



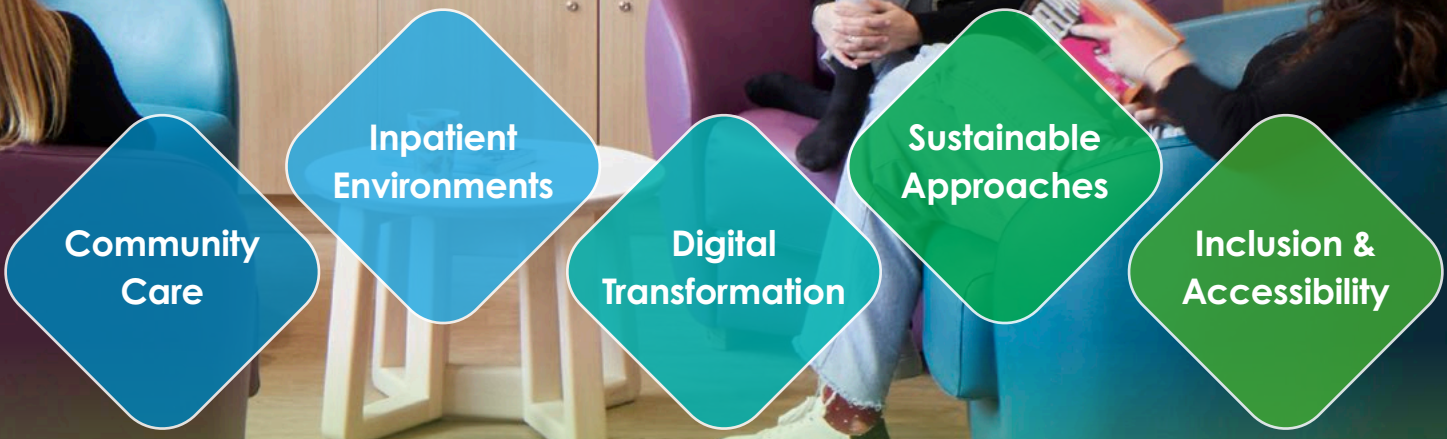
Design in Mental Health

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Acute and Inpatient Environments

Designing for Mental Health in the Community

Inclusion & Accessibility

Sustainability by Design

Technology – Designing for Human Connection

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



Safe, Compassionate and Effective Care and the Value of Environment - Reflections From a Lived Experience and CQC Perspective

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

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Step Exhibitions



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

Rebecca Gray
Director Mental Health Network, NHS Confederation



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

Max Marulli de Barletta
Inclusive Design Lead, NHS England

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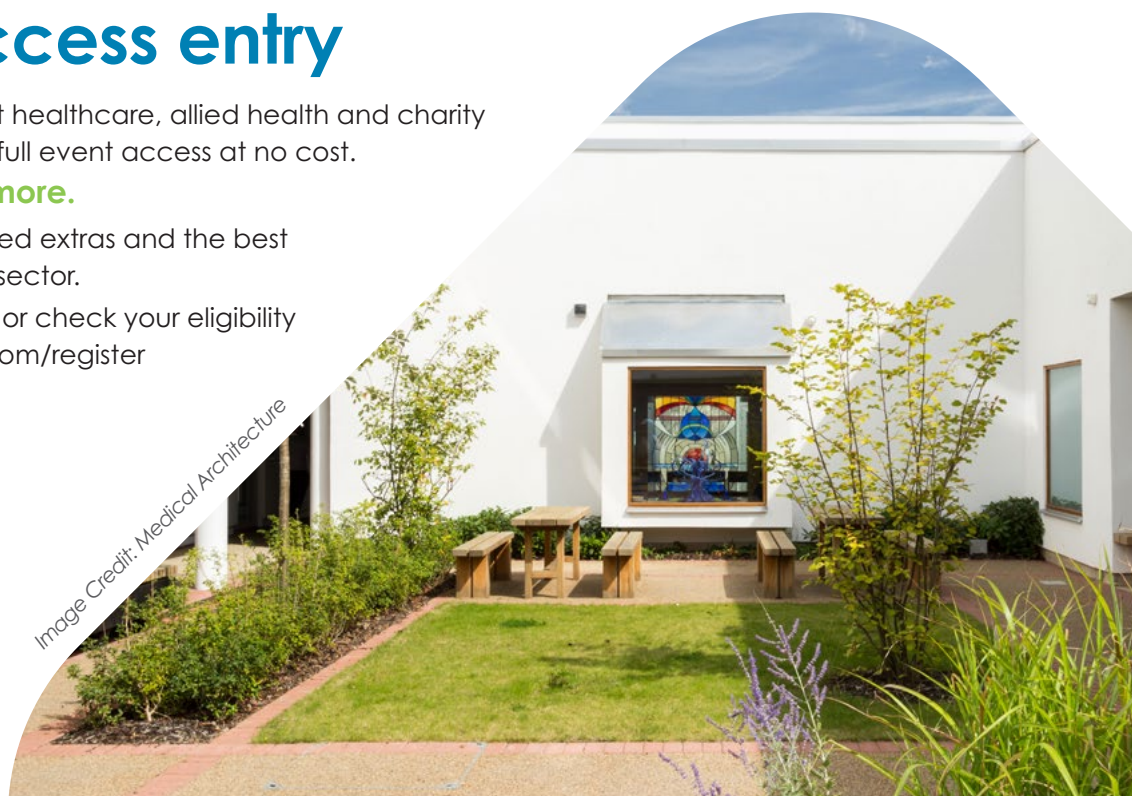
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2 June THE CONFERENCE

Morning Session

NHS Networking Breakfast and Coffee Provided

09.15 Welcome from Design in Mental Health Network



09.30 Keynote: 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

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee and Exhibition Visit

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS



11.00 The Mental Health Crisis Assessment Service (MHCAS)

Thorarinn Freysson,
Central and North West
London NHS Foundation
Trust; **Dr Mehtab Rahman**,
CNWL Mental Health
Crisis Assessment Service
(MHCAS)

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS



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

Ruari Reeves, Medical
Architecture;
Vjosa Bytyqi, North
London NHS Foundation
Trust

DESIGNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY



11.00 Creating Supportive
Home Environments for
People with Learning
Disabilities

Mark Pearce, Foundations

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS



WORKSHOP

11.00 Co-Producing Urgent
and Emergency Care
Environments: Insights from
Real-World Research and a
Community of Practice

Maria Luigia Assirelli,
Floyd Slaski Architects

SUSTAINABILITY BY DESIGN



11.30 Environmental
Considerations When
Developing Mental Health
Estates

Fanny Burrows, Frimley
NHS Foundation Trust

INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY



11.30 Designed About
Us Without Us: Lived
Experience CAMHS
Inpatient Sensory Friendly
Spaces for Autism and
Psychosis

Zeze Sohawon, Emotion
Dysregulation for Autism



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

Karen Flatt, Arcadis;
William Lauder, Ayshire
Central Hospital

12.00 Lunch & Exhibition Visit

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Afternoon Session



13.30 Keynote: Inclusive Design in (Digital) Mental Health: We Aren't There Yet
Max Marulli de Barletta, Inclusive Design Lead, NHS Digital Transformation, NHSE

SUSTAINABILITY BY DESIGN



14.30 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,
Helen Griffin,
Mel Jacobsen-Cox,
NHS England

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS



15.00 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,
Helen Griffin, Professor
Prathiba Chitsabesan,
NHS England

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS



14.30 'A Room With a View' – Challenging the Norm, Restorative Design and Empowered Co-production at Water Meadow View
Andrew Arnold, Gilling Dod;
Karen Howell, Ileriad,
Hayley Bannister, Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust



15.00 Beyond Assumptions: How Design Decisions Shape Psychiatric Emergency Care Outcomes
Scott Zeller, Vituity;
Virginia Pankey, HOK

TECHNOLOGY – DESIGNING FOR HUMAN CONNECTION



14.30 VR for Reducing Restrictive Practices,
Ciaran Cuddihy, HSE West

DESIGNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY



15.00 Alternatives to Inpatient Wards Using the Soteria Approach
Rita Horgan, Soteria

TECHNOLOGY – DESIGNING FOR HUMAN CONNECTION



WORKSHOP

14.30-15.30 Results from a National Evaluation of Prevalence and Perceptions of Vision-based Monitoring and Body Worn Cameras in Mental Health Inpatient Wards in England
Ian Callaghan, ReThink;
Fiona Nolan, North London NHS Foundation Trust;
Ade Odunlade, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

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15.30 Tea & Exhibition visit

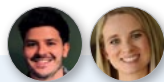
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BIG PICTURE

16.00 Interactive Discussion: Designing Mental Health Emergency Departments: Creating Better Care Environments for All
David Moss, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
Zeze Sohawon, Emotion Dysregulation for Autism

INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY



16.00 Designing with Purpose: Occupational Therapy and Mental Health
Josh Jones, **Michelle Van Vuren**, Cygnet Healthcare



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

TECHNOLOGY – DESIGNING FOR HUMAN CONNECTION



16.00 Connected Care: How Smart Environments Support Mental Health,
Lisa Yates, **James Sutherland**, NHSE

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WORKSHOP

16.00 Shaping Places Shapes People: A Radical Manifesto for Youth Agency in Placemaking and Design
Dr Carl Walker, Hoare Lee

17.00 - 19.30 Awards Ceremony

3 June THE CONFERENCE

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Laura Baker, Deputy Director of Mental Health, CQC; **Raf Hamaizia**, Group Expert by Experience Lead, Cygnet and Board of Trustees Member, Design in Mental Health Network



10.30 Coffee and Exhibition Visit

DESIGNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY



11.00 Neighborhood Mental Health Hubs - The Impact of Good Design

James Sutherland, Sheffield Health Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust



