and Wellbeing Centre UK
- 12:15 Lunch and networking**
- 13:30 Key Items from the CMO Report on The Health of People in Prison, on Probation, and in The Secure NHS Estate in England**
Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England, Chief Medical Adviser to the UK Government and Head of the Public Health Profession, Department of Health and Social Care
- 14:00 Interactive Workshop: Gate Sections and Good Practice**
Dr Matthew Tovey, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Co-Chair of the QNPMHS Advisory Group
- 15:00 Refreshment break**
- 15:15 Generating Hope in the Darker Side of Motherhood. An Overview of the Perinatal Pathway at HMP Drake Hall**
Heather Lockley, Senior Occupational Therapist, Nicola Scott, Senior RMN, and Sarah Keeling, Team Manager, Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

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15:45 **Pre and Post Diagnostic Dementia Care in English and Scottish Prisons: A Mixed-Methods Examination of Provision and Implementation Using Normalisation Process Theory (NPT)**

*Dr Katy Jones, Assistant Professor of Applied Psychology, University of Nottingham, and
Dr Kate Walker, Research Associate and Forensic Psychologist, Northamptonshire
Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*

16:15 **Final plenary**

*Professor Andrew Forrester, Professor of Forensic Psychiatry and Co-Chair of the
QNPMHS Advisory Group*

16:30 **End**

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