

## **Divisional ePoster Prize Spring 2025 – Regulations**

1. The South West Divisional ePoster Prize will take the form of an electronic competition in which psychiatric resident doctors and SAS doctors will be invited to submit a poster along with written and video abstracts on any area of psychiatry, including Quality Improvement projects. The selected video extracts and e-posters will be shared at the 2026 virtual Spring Biannual Meeting and their respective abstracts published in the conference booklet.
2. All entrants must be [Specialist Associates, Affiliates, PMPTs or Members](#) of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and working within the [South West Division](#) area on the closing date.
3. Mental health nurses and foundation year doctors may co-contribute with a psychiatric trainee, SAS doctor or specialty doctor who would be acting as the principle contributor.
4. Written abstracts should be accompanied by a video abstract, e-poster, completed entry form and College Consent form for filming and photography, which should be emailed to [southwest@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:southwest@rcpsych.ac.uk) by the closing date of **27 March 2026**. Postal entries will not be accepted.
5. Written abstracts should be produced in Montserrat 11pt typeface on 1 sheet of A4 with 2.5cm margins.
6. Video abstracts should be 3 minutes in length and submitted in MP4 format. Guidelines on format, style and how to transfer the file will be provided.
7. Posters should be produced on 1 sheet of A4 and submitted electronically in PDF format. Guidelines on format, style and how to transfer the file will be provided.
8. All entrants must be explicit in the abstract about their contribution to the submitted work and that of all other named contributors. Entrants must have made a substantial contribution to the work to qualify for selection. Only one poster may be submitted per applicant.
9. Entries will be assessed by a panel of three Judges, one of whom will be a member of the Executive Committee. The judges will preview the abstracts and e-posters in advance of the meeting.
10. The areas marked will be (1) Scientific content, (2) Innovative ideas, (3) Sustainability and combatting climate change, (4) Methodology, (5) Clinical application, and (6) Quality of presentation.
11. The prize will be awarded only if, in the opinion of the judges, at least one entry is of a sufficient standard to merit the prize.
12. The Judges' views will be final. The Judges will not be available for correspondence with entrants on any subject related to the assessment of entries.
13. A First Prize certificate and £100 will be awarded to the overall winner and to the presentation demonstrating greatest Innovation. Further Judges Prize certificates may be awarded at the discretion of the Judges.
14. The video abstracts of the winning entries will be shown to a live audience at the virtual Spring Biannual Meeting on 12 May 2026.
15. There is an expectation that anyone entering the prize will be able to attend the virtual Spring Biannual Meeting on 12 May 2026. All selected entrants (up to two per submission) can register to attend on the Royal College of Psychiatrists website.
16. Announcements will be placed on the South West Division section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists website to note the winning entrants.