### Specialty: Old Age Psychiatry

**GMC:** WOS/513

**Deanery sponsoring programme:** West of Scotland  
**Postgraduate Dean:** Professor Alastair McGowan  
**Responsible Associate Dean/GP Director:** Dr S Miller

### Programme Type -
- **Deanery-based or National:** Deanery  
- **Specialty or Sub-specialty:** Specialty  

**Date of GMC recent approval:** August 2010

**Associated Royal College / Faculty:** Royal College of Psychiatry

**Web address** [Link](#)

**Curriculum and Associated Assessment System** [Link](#)

**Date programme information last updated:** November 2011

### Recognised Programme Locations and Environments

This programme involves placements in some or all of these Health Boards and hospitals:

- **Airbles Road Centre**  
- **Ayrshire Central Hospital**  
- **Bannockburn Hospital**  
- **Bridgeview Resource Centre**  
- **Dykebar Hospital**  
- **Gartnavel Royal Hospital**  
- **Glenkirk Centre**  
- **Hairmyres Hospital**  
- **Kildean Hospital**  
- **Leverndale Hospital**  
- **North West Kilmarnock Area Centre**  
- **Parkhead Hospital (Glasgow)**  
- **Parkview Resource Centre**  
- **Royal Alexandra Hospital**  
- **Shawmill Resource Centre**  
- **Stirling Royal Infirmary**  
- **Stobhill Hospital**  
- **Southern General Hospital**  
- **Udston Hospital**  
- **Wishaw General Hospital**

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### Programme Description

Higher training in Old Age Psychiatry (ST4-6) takes place over 3 years. During their three years, trainees will normally undertake placements lasting for one year. Trainees work in a number of different geographical areas including both urban, semi-rural and rural settings, allowing trainees to gain as wide an experience of Old Age Psychiatry as possible. Normally one year would be spent in the Greater Glasgow & Clyde area which is predominantly urban, and one year would be spent in a more rural/semi rural setting. Urban settings include two of the most affluent communities in Scotland (East Dumbartonshire and East Renfrewshire) and some of the most deprived post-codes in...
the United Kingdom (North and East Glasgow).

The majority of placements include core experience; this includes inpatient, outpatient and community based work. There is currently one more specialised placement available within the scheme, Old Age Liaison Psychiatry located at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow, with the added option of undertaking professional development sessions with the other Consultant in Old Age Liaison Psychiatry based at Stobhill Hospital which also covers the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Trainees may undertake either three years higher training in Old Age Psychiatry or, if it would better suit their training needs, two years in Old Age and one year in General Psychiatry. The year in General psychiatry could include Addictions or General Adult Liaison if such training places were free.

Professional development sessions can also be arranged to provide additional clinical experience. These can include Geriatric Medicine, Stroke Medicine, Palliative Care, Neurology and Neuro-imaging, Forensic Psychiatry, Psychiatry of Addictions and experience in other treatment settings such as Movement Disorder Clinics and ECT.

A regional Old Age Teaching programme has recently been established to meet the educational needs of Higher Trainees in Old Age Psychiatry and this is mapped directly on to the Royal College of Psychiatrists competency based curriculum for specialist training in Psychiatry (Specialist Module in Old Age Psychiatry).

In addition, trainees undertake research / audit projects and become involved in teaching, both at an undergraduate level at the University of Glasgow and also postgraduate teaching for core trainees e.g. the MRCPsych Course. Teaching sessions for trainees, including journal club presentations, take place during term time on Thursday mornings. All trainees join a research group which provides supported guidance in undertaking a project.

How to apply

[Link](https://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk/)

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**Quality of Training**

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