

CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE CONFERENCE 2026

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The annual conference hosted by the [Centre for Evidence for the Armed Forces Community, funded by FiMT](#), provides a platform for individuals from across service provision, government, and research to present current, topical evidence involving the Armed Forces community.

The upcoming 2026 conference will be held on **13th May 2026** in London and will focus on the theme of ***Connected by Evidence***.

This will spotlight the connection between evidence and impact.

- How ***evidence-led decision making*** can produce the best outcomes for the Armed Forces Community (AFC)
 - How ***multidisciplinary and collaborative research and practice*** can benefit the AFC
 - Connecting ***researchers*** and the evidence they generate with ***those who can utilise that evidence*** for the benefit of the AFC
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Submission Criteria

The online abstract submission form can be accessed [here](#); you will need to create an Oxford Abstracts account before you can submit your abstract. **Only submissions received via the online form will be considered for presentations at the 2026 Conference. If you have any difficulties accessing or registering with the system, please contact team@centreforevidence.org**

- **Authors and Affiliations:** Include the names of all lead authors and co-authors, and their respective affiliations. These names will be printed in the final delegate pack as submitted.
- **Presentation Title:** The full title of your submission. This will be printed in the final conference agenda as submitted and is capped at a 50-word limit.

- **Abstract:** This should be concise (<250 words) and provide a clear overview of the research or project and its aims and objectives. All applicants should use the following headings for the body of the abstract.
 - Background
 - Method
 - Results
 - Conclusions

- **Presentation type:** Please select from the drop-down box provided, whether you would prefer the submitted abstract to be considered for a **poster presentation, oral podium presentation** or **both**.

- **IMPORTANT:** Presented research should either be recently completed or well-progressed, with results. Submissions must also be relevant to the conference theme and demonstrate the impact of the presented evidence on advancing understanding, policy, and practice related to the Armed Forces community.

- **Relevant Theme(s):** Each submission should fall within one or more of the nine key themes of transition, listed [here](#) on the Centre website.

- **Relevance to theme:** Please provide a brief statement (<50 words) indicating how your submitted research fits with the theme of '**Connected by Evidence**'.

- **Impact of the work:** Please provide a brief statement (under 50 words) regarding the real-world impact that this work has had or may have in the future for the Armed Forces community. For example, real-world improvements in understanding, outcomes, policy, or practice.

- **Early Career Researcher:** We will prioritise Early Career Researchers for a limited number of the available podium presentation slots at this year's conference. Please indicate if the person presenting this work falls within the following categories.
 - Post-doctoral early-career researcher (within eight years of receiving your PhD or six years from your first academic appointment)
 - PhD researcher
 - Master's student

- Other (please explain below)
 - Not applicable
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Submission Process

The Online platform for submissions will open at **16:00 (BST) on 13th October 2025** and close at **17:00 (GMT) on 7th January 2026**

- **Submissions will not be accepted under the following conditions:**
 - Incomplete submissions, including those submitted without an impact statement.
 - Abstracts that are submitted any time after the submission deadline.
 - Identical abstracts submitted multiple times by the same author.
 - **Review Process:** Submitted abstracts will be independently reviewed by at least two members of the Centre team.
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If you have any queries about the abstract submission process, please get in touch with team@centreforevidence.org.