



**British Geriatrics Society**  
Improving healthcare for older people

# Joint BGS Northern Ireland and Royal College of Psychiatrists Faculty of Old Age Spring Meeting

6 March 2026 Lagan Valley Island and Online  
(Hybrid meeting)

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### 2. Give feedback

Please take the time to fill out the feedback form after each day. It is mandatory for us to generate and issue a CPD certificate but also helps us improve our conference and provides invaluable information to our speakers about their presentation.

### 3. Visit our sponsors

Please review the symposia in this programme and consider watching. Challenge yourself to spend 5 minutes during the day to speak to a sponsor.

### 4. Join the discussion

All delegates are encouraged to ask questions for the speakers and panel discussions. If you are thinking it, someone else is too, so please use the 'Ask' function on the online platform or the microphone in the room. If you're posting on X (formerly Twitter), tag us at **@GeriSoc** and use the hashtag **#BGSconf**. You can also tag us on Facebook and LinkedIn

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Chat with attendees, join a socialising point or interact in a group discussion.



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The 2026 joint BGS and Faculty of Old Age of the Royal College of Psychiatrists conference invites you to submit your research for presentation as platforms or poster presentations. This event expects to attract a broad multidisciplinary audience of over 100 participants providing a fantastic platform to showcase your work.

## 1. Prepare your submission

Abstracts will be accepted as platforms, for oral presentation, or posters for presentation on the BGS website and during breaks in the sessions during the day.

The submission must be made online

## 2. Submit online

The submitter should ideally be the lead author and presenter of the work.

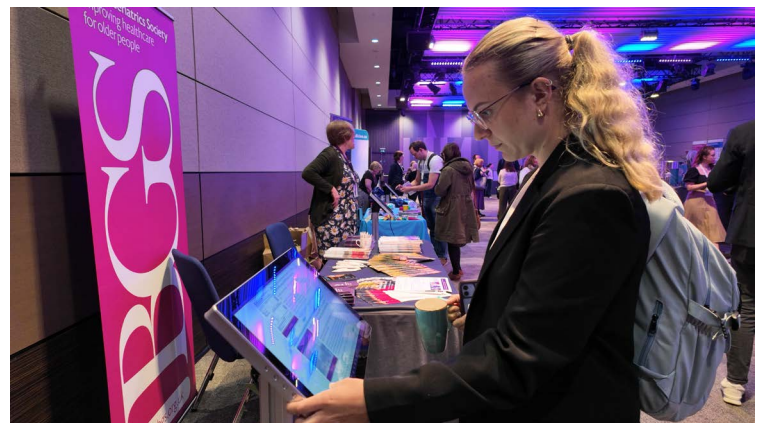
Submit by the deadline which closes 5pm GMT **5 January 2026**. Visit <https://www.bgs.org.uk/abstracts> to submit

The word count for abstracts is 370 words and abstracts need to be laid out under specific headings. These headings differ, depending on whether your study is categorised as scientific research or clinical quality

[Please also do review our language guide here.](#)

## 3. Results will be communicated in early February 2026

All accepted abstract presenters will need to register and pay the fees for the conference to present.



# PROGRAMME

## overview and information

	STREAM 1
8.30	<b>Registration and poster viewing</b> Meet the authors of the presented posters and ask them about their work
9.15	<b>Welcome</b>
9.30 - 11.00	<b>Learning Disabilities and Cognitive impairment</b> Brain Health
11.00	<b>Free time</b>
11.30 - 13.00	<b>Dementia</b> Imaging and findings
13.00	<b>Lunch and posters</b>
13.00	<b>Group Meetups</b> Join colleagues over lunch to catch up Look out for the signs indicating where to meetup.
14.00 - 15.00	<b>Common conditions in older people</b> Slips and skin
15.00	<b>Free time</b>
15.30-16.30	<b>An update on the Assisted Dying debate</b> The potential impact for healthcare of older people

## Registration and Poster viewing

08.30 Registration and poster viewing

Poster viewing

## Dementia and Brain Health

### Learning Disabilities and Cognitive Impairment

**Moderator:** Elizabeth Dawson

9.30 -  
11.00

09.30 **Learning Disabilities and Cognitive Impairment**

Dr Kathryn Cousins, Consultant Psychiatrist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

10.45 **Platform Presentations**

11.00

**Poster viewing time and coffee break**

Visit the sponsored stands and view our submitted posters:

## Dementia and Brain Health

### Imaging and incidental findings

**Moderator:** Elizabeth Dawson

11.30 -  
13.00

11.30 **Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) / Computed Tomography (CT) - FDGPETCT in Dementia**

Dr Karen Mullin, Consultant Radiologist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

12.15 **Vascular disease in structural brain imaging**

Dr Paul Burns, Consultant Interventional Neuroradiologist, Royal Victoria Hospital

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**Common conditions in older people**

## Slips and skin

**Moderator:** Emma Cunningham

14.00 - 15.00	<p>14.00 <b>Prevention and management of falls in the older population</b> Sarah Moran, Falls Coordinator, Falls Prevention &amp; Management Service, South East Health and Social Care Trust and Kevin Madden, Falls Pharmacist, South East Health and Social Care Trust</p> <p>14.30 <b>Dermatology and the older person</b> Dr Kristofer Holte, Consultant histopathologist with interest in dermatopathology, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (tbc)</p>
15.00	<b>Poster viewing time and coffee break</b>

**Assisted Dying**

## Update - The potential impact for healthcare of older people

**Moderator:** Emma Cunningham

15.30 - 16.30	<p>Dr Annabel Price, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust (Addenbrookes Hospital) <i>(Remote)</i></p> <p>Dr Andrew Stanners, Consultant Physician, Pinderfields Hospital and co-chair Ethics and Law SIG</p> <p>Professor Martin Vernon, Consultant Geriatrician and Associate Medical Director, Tameside &amp; Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust and co-chair Ethics and Law SIG</p>
16.30	<p><b>Meeting Close</b> Closing Remarks</p>



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