



British Geriatrics Society
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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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PROGRAMME

overview and information

STREAM 1

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

9.30 - 11.00	09.30 Dementia in Intellectual Disabilities : Diagnostic Challenges and Clinical Realities Dr Kathryn Cousins, Consultant Psychiatrist in Intellectual Disabilities, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.
	10.15 Platform Presentations 10.15 Abstract 4214 Informant Questionnaires in the Northern Ireland Cohort for the Longitudinal Study of Ageing sub-study: HCAP Dr Nicola Ann Ward, Research Fellow, Centre for Public Health/ Queens University Belfast, Royal Victoria Hospital
	10.30 Abstract 4154 Ageing of persons with schizophrenia: analysis of a national dataset Dr Clare Taube, Core Trainee Psychiatrist, Avon and Wiltshire mental health partnership
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 and Jayne Lynch

11.30 - 13.00	11.30 FDGPETCT scanning in dementia diagnosis Dr Karen Mullin, Consultant Radiologist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
	12.00 Intracranial Vascular Disease Dr Paul Burns, Consultant Interventional Neuroradiologist, Royal Victoria Hospital
	12.30 Platform presentations
	12.30 Abstract 4305 Use of the Clinical Frailty Score and patient journey of Urgent Care Centre admissions in a small district general hospital Dr Hannah Moore, IMT2 doctor, Lagan Valley Hospital
	12.45 Abstract 4310 From documentation to practice - An audit of glasses and hearing aid use in hospitalised older adults to reduce delirium risk Dr Michael Reid, FY1, Lagan Valley Hospital

Common conditions in older people

Slips and skin

Moderator: Samantha Leung

14.00 - 15.00	<p>14.00 Prevention and management of falls in the older population Sarah Moran, Falls Coordinator, Falls Prevention & 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 The Aging Skin: Pathology, Pattern Recognition and Practical Management Dr Kristofer Holte, Histopathologist and Dermatologist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust</p>
15.00	Poster viewing time and coffee break

Assisted Dying

Update - The potential impact for healthcare of older people

Moderator: Samantha Leung and Chris Southwell

15.30 - 16.30	<p>Dr Annabel Price, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust (Addenbrookes Hospital) <i>(Remote)</i></p> <p>Relational Autonomy and the Assisted Dying Bill 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 & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust and co-chair Ethics and Law SIG <i>(Remote)</i></p>
16.30	<p>Meeting Close Closing Remarks</p>



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