



**15<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 08:45am – 16:45pm**  
**Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent - ST1 5BQ**

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## Conference Programme

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| 8:45am           | Registration and refreshments, exhibitions and networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9:15am           | <b>Welcome and introduction</b><br>Dr George El-Nimr<br>Consultant Neuropsychiatrist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:20am           | <b>Trust welcome</b><br>Dr Dennis Okolo<br>Chief Medical Officer, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                  | <b>Session One: Cognition in the clinic and in the court room</b><br>Chair: Dr Becky Chubb, Consultant Psychiatrist, NSCHT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9:30am           | <b>Assessing capacity in patients with brain conditions – challenges and tips</b><br>Dr Janet Grace<br>Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, Northumberland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:00am          | <b>Functional cognitive disorder: clearing the brain fog</b><br>Dr Jeremy Isaacs<br>Consultant Neurologist, St Georges Hospital and Kingston Hospital<br>National Clinical Director for Dementia and Older Persons Mental Health - NHS England<br>Honorary Reader in Neurology, City St Georges, University of London                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:30am          | Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:50am          | Refreshments, exhibitions and networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                  | <b>Session Two: Motion and Emotion</b><br>Chair: Dr Murtala Abdussalam, Higher Trainee, Neuropsychiatry, NSCHT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11:20am          | <b>Light at the end of the tunnel? Recent progress towards disease-modifying treatments for Huntington's disease</b><br>Dr David Craufurd<br>Retired Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Neuropsychiatric Genetics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:50am          | <b>Motor signs of psychiatric disorders</b><br>Dr Jonathan Rogers<br>Clinical Lecturer, Division of Psychiatry, University College London                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 12:20pm          | Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12:40pm          | Lunch (served in Giosia Restaurant)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1:40pm to 2:15pm | <b>Workshop One: Non-epileptic attack disorder; Clinical Challenges and Management tips</b><br><i>Located in the Ballroom</i><br>Chair: Elke Henson, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Neuropsychiatry, NSCHT<br>Dr Ruta Kontautaitė<br>Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust<br><br><b>Workshop Two: Fatigue in Neuropsychiatry</b><br><i>Located in JW's</i><br>Chair: Dr James Reilly, Clinical Neuropsychologist, NSCHT<br>Dr Killian Welch<br>Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Robert Fergusson Unit, Scotland |

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| 2:25pm to 3.00pm | <p><b>Workshop Three: Neuropsychiatric aspects of Tourette syndrome</b><br/> <i>Located in the Ballroom</i><br/>           Chair: Dr Lorraine King, Consultant Neuropsychologist, NSCHT<br/>           Dr Osman Malik<br/>           Consultant Child and Adolescent Neuropsychiatrist, Evelina London Children's Hospital, St Thomas' Hospital</p> <p><b>Workshop Four: The interface of sleep and mental health</b><br/> <i>Located in JW's</i><br/>           Chair: Lynn Hollins, Clinical Lead, Neuropsychiatry, NSCHT<br/>           Dr Hugh Selsick<br/>           Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine</p> |
| 3.00pm           | Refreshments, exhibitions and networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                  | <p><b>Learning from our patients</b><br/>           Chair: Matt Ellison<br/>           Founder of Huntington's Disease Youth Organisation (HDYO)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3:30pm           | <p><b>Designing care around real lives: lessons from NHS–VCSE partnership</b><br/>           Georgina Carr<br/>           Chief Executive, Neurological Alliance</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3:55pm           | <b>Expert by Experience panel discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4:30pm           | <p><b>Prize giving, closing remarks and farewell</b><br/>           Dr George El-Nimr<br/>           Consultant Neuropsychiatrist</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |