



Design in Mental Health

CONFERENCE | EXHIBITION | AWARDS

Progress by design

2 days of community, collaboration and creative solutions for better outcomes in the mental health built environment

TOP EXPERTS | NEW FEATURES | MORE SOLUTIONS

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Public Sector
& Independent
Healthcare
Attend For Free

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Design in
Mental Health
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2-3 June 2026

NEW VENUE – Coventry Building Society Arena

www.designinmentalhealth.com

Dealing with demand, designing for challenge and change.

Join the community in June, as Design in Mental Health returns to the Midlands for the most relevant, collaborative and creative edition yet!

Specialist products and expertise

The ONLY place in the UK where you can meet many specialist suppliers for mental health environments in one place at one time AND see, test and interact with their products first-hand.

New content themes

Strengthen your strategy with expert perspectives and new thinking on the sector's most pressing challenges and exciting opportunities.

NHS Networking Breakfasts

Connect across disciplines and sectors at daily Networking Breakfasts. Open to all, with early access for VIP Pass holders.

CPD resources

Free CPD booklet for all attendees to record your activity and reflections, plus Certificate of Attendance to evidence your learning.



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Free all-access entry.

See if you qualify

Public sector, independent healthcare providers and charities can now attend EVERYTHING at the event FOR FREE. Visit www.designinmentalhealth.com/register to check eligibility.

Conference Delegate Passes – everyone benefits from booking early...

Attending the Conference? The earlier you book, the more you'll get included with your pass (and the cheaper it is for those who pay to attend). See back cover for details of early booking benefits and discounts.

Easy to access. Hard to miss.

2026 Venue: Coventry Building Society Arena

Creating more opportunities for interaction by hosting Design in Mental Health in a location that's easier to reach for more people.



"A rare space where clinical teams and estates really come together."

**Trust-wide Modern Matron – Tees,
Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust**

CONFERENCE

Sharing knowledge and perspective. Turning insight into action.

SUSTAINABILITY BY DESIGN

How the Qualitative and Quantitative Learning From the Dormitory Eradication Programme will be Compiled and How the DiMH Network May be Able to Inform This Learning

Beyond 'Biophilic' to ALIVE: a 'Landscape-led' Approach to Healthcare Design

Echoes of the Past, Pathways to the Future. A Shared Journey Towards Excellence in Mental Health Design, Care and Discovery

Environmental Considerations When Developing Mental Health Estates

Interactive panel sessions with live scribing "THE BIG PICTURE"

A Constellation of Care: Crafting Community Mental Health across a Continent

Designing Mental Health Emergency Departments: Creating Better Care Environments for All

FULL PROGRAMME COMING SOON

TECHNOLOGY – DESIGNING FOR HUMAN CONNECTION

VR for Reducing Restrictive Practices

Smart Building Technology

WORKSHOP Results from a National Evaluation of Prevalence and Perceptions of Vision-based Monitoring and Body Worn Cameras in Mental Health Inpatient Wards in England

WORKSHOP Co-Designing Digital Trust: Lessons from Developing a Privacy-Preserving Behavioural Framework for Mental-Health Technology

WORKSHOP Design Thinking Workshop: Enhancing the Mental Health Patient Journey

"From a clinician's perspective the conference was both affirming and energising. I came away feeling invigorated and inspired by the learning opportunities and discussions."

Senior Occupational Therapist - HSE Ireland

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ENGAGE

IMMERSIVE LEARNING
MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE
SHARED EXPERIENCE

INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

Designing with Purpose: Occupational Therapy and Mental Health

What is the Impact of Centralised Versus Decentralised Ward Designs on Fall Incidences in One Older Adult Mental Health Inpatient Unit in Victoria, Australia

Dignity by Design – Launching the Latest Publication from the Design with People in Mind Series

Co-Designing for Recovery: Centering Lived Experience in Care Environments

DESIGNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY

Creating Supportive Home Environments for People with Learning Disabilities

Alternatives to Inpatient Wards Using the Soteria Approach

Neighbourhood Mental Health Hubs – The Impact of Good Design

Spaces that Listen: Co-Designing for Compassion and Wellbeing at Central London Samaritans

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS

The Mental Health Crisis Assessment Service (MHCAS)

Blossom Court: Lessons Learnt From a Two-Storey Inpatient Unit

The Importance of Evaluating Mental Health Design – Woodland View 10 Years On

‘A Room With a View’ – Challenging the Norm, Restorative Design and Empowered Co-production at Water Meadow View

An Update on the Development of the National Estates Technical Bulletin on the Standard for Accommodating Mental Health Patients on Paediatric Wards in Acute Hospitals

Beyond Assumptions: How Design Decisions Shape Psychiatric Emergency Care Outcomes

National Forensic Mental Health Service Hospital: Three Year POE

Inspired by Nature, Informed by Experience: The Design of the Kingfisher

Individuals in Institutional Care; What Patients Need, What They Get

Using Art and Visual Design to Support De-escalation



Setting the agenda. National policy and strategy in focus.

Keynote speakers:



Children and Young People's Mental Health – National Policy and Strategy

Professor Prathiba Chitsabesan
National Clinical Director for Children and Young People's Mental Health AND Chair of the Clinical Reference Group, NHS England



Mental Health in the NHS: the Tension Between Operating Priorities and Ambitions for Transformation

Rebecca Gray
Director Mental Health Network, NHS Confederation



CQC Perspectives on Safe, Compassionate and Effective Environments in Mental Health Settings – What we see Working in Practice

Laura Baker
Deputy Director of Mental Health, Care Quality Commission



Raf Hamaiza
Group Expert by Experience Lead, Cygnet and Board of Trustees Member, Design in Mental Health Network



Inclusive Design in (Digital) Mental Health: We Aren't There Yet

Max Marulli de Barletta
Inclusive Design Lead, NHS England

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EXHIBITION

Solutions for delivering safe spaces in challenging times.

