

Guidance for Poster Presentation Submissions

The NAPICU Annual Conference invites you to present completed research, audit or practice related projects as part of the Conference Exhibition

WHO CAN ENTER?

Any individual(s) from an LSU or PICU Service with a completed piece of work relating to psychiatric care in PICUs or LSUs.

Poster presentations should primarily consist of the work of the authors.

Submissions from individual members of the NAPICU Executive Committee are not eligible to win the prize.

HOW TO ENTER

Applicants should submit an abstract between **350 – 500 words** (a maximum of 350 words if a table or figure is included). The word count does not include the title, authors' details or references.

Guidance for Poster Abstracts, when publishing reports of research, audit or practice related projects, journals usually follow an abstract structure as follows:

- ♦ **Introduction or background** – a brief introduction to or the background of why you chose to carry out your particular research/project, linked to key policy or journal references as appropriate
- ♦ **Aims & Objectives** – the aim is what you were trying to achieve overall; the objectives are the key pointers you wish to achieve in order to demonstrate you have achieved your aim
- ♦ **Method** – describe the type of study, e.g. whether it was a qualitative or quantitative study; then whether it was research, audit, or a practice based project
- ♦ **Results** – state your findings
- ♦ **Discussion & Conclusion** – discuss your findings in their immediate context relating to the literature base; draw conclusions from your findings and describe the implications
- ♦ **References** – use Harvard style, where each reference is numbered in order of use

JUDGING CRITERIA

A multi-disciplinary panel of judges will shortlist applications from the submitted abstracts to be invited to present a poster at the conference.

Each abstract will be judged on objective evidence on the following criteria:

- ♦ Scientific rigor
- ♦ Are the objectives clearly stated?
- ♦ Is the design appropriate?
- ♦ Is the method clearly described?
- ♦ Have the findings (both positive and negative) been described clearly?
- ♦ Is the work innovative?
- ♦ Are there implications for practice, research and/or policy discussed in the conclusions?
- ♦ Commitment to delivering evidence based practices

THE POSTER

Posters should be in portrait format. Presentations boards approximately 0.9m wide x 1.8m tall will be available. Velcro fixers will be provided. Lettering for poster presentations needs to be legible at 2m and this requires characters of not less than 8mm in height and a line thickness of 0.7mm

THE PRIZE

The NAPICU Poster Presentation Prize is £100 for the author. The authors will also be offered the opportunity to publish their work in the Journal of Psychiatric Intensive Care. The winning poster will be announced at the Annual Conference on Friday 11th September 2015.

SUBMITTING AN ENTRY

All applications should be submitted electronically by email/CD-ROM/USB Memory Stick to the NAPICU Administration Office – info@napicu.org.uk (postal address below).

Submissions should be accompanied by the applicants name, title/position, address and contact details.

Closing date for receipt of entries is **Friday 24th July 2015**

NB. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that their submission has been received by the NAPICU Administration Office by the deadline.

A multi-disciplinary panel of judges will consider the applications and shortlisted applicants will be contacted by **Friday 7th August**.