

9th National Brain and Behaviour Conference

DoubleTree by Hilton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST 1 5QB

Thursday 15 October 2026

Conference programme

8:45am	Registration and refreshments, exhibitions and networking
9:15am	Welcome and introduction Dr George El-Nimr, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Neuropsychiatry
9:20am	Trust welcome Dr Dennis Okolo, Chief Medical Officer, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare
	Session one: Cognition in the clinic and in the court room Chair: Dr Becky Chubb, Consultant Psychiatrist
9:30am	Functional cognitive disorder: clearing the brain fog Dr Jeremy Isaacs • Consultant Neurologist, St Georges Hospital and Kingston Hospital • National Clinical Director for Dementia and Older Persons Mental Health, NHS England • Honorary Reader in Neurology, City St Georges, University of London
10am	Assessing capacity in patients with brain conditions – challenges and tips Dr Janet Grace, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, Northumberland
10:30am	Q&A
10:50am	Refreshments, exhibitions and networking
	Session two: Motion and Emotion Chair: Dr Murtala Abdussalam, Higher Trainee, Neuropsychiatry
11:20am	Light at the end of the tunnel? Recent progress towards disease-modifying treatments for Huntington's disease Dr David Craufurd. Retired Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Neuropsychiatric Genetics
11:50am	Motor signs of psychiatric disorders Dr Jonathan Rogers Clinical Director, Division of Psychiatry, University College London

12:20pm	Q&A
12:40pm	Lunch (served in Giosia Restaurant)
1:40pm to 2:15pm	Workshop one: Non-epileptic attack disorder; Clinical Challenges and Management tips <i>Located in the Ballroom</i> Chair: Elke Henson, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Neuropsychiatry Dr Ruta Kontautaitė, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust Workshop two: Fatigue in Neuropsychiatry <i>Located in JW's</i> Chair: Dr James Reilly, Clinical Neuropsychologist Dr Killian Welch, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Robert Fergusson Unit, Scotland
2:45pm to 3pm	Workshop three: Neuropsychiatric aspects of Tourette syndrome <i>Located in the Ballroom</i> Chair: Dr Lorraine King, Consultant Neuropsychologist Dr Osman Malik, Consultant Child and Adolescent Neuropsychiatrist, Evelina London Children's Hospital, St Thomas' Hospital, London Workshop four: The interface of sleep and mental health <i>Located in JW's</i> Chair: Lynn Hollins, Clinical Lead, Neuropsychiatry, Harplands Hospital Dr Hugh Selsick, Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine
3pm	Refreshments, exhibitions and networking
	Learning from our patients Chair: Matt Ellison, Founder of Huntington's Disease Youth Organization (HDYO)
3:30pm	Designing care around real lives: lessons from NHS-VCSE partnership Georgina Carr, Chief Executive, Neurological Alliance
3:55pm	Expert by Experience panel discussion
4:30pm	Prize giving, closing remarks and farewell Dr George El-Nimr, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Neuropsychiatry