

Medical Sociology Group Report for BSA, June 2025

1. Members

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Account balance end of 2025

£96449.84

2. 57th Annual Conference

The 57th conference took place at Northumbria University on 10th-12th September 2025.

Submission and acceptances: 395 abstract submissions were received, of which 235 were accepted. 208 were offered Oral presentations, 21 Posters, and 6 Special events.

Delegates

- There were 298 confirmed delegates.
- 28 funded places were awarded; 15 were postgrads, 10 were Unwaged, and 3 were outside of academia.
- The conference was attended by people from 27 different countries.

Plenary speakers:

Professor Ruth Holloway of University of Leeds was the opening plenary
Dr Jen Remnant of Strathclyde University gave the closing plenary.

Prizes

Phil Strong Memorial Award

Victoria Nunn (Northumbria University) was awarded the prize of £1200

FHSI Book Prize

Awarded to Elizabeth Chiarello for her book, Policing Patients: Treatment and Surveillance on the Frontlines of the Opioid Crisis (Princeton University Press, 17 September 2024).

3. Medicine, health and illness stream at BSA Annual Conference 2026

In total 142 abstracts were received – 129 for oral presentations, 1 special event, 4 roundtables, and 8 posters. Of which, 52 were allocated oral presentations, and one special event over 14 sessions. All posters were accepted.

4. Future plans

58th Annual Conference

The venue for the 58th conference is University of Nottingham. The conference will run from Wednesday 8th September to Friday 10th September.

5. Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness

The following awards were made during 2025-2026

- (a) Post Graduate / Early Career International Conference Travel Grants: 15 available, 12 awarded, and one withdrawn.
- (b) Mildred Blaxter Post-Doctoral Fellowships: Four available and four awarded
- (c) Symposia & Workshops Support Awards: Six available and six awarded
- (d) Research Grant Development Awards: six available and five awarded

6. Regional Medsoc Groups

London: no report shared

East Midlands: no action but plans for 2026

West Midlands: no report shared

North West: no report shared

South Coast: no report shared

Yorkshire: no convenors for this group listed.

Scotland: currently seeking new convenors for this group.

North East: no convenors for this group listed.

Study groups

Mental Health: no report shared

Deconstructing Donation: no report shared

Applied Qualitative Health Research Group: no convenors for this group listed.