

Spring Biannual Meeting 2024: 'Research and innovation'

Mercure Exeter Southgate Hotel, Southernhay East, Exeter EX1 1QF

Friday 17 May 2024 | 9am – 4.30pm

Leads and Facilitators



Professor Rohit Shankar MBE

Professor Shankar is Professor of Neuropsychiatry at University of Plymouth Medical School and Consultant in Developmental Neuropsychiatry at Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

As Chair of the RCPsych South West Division, he will be welcoming everyone to the meeting.



Dr Richard Laugharne

The conference will be co-led and chaired by Dr Laugharne, Emeritus Consultant Psychiatrist at the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Research Lead for the RCPsych South West Division. He has worked as a Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist for over 20 years, and is also Deputy Clinical Director of the South West Peninsula Clinical Research Network. His research interests have included therapeutic relationships in psychiatry, including trust, choice and power.



Dr Emily Rackley

Dr Rackley is an RCPsych South West Psychiatric Trainees Committee Representative. She is co-hosting the trainees' area at the academic meeting.



Dr Simon Corke

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Dr Ellena Businge

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Speakers



Professor Dheeraj Rai

Professor Rai is a Consultant Psychiatrist in the NHS, Professor of Neurodevelopmental Psychiatry and Head of Section of Clinical Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Bristol.

In his talk, Dheeraj will be giving an update on his latest research in Autism.

Dr Jonathan Huntley

Dr Huntley is a Wellcome Clinical Career Development Fellow and Associate Professor at the University of Exeter. His primary research work translates insights and biomarkers from cognitive and consciousness science to understand the awareness and lived experience of people with dementia, particularly in the advanced stages. He trained in Old Age Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience. In 2019 he was awarded a Wellcome Fellowship to investigate awareness in people with mild, moderate and advanced Alzheimer's disease using a combination of fMRI, TMS-EEG, ERP and neuropsychological measures. He also has a wide range of additional research interests and expertise spanning dementia prevention, non-pharmacological interventions and clinical trials.

In his talk, Jonathan will be considering awareness in Alzheimer's disease.

Dr Beth Chapman

Dr Chapman is a Consultant Psychiatrist, Research Associate and Lead for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) research in Cornwall. She was previously Chief Investigator for CAMHS Goes Wild, a study evaluating staff views and experiences of a nature-based way of working with children and young people being treated in CAMHS in Cornwall.

In her talk, Beth will be reflecting upon the growth of research in CAMHS in Cornwall.



Dr Michael Loizou

Dr Loizou is a highly qualified professional with over 20 years of experience in both academia and industry, working with the health sector including the NHS. He has experience and led projects in the areas of human machine interaction, digital healthcare, Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR), serious games / gamification, and using mobile technologies for healthcare and wellbeing. He has also managed and owned companies in different industries for which he led the introduction of novel technologies.

Michael will be presenting a selection of funded projects that use digital technologies in the area of mental health and neurodiversity.

Professor Celia Morgan

Professor Morgan is a Professor of Psychopharmacology at the University of Exeter.

In her talk, Celia will be giving an update on her latest research in psychopharmacology.

Michael Visick

Michael Visick is Chief Operating Officer of the NIHR Clinical Research Network South West Peninsula (CRN SWP) and a Registered Nurse.

Michael will be taking part in the panel discussion on involving psychiatrists in research.

Speakers

Dr Adrian Hayes

Dr Hayes is Consultant in Medical Psychotherapy for Somerset NHS Foundation Trust. He has training and experience in medicine, psychiatry, and a variety of therapeutic modalities including psychodynamic psychotherapy, group analysis, MBT (mentalisation-based therapy), CAT (cognitive-analytic therapy) and the Democratic Therapeutic Community model. He works clinically and in research with members of NHS mental health services who identify with complex trauma and personality disorder, particularly those with a high level of risk and complexity.

Adrian will be taking part in the panel discussion on involving psychiatrists in research.