

## Guidance for Abstract Submissions for Poster Presentations

### Returning for 2012

The NAPICU Annual Conference invites you to present completed research, audit or practice related projects as a poster as part of the conference exhibition.

### Who can Enter

Any team or individual from a LSU or PICU services who are a fully paid members of NAPICU with a completed piece of work relating to psychiatric care in PICUs or LSUs.

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

Submissions from individual members of the NAPICU executive committee are not eligible to win the prize.

### The Prize

The NAPICU Poster presentation prize is a £50 book voucher.

The winning poster will be offered the opportunity to publish their work in the Journal of Psychiatric Intensive Care.

### How to Enter

Applicants should submit an abstract between 350 words and 500 words (or maximum of 350 words if a table or a 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 do the research/project that you chose, linked to key policy or journal references as appropriate.
- **Aims and 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 achieved your aim.
- **Methods:** describe the type of study, e.g. whether it was a qualitative or quantitative study; then whether it was research, audit, or practice based project.
- **Results:** State your findings.
- **Discussion and Conclusion:** Discuss your findings in their immediate context and 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 multidisciplinary panel of judges will shortlist applicants from the submitted abstracts to be invited to present a poster at the conference.

Each abstract will be judged on objective evidence of 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. Presentation boards approximately 1.2m wide x 2m 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.

## Submitting an Entry

Applications should be submitted as follows:

Please send four paper copies of the entry to:

NAPICU Administrative Office  
Glenfinnan Suite  
Braeview House  
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East Kilbride  
Glasgow  
G74 3XH

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It is advisable to also send an electronic copy (by email/CD-ROM/memory stick) to NAPICU:

[info@napicu.org.uk](mailto:info@napicu.org.uk)

Closing Date for receipt of abstracts is Friday 20th July 2012

NB. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that all the copies have been received by the NAPICU administration office by the deadline.

A multidisciplinary panel of judges will consider the written applications and contact short listed applicants by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012