



# Managing Addictions in Primary Care 2026

CELEBRATE 30 YEARS WITH US

## Day 1 | Thursday 26 February

08:30 - 09:15

Pre-conference networking

09:15 - 09:25 | **Headline Suite**

Welcome and introduction to the conference

**Dr Stephen Willott MRCGP**, Conference Chair and GP at Windmill Practice

09:25 - 09:45 | **Headline Suite**

Opening address

**Dr Michael Blackmore FRCGP**, RCGP West Scotland

Faculty Chair

with a message from

**Dr Victoria Tzortziou Brown**, RCGP Chair

09:45 - 10:25 | **Headline Suite**

Alcohol: our favourite drug

**Professor Sir Ian Gilmore**, Alcohol Health Alliance UK Chair

10:25 - 11:05 | **Headline Suite**

Non-prescribed ketamine use in under-16s

**Professor Rachel Isba & Ms Harriet Corbett** co-leads at the UK's first NHS ketamine clinic for children and young people, Alder Hey

11:05 - 11:30

Refreshment break, networking & human library

11:30 - 12:00 | **Headline Suite**

Harm reduction is everyone's business

**Dr Ben Jameson**, GP at Adelaide St Surgery, Plymouth

**Sean Gray**, Harm Reduction Lead, Harbour Centre, Plymouth

**Graeme Gatrell**, Naloxone Advocates Plymouth

Ethypharm sponsored symposium

**Headline Suite**

12:05 - 12:45

Innovations and artificial intelligence in drug and alcohol services

**Daniel Ahmed**

Clinical Director, Cranstoun

**Dr Steve**

**Brinksman**

Medical Director, Cranstoun

**The News Room**

12:05 - 12:45

Mission Possible: how to taper addictive medications

**Sam Bhima**

Senior GPwER

substance

misuse

**Editorial Suite**

12:05 - 12:45

Early intervention safeguarding

**Julie Cheadle**

**Paul Grocutt**

STARS Telford

12:45 - 13:40

Lunch break, networking & human library

13:40 - 14:10 | **Headline Suite**

Lived experience of the drug and alcohol treatment system

**Annemarie Ward**, CEO of Faces & Voices of Recovery UK

14:10 - 14:50 | **Headline Suite**

Meeting complex needs in people who use drugs: advocating for primary care

**Dr Euan Lawson FRCGP**, British Journal of General Practice Editor

**Headline Suite**

14:55 - 15:35

Benzos and opioids: what can we do to reduce risks?

**Dr Jenny Scott**

Senior Lecturer

at Bristol

Medical School

**The News Room**

14:55 - 15:35

New solutions for 'Alcohol Intervention and Brief Advice'

**Richard Piper**

CEO of Alcohol

Change UK

**Editorial Suite**

14:55 - 15:35

Presented papers: Neurodiversity in addiction treatment

**Kamila Ujkaj**

Applying a missingness lens to health care

**Andrea**

**Williamson**

Psilocybin for Opioid Use

Disorder - the views of people with lived experience.

**Mark Sweeney**

15:35 - 15:55

Refreshment break, networking & human library

15:55 - 16:35 | **Headline Suite**

Running a respiratory clinic for rough sleepers and marginalised populations

**Professor Dominick Shaw**, Professor of Respiratory Medicine at University of Leicester

16:35 - 17:15 | **Headline Suite**

What's your teenager doing in their bedroom?

**Baroness Clare Gerada FRCGP**, past President and past Chair of the RCGP

17:15 - 17:20 | **Headline Suite**

Chair's closing remarks

**Dr Stephen Willott MRCGP**, Conference Chair and GP at Windmill Practice

17:20 - 17:35 | **Headline Suite**

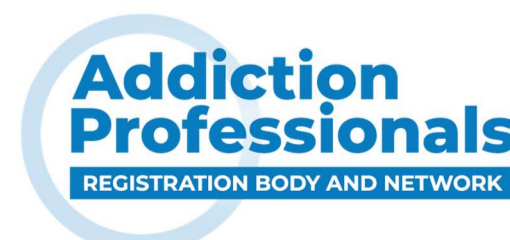
Performance: A manifesto for arts in recovery

**Liverpool Hope University**

Plus a non-alcoholic drinks reception

17:35

Conference close



While we endeavour to present the programme as advertised, we reserve the right to amend timings and content.



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## Day 2 | Friday 27 February

08:30 - 09:15

Pre-conference networking

### 09:15 - 09:25 | Headline Suite

Welcome and introduction to the conference

**Kate Halliday**, Conference Chair and Executive Director of Addiction Professionals

### 09:25 - 10:15 | Headline Suite

30 years behind us, 30 years ahead

**Dr Chris Ford FRCGP**, co-founder of SMMGP (now Addiction Professionals) and first conference chair  
**Baroness Clare Gerada FRCGP**, past President and past Chair of the RCGP

**Dr Linda Harris OBE FRCGP**, Chief Executive of Spectrum Community Health

**Dr Judith Yates**, retired GP and member of Doctors for Drug Policy Reform

**Danny Hames**, Head of Inclusion and Chair of the NHS Addiction Providers Alliance

### 10:15 - 10:55 | Headline Suite

In-patient alcohol detox

**Dr Chris Daley**

Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist at Chapman Barker Unit  
Prestwich Hospital Manchester

10:55 - 11:20

Refreshment break and networking

### 11:20 - 11:50 | Headline Suite

Long-acting injectable buprenorphine vs. other medication for opioid use disorder

**Professor Andrew Jones**, Associate Professor of Psychology at Liverpool John Moores University

**Professor Cathy Montgomery**, Professor of Psychopharmacology and Health Inequalities at Liverpool John Moores University  
Camurus sponsored symposium

Headline Suite  
11:55 - 12:35

Ketamine: the problems & therapeutic aspects of its use  
**Professor Celia Morgan**, Professor of Psychopharmacology, Washington Singer Laboratory

The News Room  
11:55 - 12:35

Stigma and drug use  
**Professor Harry Sumnall**, Professor of Substance Misuse, at Liverpool St John Moores University

Editorial Suite  
11:55 - 12:35

Gambling harms: NICE guidelines and patient support  
**Dr Emma Ryan MRCGP**, RCGP Clinical Champion for gambling harms

12:35 - 13:30

Lunch break and networking

### 13:30 - 14:10 | Headline Suite

What's the latest in alcohol research?

**Professor Colin Angus**, Professor of Alcohol Policy, Sheffield Addictions Research Group

Headline Suite  
14:15 - 14:55

Nitrous oxide: facts, figures, and policy  
**Dr Caroline Copeland**, Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology & Toxicology, King's College London

The News Room  
14:15 - 14:55

The era of synthetic opioids: drug checking rollout  
**Professor Fiona Measham**, Chair in Criminology, University of Liverpool

Editorial Suite  
14:15 - 14:55

ADHD and addiction  
**Pip Smithson**, Lead GP, Clocktower Surgery  
**Professor Jonathan Burns**, Psychiatrist, University of Exeter

14:55 - 15:15

Refreshment break and networking

### 15:15 - 15:55 | Headline Suite

'The Thistle' safer drug consumption facility: one year on

**Dr Saket Priyadarshi**, Associate Medical Director and Senior Medical Officer Glasgow Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services

### 15:55 - 16:15 | Headline Suite

What next for GP Shared Care?

**Dr Linda Harris OBE FRCGP**, Chief Executive of Spectrum Community Health

### 16:15 - 16:30 | Headline Suite

Prizes and Chairs' closing remarks

**Kate Halliday**, Conference Chair and Executive Director of Addiction Professionals  
**Dr Stephen Willott MRCGP**, Conference Chair and GP at Windmill Practice

16:30

Conference close

