Design in Mental Health 2026

# Organisers' Statement of Attendance

Design in Mental Health made a successful return to Coventry in 2026, attracting a high-quality audience of senior and specialist professionals involved in the design, delivery and operation of mental health environments, including many experts by experience.

Packed theatres, lively engagement and busy exhibitors reflected the sector's continued appetite for collaborative learning, cross-disciplinary connection and first-hand insight into the latest product, equipment and service innovations.

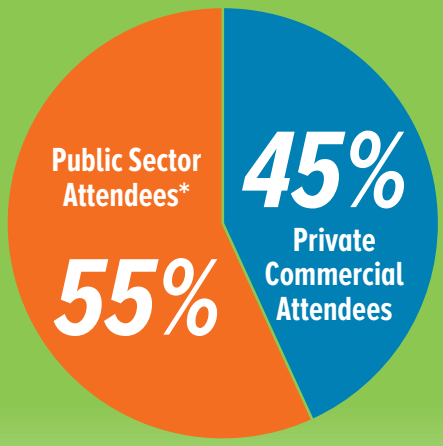
Engagement from NHS and independent healthcare providers was particularly strong, driven by a highly relevant, focused content programme and a diverse range of best-in-class exhibitors.

More Trusts, Health Boards and ICBs were represented than ever before, with 15 attending for the first time, while the average number of attendees from NHS organisations and independent healthcare providers increased markedly.

**Total Attendance**

**981**

*(including 209 visitors who were present on both days)*




**Includes independent healthcare providers and charities*

| Type of Attendee | Day 1 | Day 2 | Total Attendees |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delegates | 392 | 252 | 644 |
| Speaker Delegates | 61 | 45 | 106 |
| Exhibition Visitors | 136 | 95 | 231 |
| Total | 589 | 392 | 981 |

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# NHS participation

**293**

Total NHS attendance
**(89% increase on 2025)**

**63**

Trusts, Health Boards and ICBs represented
**(43% increase on 2025)**

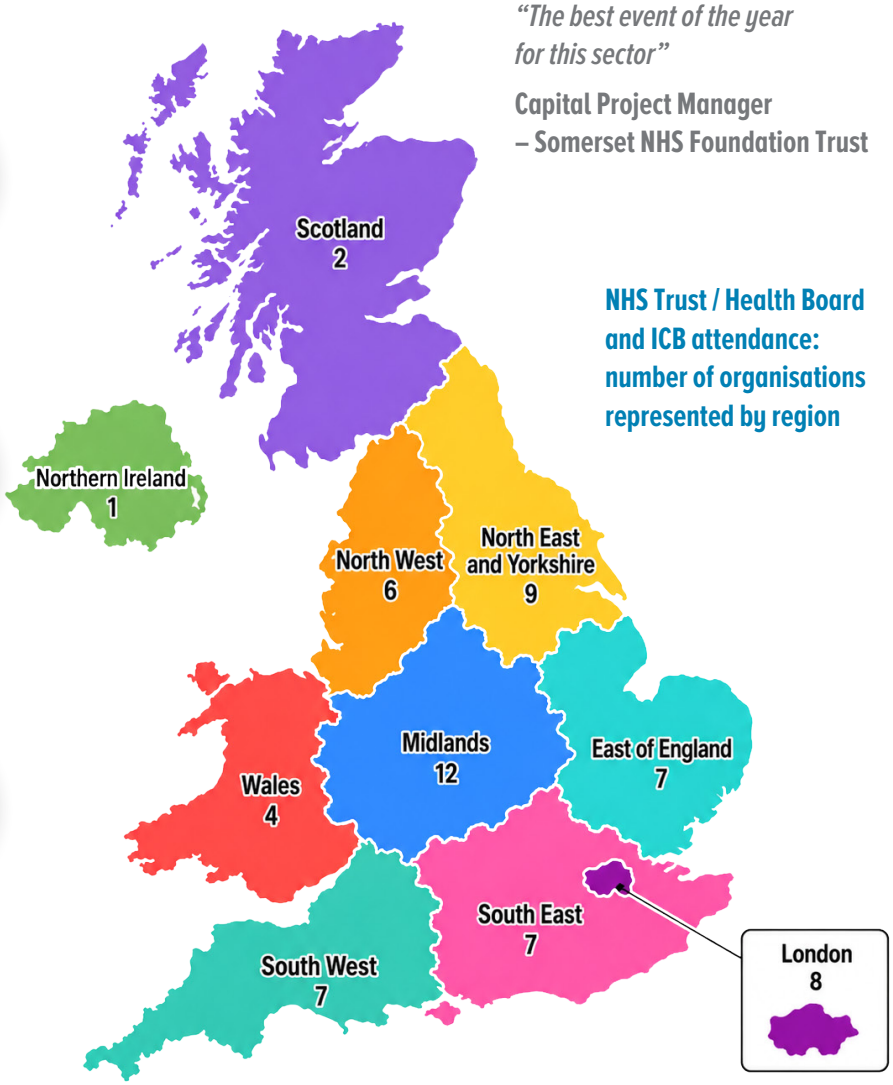
**15**

New Trusts / Health Boards new to the event

*"The best event of the year for this sector"*

**Capital Project Manager – Somerset NHS Foundation Trust**

**NHS Trust / Health Board and ICB attendance: number of organisations represented by region**



**Independent + Charitable care and service providers**

**+160%**

*Increase in attendance (91 total attendees)*

*"This event is an essential part of my calendar each year. The forum for innovation and exciting talks."*

**Patient Safety Officer - Essex Partnership NHS Trust**

Cygnet · Elysium Healthcare · Priory · St Andrew's Healthcare

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