

Writing for the Old Age Psychiatrist

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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 |
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| 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

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| 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.

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