



30th June 2026



Hilton City, Leeds



8am - 4:45pm

# Reducing Health Inequalities Conference 2026

Networking

08:00

Opening Address

Dr Linda Harris, OBE  
Chair, SLD Training

08:45

Welcome & introduction to the conference

Video Introduction

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09:00

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Mark Gamsu  
Professor, School of Health at  
Leeds Beckett University

09:10

Empowering Staff to  
Reduce Health Inequalities

Reflections from a  
women's lived  
experience advisory  
group

Prof. Tammi Walker  
Prof. Carolyn Chew Graham  
Paula Harriott  
Dr Hannah King & Fleur Riley  
Lived Experience Advisory Group

09:40

Keynote Speaker

Tania Osborne  
Head of Health and Social Care Inspection  
HM Inspectorate of Prisons

10:20

10:45

Break & Networking

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## Parallel Sessions: Workshop 1

11:05

**Grace Willsher**  
Head of Young People Service Delivery - North  
We Are With You

**The Ketamine Conversation: From  
Use to Treatment Pathways**

**Dr David Patton**  
Associate Professor in Criminology  
University of Derby

**Race & Ethnicity: Why is recovery so white?**

**Zac Dolan**  
Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Locala

**Sex Workers: Barriers Accessing S Health**

**Emma Benniston**  
Regional Head of Operations,  
Spectrum Community Health CIC

**Seeds of Hope: Social Prescribing**

## Parallel Sessions: Workshop 2

11:55

**Dr Chantal Edge**  
National Lead for Health and Justice  
Health Equity & Clinical Governance Directorate  
UK Health Security Agency

**Migrant health & Infectious diseases**

**Caroline Webster, C.Psychol**  
Registered and Forensic Psychologist

**Understanding our tricky brain & how it uses  
our past experiences to inform our present**

**Karla Treddenick**  
Head of Healthcare, HMP Durham  
Spectrum Community Health CIC

**Co-occurring Conditions: Stopping the silo**

**Anna Smith, Abigail Marron  
Annie Withercombe  
Mark Monaghan & Carl Fletcher**  
HMPPS Rehabilitation Directorate

**Synthetic Substances**

12:40

**Break & Networking**

**HMPPS: Detection dog  
demonstration at 13:25**

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Parallel Sessions:  
Workshop 3

13:45

Dr Louise Sell  
consultant psychiatrist at Pennine Care

**Alcohol Guidelines:**  
How to utilise them to improve the quality of care

Dave Memery  
CEO, Create Strength Group  
Lived Experience

Anne Cahill, Dr Elspeth Webb  
& Sarah Boon  
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust  
Working w/neurodiversity in SM & SE

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Parallel Sessions:  
Workshop 4

14:35

We will be repeating our  
most popular workshops  
in the final session

15:20

Break & Networking

Panel Session

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15:40

16:25

Prize Draw

Closing Remarks

Kate Davies OBE  
National Director for Armed Forces  
Health & Justice & Sexual Assault Services  
NHS England

16:30

16:45

Conference Close

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