All Wales Special Interest Group

SIG POSTER PRESENTATION CRITERIA
Metropole Hotel, Llandridnod Wells
Friday 23rd October 2026

Dentists and dental care professionals working within Wales are invited to present a poster that is of relevance to special care dentistry.

Poster categories

- Clinical case
- Service initiative / improvement
- Clinical audit

Competition classes

There are two classes which will be judged separately:

1. **Dentists** (all dental officers, trainees e.g. StR's, GDP's)

2. **Dental Care Professionals** (Dental nurse, dental hygienist, dental therapist, dental technician). This poster prize is in memory of Janet Griffiths MBE.

Criteria for entry and judging

Please see the PowerPoint Presentation "guide to creating a poster presentation" and link below for help with poster creation
https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/training/creating-and-presenting-posters

1. Format

- The poster should be in printed in A0 (1189mm x 841mm) and portrait view.
- The poster should be well laid out and present the information in a clear, concise and eye-catching way
- Graphics should be simple and inform the viewer. They should relate to the text.
- Name of the author(s) and contact details clearly visible

2. Content for clinical case posters

- The case/s detailed in the poster should represent patient(s) who's dental care has been delivered in Wales
- There should be clear sections on background, history, clinical findings, management and discussion
- Only key references relating to the subject should be given.
- References should be Vancouver style (see link and Power Point for details)

3. Content for service development / QI posters

- The subject matter should be original and relevant to the SCD in Wales.
- There should be clear aims and objectives.
- There should be a clear conclusion and recommendation which relates to the aims and objectives.
- Only key references relating to the subject should be given.

4. Submission of an entry

- An application form and abstract should be submitted before the closing date of **17th August 2026.**
- Posters should not have been submitted elsewhere to be eligible for judging.
- The primary authors must ensure that they are registered for the conference at the same time as submitting their poster application.
- Authors will be informed by email if their abstract has been successful by **24th August 2026**
- ***This will allow up to 6 weeks for poster printing***

5. Presentation

- It is the entrant's responsibility to make sure the poster is printed and arrives at the scientific meeting in time for viewing on the morning of Friday 23rd October 2026.
- All those displaying posters who are attending the conference as a delegate should be available to stand by their posters during the short breaks between lectures to answer questions from other delegates and the judges.
- All posters will be displayed throughout the meeting on a standard display board.
- The posters should be collected at the end of the conference or prior alternative arrangements made. If this is not arranged in advance the poster may not be returned.

6. Judging

A panel of judges will be appointed by the All-Wales Special Interest Group Committee Members

The posters will be judged on:

a. Overall layout and visual impact
b. Importance and relevance of the subject matter
c. For clinical cases- the overall content including background, history, clinical findings, management and discussion
d. For service posters- Overall content including aims & objectives, methodology, conclusions and recommendations (if appropriate)
e. Originality and ownership by the Presenter (s)

- Prizes may be awarded for best two posters which fulfil the stated criteria and are of an excellent standard.
- The panel of judges will announce the winners during the scientific meeting.
- The judges' decision is final.
- Winners will be asked for their bank details for SIG to transfer the prize money directly to their account.