

RCPsych in NI | Joint Meeting
Wednesday 6 June 2018 | 14:00 to 16:00

McCracken Suite | Clifton House
2 North Queen Street | Belfast

Joint Meeting of the RCPsych in NI Rehabilitation & Social Psychiatry & General Adult Faculties

13:30 – 14:00	Registration & Refreshments
14:00 – 14:05	Introductions Drs Michelle Francis-Naylor & Dr Rowan McClean
14:05 – 14:15	Welcome Professor Wendy Burn (President RCPsych)
14:15 – 15:00	Improving Risk Assessment for Violence and Suicide in Severe Mental Illness Professor Seena Fazel
15:00 – 15:30	Psychological perspectives on Psychosis: Prevention and therapeutic intervention Dr Adrian Boyd, Clinical Psychologist, NHSCT
15:30 – 16:00	Business Meeting
16:00 – 16:30	Annual General Meeting
16:30 – 17:30	Summer Celebrations
17:30	Close

REGISTRATION FEE: £30.00 [BOOK ONLINE](#)

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BIOGRAPHIES

Professor Seena Fazel's research focuses on the relationship between mental illness and violent crime, the mental health of prisoners, and violence risk assessment. This is funded by the Wellcome Trust as part of a Senior Research Fellowship in Clinical Science. By applying epidemiological methods, his team has tried to address a number of key questions in forensic psychiatry. Using population-based datasets and family-based designs, this work has clarified the contribution of the main neuropsychiatric conditions to violent crime. These studies, supported by systematic reviews, have challenged some widely held beliefs (e.g. that epilepsy causes violence), addressed areas of considerable uncertainty (whether schizophrenia increases risk) and highlighted neglected areas of risk (bipolar disorder, depression, and head injury). In addition, they have clarified modifiable risk factors for violence risk. This work has benefited from novel methods to account for confounding, and collaborations with disease experts and biostatisticians. The research on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and epilepsy has contributed to national clinical guidelines, and work on risk assessment to an Institute of Medicine working party and US Congressional Research Service report.

In prison health, the research has focused on the prevalence of mental disorders, and suicide risk. The work in suicide risk has applied new methods (e.g. interviewing near-lethal suicide attempts), and population-based datasets to study secular trends and risk factors. Professor Fazel have given evidence on older prisoners' health to the UK Justice Select Committee and the Prisons Minister. This work has contributed to the recent WHO *Handbook on Prison Health* and WHO report on *Preventing Suicide*, and assisted in formulating English and Welsh prison policy.

Professor Fazel's principal collaborations are with the Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department at the Karolinska Institute, Department of Primary Care Health Sciences at Oxford University, the Centre for Suicide Research in the department, and more recently Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh Universities. He is an external examiner for the MSc in Forensic Mental Health at the Institute of Psychiatry, Section Editor for Forensic Psychiatry for *BMC Psychiatry* and *Evidence-Based Mental Health*, sit on the advisory committee of the South-Central Region for the Research for Patient Benefit Programme of the NIHR, and the international advisory board of *The Lancet Psychiatry*. He was the expert forensic psychiatrist appointed by the UN-sponsored Khmer Rouge Tribunal to assess the fitness to plead and stand trial of the defendants in Case 002.

Clinical work includes sessions for Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust as a visiting psychiatrist at a local prison. Previously he worked in low and medium secure hospital settings. He was appointed consultant forensic psychiatrist in 2003. More broadly, He has tried to communicate the group's research findings with the public and clinical colleagues. For media work and podcasts, see: <http://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/research/forensic-psychiatry>. Risk calculators for violent crime (for prisoners, individuals with severe mental illness, and forensic psychiatric patients) can be found at: <https://oxrisk.com/>

Dr Adrian Boyd qualified as a Clinical Psychologist from QUB in 2009. Since then, he has worked exclusively in Adult Mental Health, with a specialist interest in Trauma and Psychosis / Complex Mental Health. He has previously worked in the Belfast HSCT Community Mental Health Recovery Teams and in the Psychological Therapy Service in the NHSCT. More recently he was part of the team to set up the STEP service, the first Psychosis prevention service in Northern Ireland and is currently employed as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist in this service and the NHSCT's In-Patient and Community Rehabilitation Service. He also is the current Chair of the Northern Ireland Faculty for Psychosis and Complex Mental Health in the Division of Clinical Psychology NI and sits as a committee member on the DCPNI.