

**Joint Northern Ireland BGS and  
RCPsych POA 2020**

Riddel Hall, Stranmillis, Belfast  
Friday 31 January 2020

**12.30-13.30** Lunch and registration

**13:30-14:00 Key findings from an analysis of dementia drug prescription rates in Northern Ireland over a six-year period.**

Dr Alan McMichael PhD, Post-doctoral research fellow, Centre for Public Health & Dr Evi Zafeiridi PhD, Research Fellow, Centre for Public Health

**14:00 -14:30 Lifestyle Impacts on Dementia – What Does the Evidence Show to ate?**

Dr Claire McEvoy, Lecturer of Nutrition and Aging Research, Institute of Global Food Security

**14:30** Refreshments break

**15:00 – 15:30 Psychological Aspects of Dementia**

Dr Conor Barton, Consultant Psychiatrist, Belfast Health and Social Care trust

**15:30 – 16:00 Can multi-disciplinary e-learning improve lithium governance?**

Dr Liz Dawson, Specialty Doctor in Psychiatry of Old Age, Northern Health and Social Care Trust and Noeleen Gribben, Mental Health pharmacist, Holywell Hospital NHSCT

**16:00 – Business meetings** BGS and RCPsych

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**Speaker biographies**

**Claire McEvoy**

Claire McEvoy is a Lecturer of Nutrition and Aging Research at the Institute of Global Food Security with the Centre for Public Health.

**Dr. Evi Zafeiridi**

Dr. Evi Zafeiridi is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Public Health, Queen's University Belfast. She is currently working on a project investigating the prevalence of dementia in Northern Ireland through data analytics. Her research interests focus on dementia, cognitive ageing, neuropsychology and assistive technology.

**Dr Alan McMichael**

Dr Alan McMichael is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at the Centre for Public Health within Queen's University, Belfast. He has a degree in Psychology and a PhD in Public Health from Queen's University Belfast. He has experience in analyzing data from longitudinal studies such as the Northern Ireland Cohort of Longitudinal Ageing (NICOLA) and has published researcher papers in peer reviewed journals and presented research at National and International conferences.

**Dr Liz Dawson**

Dr Liz Dawson has been employed as a Specialty Doctor in Psychiatry of Old Age within the Northern Health and Social Care Trust since 2012. She is Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatry in Northern Ireland SAS faculty, SAS Doctor Lead for her trust and a Foundation Educational Supervisor. She has special interests in management and leadership and collective quality improvement. She recently received the national award of RCPsych 'SAS Doctor of the year' in 2019.

Dr Liz Dawson will be accompanied by Noeleen Gribben – Mental Health pharmacist from Holywell Hospital NHSCT.

**Dr Conor Barton**

Dr Conor Barton works at the Department of Mental Health for Older People, as Consultant Psychiatrist in Belfast Health and Social Care trust.

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