



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 Grocott

STARS Telford

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



12:45 - 13:40

Lunch break, networking & human library

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

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

14:55 - 15:15

Refreshment break and networking

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'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