Who you'll meet

The place to connect with best-in-class suppliers and see the latest solutions for adapting and making the most of existing environments.

Alarm Radio Monitoring

ALS; Ligature Resistant Products

Altro

Architects for Health

Balco Global

Between Glass Blinds

BRE

Britplas

Building Better Healthcare

Care Display

Care Quality Commission

Contour Heating

Design in Mental Health Network Village

Gerflor

Gilling Dod Architects

Gradus

Instastop

Kingsway Group

KWC DVS

Light Years Ahead

Mint Projects

NAHFO (National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers)

NAPICU (National Association of Psychiatric Intensive Care Units)

OvoGard

Oystashell

Pineapple Contracts

Pinpoint

Plumis

Polar NE

Protects Plus

PWIDF

Reconnect

Rhino Sensory UK

Safehinge Primera

Specialist Alarm Services

Teal LifeCare

The Network Journal

Tough Furniture

Trovex

Vale Secure

Vistamatic

Wallgate

Wybone

Yewdale

Confirmed Exhibitors to date – see the website for the latest live Exhibitor list



GET UP-TO-DATE
IDENTIFY POTENTIAL NEW PARTNERS
GET HANDS-ON WITH PRODUCTS
GIVE WELCOME FEEDBACK

ADAPT RETROFIT UPGRADE

What you'll see

The UK's leading showcase of products, equipment and expertise for the design, build and operation of mental health environments in healthcare, community, custodial and SEND settings.

Architectural Services

Blinds & Privacy Panels

Building Surveys

De-escalation Technology

Display Panels and Wallpapers

Doorsets & Access Systems

Drinking Water Appliances

Fire Protection

Flooring

Furniture

Heating

Immersive Technology

Infrastructure Solutions

Installation Protection Systems

Ligature-resistant Products

Ligature Monitoring Technology

Lighting

Multi-sensory Products and Room Design

Nurse Call Systems

Patient Safety Products

Plumbing and Water Management

Property Services

Security Services

Signage

Staff Safety Systems

Walls and Wall Coverings

Washrooms and Sanitaryware

Windows and Vents

OPEN-ACCESS CONTENT

Design & Digital Solutions Theatre

Open to all event attendees for free, the Design & Digital Solutions Theatre programme provides information and ideas for addressing key issues, with a focus on safety, economy and digital technology.



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AWARDS

**Celebrating innovation
in design. Learning from
excellence in practice.**

The 2026 Design in Mental Health Awards

Entries open now!

Awards ceremony: 2 June 2026,
at Design in Mental Health

Entering the Design in Mental Health Awards offers more than recognition – it's an opportunity to position your work at the forefront of the sector, inspiring peers, shaping future practice, and demonstrating leadership. By sharing examples of excellence, you not only feed into the collective understanding but also amplify your own influence, visibility, and impact.

The annual Awards Ceremony is free to attend for all participants in Design in Mental Health, and takes place at the Coventry Building Society Arena kicking off straight after the Exhibition closes – creating a perfect opportunity for relaxed networking, with complimentary drinks, nibbles and entertainment included.

www.designinmentalhealth.com/awards



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Book your place

www.designinmentalhealth.com/register



OPTION 1

Apply for a FREE Conference & Exhibition Pass

Book by 16 February to get maximum added-extras included

Open to public sector employees, independent healthcare providers, charities, not-for-profits and independent lived experience experts. See website for full details.

Applying Now	Applying later	Applying near the event
up to 16 February	Available 17 February to 20 April	Available from 21 April
Includes:	Includes:	Includes:
Keynote Audio Recordings ✓	Keynote Audio Recordings ✗	Keynote Audio Recordings ✗
"VIP" Badge ✓	"VIP" Badge ✗	"VIP" Badge ✗
Priority Keynote Seating ✓	Priority Keynote Seating ✗	Priority Keynote Seating ✗
Early Access to the Event ✓	Early Access to the Event ✗	Early Access to the Event ✗
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Hard copy Research Book ✓	Digital Research Book ✓	Hard copy Research Book ✗
Lunch & Refreshments ✓	Lunch & Refreshments ✓	Lunch & Refreshments ✗
NHS Networking Breakfast ✓	NHS Networking Breakfast ✓	NHS Networking Breakfast ✓
All Access Pass ✓	All Access Pass ✓	All Access Pass ✓
CPD Booklet and Certificate of Attendance ✓	CPD Booklet and Certificate of Attendance ✓	CPD Booklet and Certificate of Attendance ✓
VIP Pass	Premier Pass	Standard Pass

OPTION 2

Book a paid Conference & Exhibition Pass

Book by 16 February for the biggest discount and maximum added-extras included

For private sector attendees who want to maximise access to expert speakers and fellow high-status attendees at the event, and enjoy a range of added extras.

Both Days: £385	Both Days: £490	Both Days: £565
Day 1: £255	Day 1: £320	Day 1: £365
Day 2: £255	Day 2: £320	Day 2: £365
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Prices shown exclude VAT

OPTION 3

Book a free Exhibition Visitor Pass

For private sector attendees who want to visit the Exhibition (including access to the Design & Digital Solutions Theatre) and attend the Awards (2 June).