

Writing for the Old Age Psychiatrist

We welcome articles or features on a variety of topics for older people e.g.:

- Innovative service developments including those that worked and those that didn't.
- Case reports (with the written consent of the patient and anonymised).
- Book (fiction and non-fiction) and film reviews relating to older people, old age psychiatry or psychiatry.
- Reviews of relevant clinical and research topics not readily found in textbooks or academic journals including relevant policies or reports.
- Recent experiences/spice of life/what has angered or inspired you.

Research articles, letters, audits, features with lots of statistics are not suitable for the newsletter.

Do	Don't
Send your article in a word document	Exceed the word limit
Word limit 800 to 1200	Use illustrations without the copyright holder's permission.
Use the Vancouver style of referencing	Use more than four references
Use headings to structure your article	Use unexplained abbreviations
Include title, name of all authors, contact details	Submit to more than one Royal College of Psychiatrists' newsletter
Make sure your article has a clear message	Send a draft version in an email or document

Submission Deadlines

(dates might vary slightly, so please look out for deadlines in the previous newsletter)

January Edition 1 December

May Edition 1 April

September Edition 1 August

Tips on Writing

- Is your argument crystal clear and logical?
- Do not send an article after a first draft. Re-read it, and think about the style, the argument and the message you are trying to put across and improve it.
- Get someone else to read it through and give you feedback.
- If you are submitting a book (or any other review) include the title, author, or the Director and year released if it is a film review. Don't summarise the whole book, discuss its strengths and weaknesses.

The editors reserve the right to edit the articles to suit the style of the newsletter and make suggestions or reject articles to that effect. Please don't ignore our suggestions.

Email articles to oldage@rcpsych.ac.uk