

RCPsychiNI Co-occurring Substance Misuse and Mental Health Disorder

26 March 2026, The Law Society, Belfast and Online via Zoom

Booking Link: [RCPsychiNI Co-occurring Substance Misuse and Mental Health Disorder](#)

DRAFT Programme

12:30 Lunch

13:15 **Welcome and Introduction to the event**

Dr Joy Watson and Dr Blanca Bjourson

13:20 **The CoSUM Report - what does it mean for patients and services?**

Dr Emily Finch, RCPsych Associate Registrar, CoSUM

14:00 **Overview of the work of SPPG re CoSUM**

Lorraine O'Neill, SPPG

14:15 **So, how should we be aiming to embed this in Northern Ireland? What needs to happen next? (Including Case Vignettes)**

Dr Joy Watson and Dr Helen Toal, Consultant Psychiatrists BHSCT

+ GA faculty speaker TBC

15:15 **Comfort Break**

15:30 **Substance usage across NI – the landscape in 2026**

Presenter TBC

16:00 **What needs to happen next?**

Dr Emily Finch, RCPsych Specialist Advisor

16:15 Closing Remarks