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

Paul Mathews, Murphy Phillips; **Jeremy Marcus**, Central London Samaritans

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS



11.00 National Forensic Mental Health Service Hospital: Three Year POE

Ruari Reeves, Medical Architecture; **Karl Burton**, Scott Tallon Walker Architects



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

Mathew Page, Emma Moody, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY



11.00 Dignity by Design – Launching the Latest Publication from the Design with People in Mind Series
Dr Paul Hannah, Design in Mental Health Network



11.30 Co-Designing for Recovery: Centering Lived Experience in Care Environments
Jana Kiprianos, Stantec

TECHNOLOGY – DESIGNING FOR HUMAN CONNECTION



WORKSHOP

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

Faithful Freeman, IdeaChef CIC, IdentiChain

12.00 Lunch & Exhibition Visit

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Afternoon Session



13.03-14.30 Keynote: Mental Health in the NHS: the Tension Between Operating Priorities and Ambitions for Transformation

Rebecca Gray, Director, Mental Health Network, NHS Confederation

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BIG PICTURE

14.30 Interactive Discussion: A Constellation of Care: Crafting Community Mental Health Across a Continent

Stephen Parker, Stantec; Deanna Brown, Stantec Architecture; Shahad Sadeq, Buxton Kubik and Dodd; Nzinga Walker, Stella's Place

ACUTE AND INPATIENT ENVIRONMENTS



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

Teva Hesse, 4D Studio Architects



15.00 Using Art and Visual Design to Support De-escalation

Dr Steve Fossey, University of Lincoln

SUSTAINABILITY BY DESIGN



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

David Singleton, DSA Environment & Design



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

Samantha Robinson, Oxford Health NHS Trust; Robert Dawson, Eric Parry Architects; Aideen Niamh O'Neill, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

TECHNOLOGY – DESIGNING FOR HUMAN CONNECTION



WORKSHOP

14.30 Design Thinking Workshop: Enhancing the Mental Health Patient Journey

Alice Green, Con McGarry, Karen Flatt, Arcadis

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2 June

10.10 Creating Bespoke Environments for Complex Needs

Janine Strange, Nick Todd, Iris Care Group

10.30 Choosing Windows for Mental Health Environments

Kevin Gorman, Britplas

10.50 Designing Calm in Crisis: Reimagining MHAS for Safer Patient Care

Kate Hilliard, Tom Colliss, Phil Wisson, North London NHS Foundation Trust

11.10 Products for Mental Health Safeguarding Verification Scheme

Laura Critien, BRE

11.30 Beyond the Ward: Reconsidering Outdoor Space in Psychiatric Settings

James Welchman, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

11.50 Illuminating Change: Aligning Safety, Performance and Circular Design in Mental Health Lighting Specification

Matt Healey, Pineapple

12.10 Finding the Silver Lining in Part L: Smart Lighting as a Catalyst for Person-centred Care

Dr Shelley James, DIMHN

12.30 Co-Producing Calm and Inclusion: Designing a Child-Centred, Wellbeing-Led Outpatient Environment at King's College Hospital

Maria Luigia Assirelli, Floyd Slaski Architects

14.10 The Importance of Selecting Product with Compassion in Mind

Trevor Santer, Anti Ligature Shop

14.50 Supporting Clinical Assessment Environments with Ambient Voice Technology: Pilot Learning and Future Potential

Dr Katie Voss, Livewell Southwest

15.10 Developing an Enhanced Mental Health Place of Safety Within the Constraints of a Repurposed Building

Lynva Adams-Dean, Helen Robson, Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

15.30 Shining Bright – the Seren Lodge Story

Sarah Hull, Graham Wood, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust; Andrew Arnold, Gilling Dodd

16.10 Expert Steak Holders. Reducing The Power Dynamics of Co-production.

Nick Smith, Design in Mental Health Network

3 June

10.10 Designing for Regulation: Person-centred and Sensory-friendly Approaches to Inpatient Mental Health Environments

Jennifer Beal, Rhino Sensory UK

10.30 Inclusive Design in Practice, Rethinking How We Engage Stakeholders: Practical Methods for successful, accessible and inclusive co-design

Maria Luigia Assirelli, Floyd Slaski Architects

10.50 Building on Strong Community Foundations, Edward Street Hospital / Dorothy Pattison Hospital Case Study

Matthew Wright, Gilling Dod Architects; Carolyn Green, Jacqueline Stevens, Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

11.30 Co-Designing Safer Spaces: Developing a Non-Visual Patient Safety Aid in Partnership with Mental Health and Secure Children's Services

Martin Brown, Rossie Young People's Trust

11.50 Specifying For Mental Healthcare - Moving From Analogue to Digital

Simon Leslie, KLINISPACE

12.30 Impact of Reverberation Time and Indoor Ambient Noise Levels on Acoustic Comfort in School Dining Halls

Caroline McKinlay, Emma Greenland, Anderson Acoustics

14.10 Interview with the Winners of the Design in Mental Health Awards

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